



INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE HISTORY OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES (INHIGEO)

Dear INHIGEO Members,

I am writing to you about an important matter which needs your help and contribution, in order to support the role of the history of geological sciences within IUGS and the geoscience community.

The IUGS Commission on Geoheritage, under the auspices of the project IGCP 731, has launched its initiative of recognizing IUGS Global Geoheritage Sites (IUGS Global Geosites). The call has gone out for the nomination of geosites to be considered for inclusion in the "first 100 global geosites", to be announced in November 2022 during the International Symposium on Geoheritage in Zumaia, Spain. As this year is the 60th Anniversary of IUGS and the 50th Anniversary of IGCP, this event will be part of IUGS/IGCP celebration. There is also a plan to publish a book with the first 100 geosites. The program is being carried out by a large, globally diverse group of geoscientists. Many are affiliated with UNESCO Global Geoparks because UNESCO is a co-sponsor with IUGS of the IGCP project. The project coordinators expect to receive well over 100 nominations from which the first 100 will be selected. Those not selected, but which will meet the standard of global significance, will be recognized in future years (each year there will be another 100 selected and announced).

INHIGEO has been invited by IUGS Secretary General Stan Finney and by Asier Hilario (IGCP 731 coordinator and Chair of the International Commission on Geoheritage) to participate to this task and contribute five nominations of iconic sites of global significance in the history of geology. It is very important for INHIGEO to be part of this project, not only because the contribution of the history of geology for the recognition of geosites needs to be established and reinforced, but also in order to enlarge our collaboration with other IUGS Commissions.

For this reason I am asking your help: **please send your proposals for possible nominations of geosites of historical value** to me (ezio.vaccari@uninsubria.it) and to Secretary General Martina Kölbl-Ebert (m.koelbl@lmu.de) **by 6 March 2022**. We will be very grateful to receive your suggestions. In the attached two documents you will find the definition / standards of IUGS Global Geosites and the template for nominations. You can use this form for sending your proposal with brief and concise information: the INHIGEO Board will then evaluate the proposals in order to identify the five nominations.

I look forward to meeting you at the next INHIGEO Symposium in France in September.

With very best wishes,

Ezio Vaccari
INHIGEO President