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International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG)

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Submission for October 2018

Forensic Geology in India

IFG has confirmed that it will hold the first meeting on Forensic Geology in India on 12-13 November 2018. This will include the development of a strategy to initiate forensic geology for India, and planning for the Forensic Geology session at the 36th IGC, in Delhi, in March 2020.

Episodes Article on Geoethics

Following on from the session on geoethics, held at the RFG2018 International meeting in Vancouver, keynote presenters from IFG and IAPG have submitted a joint paper on forensic geoethics that will be published in the journal Episodes.

Forensic Geology Confirmed at the American Geophysical Union (AGU)

IFG has accepted an invitation to participate in the Forensic Geology Session, of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) fall meeting, which will be held on 10-14 December, at Washington Convention Centre, USA.

The Geological Society of London Special Publication

The Geological Society of London Special Publication Book (GSLSpecPub17-125) is at an advanced stage of its publication. This is entitled: 'Forensic Soil Science and Geology', produced from the Symposium of Forensic Soil Science and Geology and International Conference on Criminal and Environmental Soil Forensics, held at the 36th IGC, in Cape Town, South Africa in 2016. A further six papers likely to be accepted by the end of October and another seven in an advanced stage of being reviewed. The final likely publication date will be early in 2019.

A Guide to Forensic Geology Publication

IFG has advanced the proposed publication, 'A Guide to Forensic Geology'. A draft for review is proposed to be available by the end of December 2018. This is expected to be published by the Geological Society of London in 2019.

Operation Support to Law Enforcement

Members of IFG continue to receive request to support crime investigations through the world. This month activities have included searches for suspected homicide graves, mineral sample adulteration and precious minerals theft.

London Committee Meeting and NSGG & FGG Joint Meeting

An IFG committee meeting has been planned to take place on 4 December 2018 to discuss the items above and to plan a strategy for the delivery of IUGS-IFG outcomes in 2019. IFG will also support and co-host a two day joint meeting of the Near Surface Geophysics and Forensic Geoscience Groups (FGG) of the Geological Society, at the Geological Society of London, on 4-5 December 2018.