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International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG) Information for IUGS E-Bulletin Submission for April 2019

The following provides selected IUGS-IFG headlines for potential inclusion in the IUGS E-Bulletin, for April 2019.

IUGS-IFG, Mexico, 2019

IUGS-IFG will endorse and support the, *'4th Iberoamerican Seminar on Forensic Geosciences'*, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, 28 October to 1 November 2019, in association with the *'Reunion Anual de la Unión Geofísica Mexicana, (RAUGM)'*. IUGS-IFG proposed a key-note presentation, series of knowledge transfer lectures and training in geophysics for ground searches and geological trace evidence. IUGS-IFG has been a key participant and co-organiser of previous Iberoamerican Seminars on Forensic Geosciences, held in Colombia, Brazil and Argentina.

Forensic Geology at the 36th IGC, Delhi, 2020

The 36th IGC, in Delhi, March 2020, will include a IUGS-IFG, *'Session on Forensic Geology'*. This will take place over three days and proposes; (a) a day of presentations divided into three themes. Theme 1: Forensic Geology; Police & Law Enforcement. Theme 2: Forensic Geology; Fraud and corruption in Minerals, Mining & Metals. Theme 3: Forensic Geology; Geoenvironmental & Geotechnical). Day 2 comprises a workshop for conference delegates on search and crime scene examination. Day 3 provides training for police, law enforcement and forensic scientists.

House of Lords Science and Technology Committee Inquiry into Forensic Science

In 2018, IUGS-IFG provided written evidence, on forensic geology, for the UK House of Lords Science and Technology Committee Inquiry into Forensic Science. This is in the final stages and the report will be available in the next couple of months. In the meantime, the UK Forensic Science Regulator has published her annual report. This outlines areas within the quality standard and service provision of forensic science at a high level and broad scale. This also notes there are gaps in forensic science research, which is a common theme from previous years, and available on the link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/786137/FSRAnnual_Report_2018_v1.0.pdf

IUGS-IFG Web Site

The IUGS-IFG web site will be upgraded during 2019 and will be transferred to be hosted Queens University Belfast.