



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MoA)

between

International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG)

and

International Geographical Union (IGU)

1. Aim

The aim of the memorandum of agreement (MoA) is to develop a coordinated approach, where appropriate, for promoting initiatives and events discussing the ethical, social, and cultural implications of geosciences and favouring high ethical standards in the research and practice of geosciences to better serve the geosciences community and society.

2. Parties

- (A) **IAPG** is a multidisciplinary scientific association that widens the debate on ethical problems in geosciences. Its membership provides a global network of over 3300 members in 130 countries on six continents. The IAPG is legally recognized as a non-profit scientific association, has its Head Office at the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia in Rome (Italy), and its network can count on 38 national sections. The IAPG is an affiliated organization of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), an International Associate Organization of the American Geosciences Institute (AGI), an Associate Society of the Geological Society of America (GSA), an Associate Society of the Geological Society of London (GSL), an Observer Member of the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences (CFES), a member organization of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH). Moreover, the IAPG has agreements for cooperation with numerous organizations all over the world.
- (B) **IGU** is an international, non-governmental, professional organization devoted to the development of the discipline of Geography. The IGU was formally established in Brussels in 1922. However, the history of international meetings of geographers is much longer. The first of a series of congresses met in 1871 in Antwerp. The purposes of the IGU are primarily to promote Geography through initiating and coordinating geographical research and teaching in all countries of the world. Its work is conducted through the instruments of its National Committees, Commissions and Task Forces. The IGU hosts the International Geographical Congress every four years and promotes regional conferences and other meetings that further of the objectives of the Union. The IGU also facilitates the participation of geographers in the global community of scientists through its formal affiliation as a Member Union within the International Science Council (ISC) and the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH).

3. Terms

The MoA expresses a mutual desire to cooperate on a range of themes in the field of geoethics, ethics of responsibility towards the Earth system, interactions of human and non human individuals on Earth. It helps to assure a continued IAPG–IGU cooperation and coordination on issues of common



interests, in particular the following:

- Promotion of ethics, research integrity, and professional deontology principles in geoscientific activities through a special focus on not harming people, fostering diversity and inclusion, protecting researchers' safety, respecting local and indigenous communities, researchers' integrity, freedom and responsibility in research and education, promoting research and education as a common good, and safeguarding ethical concerns on geospatial technologies development and use.
- Definition of ethical issues affecting the geoscientific community and organizations in particular, with accompanying case studies, where appropriate.
- Co-organization of scientific events to disseminate concepts of ethics in geosciences among both the professional and research communities, with particular attention to young and early-career geoscientists.
- Production of relevant publications and communications.

Both organizations will establish a liaison to ensure good information flow and cooperation.

Moreover, IAPG and IGU agree:

- 1) To promote joint initiatives and events worldwide through their web pages, social networks, and publications.
- 2) To foster cooperation in projects and activities on themes of common interest.
- 3) When appropriate, involve IGU and IAPG respectively in their publications, in scientific meetings/congresses on ethics, research integrity, professional deontology, ethics in geosciences/geoethics organized by IGU and IAPG, and in projects.
- 4) To foster diversity, inclusion, and professional ethics in every aspect of building a culture of integrity within the geoscience community.

Finally, IAPG and IGU agree to publish each other's logos and homepage links on their websites.

This MoA will expire five years from the signature date unless otherwise extended. Either organization may dissolve it at any time serving a 30 days' notice.

The parties to this MoA do not intend to create contractual relations by executing it. This MoA is solely intended as a general outline of the parties' intentions and not an agreement with legal, binding, economic or enforceable effect.

IAPG and IGU have no financial constraints that bind them to the management of this agreement and accept that each organization shall have nothing to claim of any nature from the other one.

This agreement was signed in Rome, Italy, on December 2nd, 2025, and in Paris, France, on _____, 2025.

Signed:

Silvia Peppoloni
(IAPG President)

Nathalie Lemarchand
(IGU President)

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