



Minutes of the CGI Council Meeting 2016 in Cape Town

The CGI-IUGS council meeting was held in Cape Town during the 35th International Geological Congress on 29 August 2016 in the evening as a business meeting and a whole day on 3 September 2016. The minutes are hereunder separated as two parts accordingly.

Part 1

Cape Town Congress Centre, Room 1.41, Tuesday, 29.August 2016 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Participants: Francois Robida, Kristine Asch, Ollie Raymond, Gabriel Asato, Zhang Minghua, Kazu Miyazaki, Mark Rattenbury, Tomasz Nalecz, Kombada Mhopjeni, Robert Tomas, Jouni Vuollo

Observer: Harvey Thorleifson

Apologies: Steve Richard, David Percy, Betty Adrian

Missing: Santiago Munoz Dias

1. Welcome by Francois Robida
2. Welcome to the new council member Tomasz Nalecz (PGI, Geol Survey of Poland) and observer Harvey Thorleifson (Geol Survey of Minnesota, USA)
3. Round table
4. Report Mark Rattenbury Geoscience Terminology Working Group
5. Presentation to the IUGS General Council meeting
6. AOB

Action list

Action	Action	who	By when	status
1	Send message to Simon Cox to thank CSIRO for his work in establishing the CGI website and vocabulary services	Future Chair	September	
2	Approach to IUGS because of the standard chart – old address of GeoSciML and XMML	Kristine	asap	Done, not received well

Part 2

Saturday, 3rd September 2016.

Participants: Francois Robida, Kristine Asch, Ollie Raymond, Gabriel Asato, Zhang Minghua, Kazu Miyazaki, Kombada Mhopjeni, Robert Tomas, Jouni Vuollo.

1. Reports of progress of CGI working groups by each group chairs and regional activities 2016

2. Review of the actions from the 2015 Council meeting

no	action	who	Bywhen	status
1	Send MTA to Mark Rattenbury –,	Zhang Minghua	asap	done
2	Place MTA on GTWG	Mark Rattenbury	Asap	Done
3	Zhang Minghua will join GTWG /vocabulary working group and will confirm by mail to Mark Rattenbury	Zhang Minghua	November	Open, to be done
4	All regional and working groups: make new members to register as members at CGI web site	all	always	To be continued
5	Send a mail to Gemma Nash (BGS) about a bill from BGS about hosting and editing the CGI web site	Ollie Raymond	November	Open, to be done
6	Write a letter to the directors of Geol Surveys in Africa, Asia, South America from the IUGS together with the CGI (R. Oberhänsli and FR) to nominate technical professionals to join the terminology working group of the CGI (Vocabulary) – one page, incl. Connection to the event in Cape Town – invitation to GT working group meeting	Francois Robida, Roland Oberhänsli, all	December	More efficient to be done by cgi, best by each continental representative
7	Write an general overview of what the GTWG is doing and for what it is useful	Mark Rattenbury	November	Done
8	At the IUGS meeting in Yunnan in January 2016: Make the account question an issue – where and how to host the money for the CGI and how are the other Commissions are doing it	Zhang Minghua	Jan 2016	Done
9	Zhang to ask DRC/CGS / to become future treasurer and if CGS can host the money of the CGI	Zhang Minghua	November	Done, but not accepted by DRC
10	Ask for Summary of newcomers and all members from Frau Kösterke, and send around to Council	Kristine Asch	November	There were None
11	Take over newsletter editing from Ollie.	David Percy	Now	Done
12	Send contents to Ollie and Percy and working group chairs for the CGI web site and newsletter	all	continuousl y	Ongoing
13	Send snippet about GIRAF to Ollie und	Kristine Asch	November	Done

	Percy for news			
14	Always add the two working group chairs Mark Rattenbury and Jouni Vuollo to the mails to the council)	all	always	Done
15	To ask QGIs community how much it would make QGIS client compliant with GeoSciML community	Ollie Raymond	until Christmas	Done
16	Extend this to ESRI, Mapinfo, etc	Francois Robida	until Christmas	Still to be done after the vote of the adoption of GeoSciML4
17	Ask CSIRO exactly what is it they provide to the CGI and forward this to Percy	Ollie Raymond	November	Partly done, overtaken by events
18	Estimate how much it would cost to establish the CGI services in the cloud	David Percy	December	Overtaken by events
19	Kristine and Francois to ask the IUGS to provide an extra budget for that (after that estimation)	Kristine Asch/Francois Robida	December/January	Overtaken by events
20	Set up a marketing plan for GeoSciML and the vocabularies	First Ollie Raymond, Francois Robida, Robert Tomas – then all		Still to be done
21	Set up a telecon on a CGI Marketing plan for GeoSciML and vocabularies	Ollie Raymond and everybody to contribute	Before Christmas	Open
22	Mark will think about using a summer student for that. Discuss with Rachel Heaven to discuss consolidating the multilingual code lists. Monday next week	Mark Rattenbury		Open
23	Identify the list of bodies we need to keep in the loop of communication	Francois Robida to compile, all to contribute		Not done
24	Have a one day international workshop on GeoSciML co-organized by CGI and GIRAF as part of IGC (within the conference the week-end before, branded as CGI and GIRAF and OneGeology event	Ollie Raymond, Kristine Asch		OR done as Interoperability workshop, thank you to the organizers

25	Organize a business meeting on one of the days between 29- 31 to 21. August CGI Council for 3 hours should be in the program	Francois Robida/ Kristine Asch		Done
26	Booking of rooms for the above two CGI meetings at the IGC to be made by Kristine on behalf of the CGI	Kristine Asch/ Kombada Mhopjeni	November	Done
27	Ask OneGeology Board if they are happy to co-organize the CGI, GIRAF OneGeology Workshop at the IGC	Francois Robida	Latest in Jan 2016	Overtaken by events
28	Send mail to Peter Baumann to transfer Ownership of the CGI Google drive to Percy who will make all Council members manager	David Percy	asap	Done
29	Send mail to CODATA to reactivate contact and see what is the actual status	David Percy	asap	????
30	CGI Council should attend the Research Data Alliance meetings as much as possible.	Recommendation to all		
31	Draft a short mission statement of the future 3-D group, include a list of names and send to the Council	Francois Robida		done
32	Organize a telecon on the “3-D geological data standard working group” (working names) of the CGI	Francois Robida	Before March 2016	done
33	IGC: reduce the 5 themes and recontact D. Barnado: please put up the symposia 5 main themes and provide information about the other sessions that are listed	Kristine Asch	Asap	Done
34	Ask Kombada to become co-champion	Kristine Asch	Asap	done
35	Ask Gabi Schneider to help with that	Kristine Asch	Asap	O.b.e.
36	The supersymposium consists of 5 themes (including the definitions) – mail to Laurence Robb to press the issue	Kristine Asch	December	done
37	Set up a letter to our geoscience community and announce the IGC Supersymposium	Kristine, Percy, Francois	8 – 13. November	Done
38	Spread that letter everywhere in the geoscience information community	All	End of November	Done
39	Telecon about the IGC combined with the 3-D Subject with “go to meeting”	Ollie Raymond	January?	Done
40	Contribute to IUGS report with pictures and reports	all	asap	Done
41	Compile report to the IUGS	Kristine Asch	November	Done
42	Proofread report to the IUGS	David Percy	November	Done
43	Send CGI report to the IUGS	Kristine Asch	December	Done
44	“Warning” to all CGI members that at the IGC there will be a new election of	Ollie Raymond,	Before March	Done

	the council (News-letter, web site, linked in, Twitter)	Davis Percy,		
45	Send a letter to US recommended candidate Betty to send a CV and confirm that she is a member of the CGI	Francois Robida	November	Overtaken by events
46	Compile and send actions to all council and WG group members to review	Kristine Asch	November	Done
47	Compile and send minutes to all Council members. (List at Ispra/Arona, 3rd November 2015, reviewed on 3rd September 2016, Cape Town.)	Kristine Asch	November	Done

3. Election of CGI Board (Executive Committee members) for 2016 - 2020

The CGI councillors at the meeting elected new CGI Executive Committee board members as follows.

Chair: François Robida

Co-Secretary General: Zhang Minghua and Kombada Mhopjeni

Treasurer: Oliver Raymond

4. Common issues, concerns, discussion

Participants of this CGI council meeting discussed some important and common issues and pointed out actions as the followings.

- (1) 3D working group setting up activities since 2014 Beijing meeting by François;
- (2) CODATA connection by Robert Tomas;
- (3) Google-drive problem in China;.
- (4) GeoSciML implementation by commercial software vendors like ESRI and MapInfo;
- (5) marketing plan of CGI products.
- (6) relation with RDA

5. Leaving speech by Kristine Asch.

Kristine expressed her happiness that worked together with such a constructive and excellent team since 2002. She was a delight to work with the last Council and I regret that she have to leave the CGI Council Commission in order to fulfill her up-coming as IUGS Vice-president. And she wish for the CGI all success and good luck and look forward to work with CGI in another constellation!

And,

all the participants expressed their hope for Kristine to attend CGI-IUGS council meeting as a former secretary general and at least attend the terminology working group meetings as a group member. The CGI councils strongly hope Kristine can support and work together with CGI as in the position of IUGS Vice-president.

4. Near future actions

- (1) Ollie Raymond to open an account in Geoscience Australia or Australia before December 2016 so as for François Robida to transfer the CGI money to him as the new treasurer.
- (2) Kristine to send CGI member list and other related information to Zhang Minghua and Kombada Mhopjeni.
- (3) Preparation for RFG2018. Francois and Zhang take action to contact RFG2018 organization committee ask for a CGI session.
- (4) 3D group of CGI. Francois continue to push forward to setup a collaborating working group on 3D geoscience data.
- (5) Robert to draft a introduction of CGI product promotion before the end of Dec 2016.
- (6) All the CGI council are asked to think about the future action plan of CGI and his regional activities on CGI-IUGS related and were encouraged to send emails to the new secretary general in times

5. Next CGI Council meeting time and place

CGI-IUGS council meeting will be held in June 2017 in Vienna together with GIC.