

IUGS Commission for the Management and Application of Geoscience Information (CGI)**Council Meeting 7****B meeting room 4th floor**

**Servicio Geológico Minero Argentino (SEGEMAR), Av. Julio A. Roca 651
Cdad. Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina**

29 June 2009

Notes and Actions

Present: Kristine Asch, Chair
Ian Jackson, Secretary General
Francois Robida, Treasurer
John Broome
Gabriel Asato
Peter Baumann
Bruce Simmons
David Percy

Alberto Riccardi (IUGS President, observer in pm session)

Pedro Alcántara (SEGEMAR) |

Roberto Page (SEGEMAR) | Welcome only

Jose Mendia (SEGEMAR) |

Apologies: Koji Wakita
David Soller

1.	Welcome, agenda and introductions		
SEGEMAR senior management welcomed the CGI Council and CGI thanked SEGEMAR for their assistance and hospitality. (Prof Riccardi was also welcomed to the pm session).			
2.	Notes of last Council meeting (Oslo, Norway,10 August 2008)		
Approved			
3.	Actions from last Council meeting		
Discharged and where appropriate taken within this meeting’s agenda items			
4.	Chair’s update, including IUGS issues		
A good year – in particular - IWG/GeoSciML, GIRAF, OneGeology and contribution to INSPIRE. The planned review of CGI by IUGS was discussed and it was agreed that more information was desirable.			
Action 7/1	Obtain more information on IUGS review of CGI and circulate to Council	KA	31 July
5.	Treasurer’s Report		

Balance is 40k USD and 1.9k euro. Spend on GIRAF much less than planned because of lower costs of Workshop which was able to be largely covered by German Ministry funds and GSN non-cash input. BGS web work needs to be invoiced (2k USD). The need to use a personal account for CGI funds was unfortunate and options would be explored with IUGS secretariat. Spending plans for funds would be agreed as we went through agenda.

Action 7/2	Contact IUGS Secretariat to see if there are more “business-like” ways to deal with the CGI account	FR	30 Sept
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6.	Membership and responsibilities of Council
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Attendance at Council meetings: as there are only 4 meetings and Council members commit to attending annually when they nominate, it was felt that unless there were legitimate reasons beyond a Council member's control, attendance should be expected and that Council members would receive a note reminding them of this expectation should they fail to attend without acceptable cause (other work priorities was not an acceptable cause). It was also agreed that Council would look sympathetically on requests to support financially attendance from the developing world. Input to consultations: Council members were urged to respond to mails and requests even if it is merely “no comment”. Sharing work: it is important that the work burden on Council members is shared as equitably as possible. It was agreed that actual or perceived conflict with any personal business initiatives must be avoided. Finally, the prospective Council members for in Africa and China would be contacted and encouraged to complete the nomination process.

Action 7/3	Mail DS, pointing out expectations of Council membership set out in election process	KA/IJ	31 July
Action 7/4	Mail AN (Namibia) and WJ (China)	KA/IJ	31 July

7.	Progress against 2008-2012 Action Plan (and potential new initiatives)
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It was agreed that this item would focus on potential new major initiatives. Science language, OneGeology as a test bed, outreach next steps and CODATA were discussed. Science language was agreed as the area which was the highest priority and would be where CGI could best assist. A meeting of all interested parties was proposed and agreed. This meeting would have very well defined objectives and would be open to other groups in IUGS and outside. It was agreed that the task would be split into two (strategy and meeting logistics). There was also acceptance that this initiative would have a prime call on the CGI budget.

Action 7/5	Develop strategy paper on science language initiative and circulate to Council	BS/FR/KA	31 August
Action 7/6	Produce meeting plan once paper at 7/5 has been produced and agreed and proceed to organise meeting after this.	JB/IJ/KA	30 Sept

8.	Working Groups
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Interoperability

Progress as detailed in report provided with meeting papers. There was unanimous agreement that the work and progress of this Group had been excellent. Prof Riccardi would write to them thanking them for their work. Council debated broader exchange standards in the geosciences (including in the minerals and hydrogeological fields). There was a need for the EU (OneG-E) and Australian groups (AUSCOPE) to work together and to include N American developments. BS will become the new Council representative on the IWG.

Multi Lingual Thesaurus

The problems which had occurred with this group were discussed but it was agreed that there would be no substantive change to the MLT WG until the Science Language meeting (see item 7). However, in the short term a Council member would endeavour to attend the next MLT WG meeting and this WG

would be encouraged to open up their work to all.

Action 7/7	Draft mail for AR to send to IWG	IJ	15 July
Action 7/8	Liaise with Eric Boisvert and Lee Allison on N American developments and ensure that global efforts are coordinated as far as possible	JB/KA	30 Sept
Action 7/9	Ask MTG (through chair JG) to open up their work and move them out of confidential areas of website.	KA	31 July
9.	Regional Groups		
Reports from each of the RGs (SE Asia, S America, Oceania) had been circulated prior to the meeting and the main points were presented to the meeting.			
Action 7/10	Write to IUGS Secretariat to get contacts in Oceania outside Australia and NZ	IJ	31 August
10.	CGI web site – review		
Council approved refreshed site design and its launch and also the need to keep it up to date regularly.			
Action 7/11	Ask BGS web developer and Kathryn Bull to spend one day per month on proactively encouraging and updating content	IJ	31 July
11.	Outreach Workshop in Namibia– report on outcomes		
KA summarised the written report and described the success of the event. There was a debate about a continuing focus on Africa and the needs of other global regions (especially in context of funding). The outcome of the debate was that future Council policy in this area would be cognizant of the recent workshop in Africa and the limitations of the CGI resources available, and would thus adopt an approach that was flexible and based on the merits of each case.			
Action 7/12	Provide science and business cases for potential future outreach workshops in S America and Asia and explore supplementary funding opportunities to support these	GA/KW/PB	30 Sept
12.	OneGeology progress and future plans		
IJ provided an oral update on the written report			
13.	IUGS perspective on CGI and its strategy		
KA gave a brief presentation on CGI. AR gave a resume of his vision for IUGS and the importance of organisation and communication and standards. His view was that CGI was one of two central Commissions (the other is Education) and that these two Commissions should work together closely, in particular on capacity building and knowledge exchange. He congratulated CGI on its achievements. KA's future role on the upcoming IUGS Strategic Planning Committee was briefly discussed.			
14.	IGC34 – discussion of Symposium and CGI role		
It was agreed that CGI should as before work together with IAMG and GIC on this. It was also agreed that BS would lead for CGI and would be responsible for proposing the symposium to the Australian organisers.			
Action 7/13	Collate a folder of correspondence and circulate to BS & Richard Hughes.	IJ	31 July
Action 7/14	Prepare draft IGC34 Information 'super session' program and circulate to CGI, IAMG and GIC for comment.	BS	31 Aug

15.	Preparation for CGI Seminar (30 June – 1 July)		
GA provided brief on seminar			
16.	Any other business		
GIC and next meeting in Slovenia – No S American representation currently: could this be corrected. INSPIRE documents for consultation – need for CGI Council to be able to provide input as we are an SDIC			
Action 7/15	GA will act as contact for S American Surveys and R Hughes of BGS will contact him	GA	31 Oct
Action 7/16	Circulate all INSPIRE requests for comment on documents to Council and collate for submission to EC	KA	ongoing
17.	Date and place of next meeting		
AN had offered Namibia, but there was the problem of no other event around that time and in that location to produce “efficiencies” in travel. The optimum date and location of the next CGI meeting will be based around other events taking place; the action below thus resulted.			
Action 7/17	Provide suggestions for location and date of next CGI Council meeting to IJ (ideally which coincides with another event)	All	15 Sept

Ian Jackson
10 July 2009