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Letter of Support

To

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Dear Prof. David. Goeury,

On behalf of the **International Geographical Union Commission for Young and Early Career Geographers (IGU-YECG)**, we are pleased to express our support for the **Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Geography**, to be held at **Sorbonne University, Paris, France**, from 5 to 8 July 2027.

The theme *Artificial Intelligence and Geography* is both actual and forward-looking. The rapid evolution of AI technologies is profoundly reshaping the way geographical knowledge is produced, analyzed, and communicated. The proposed conference provides an essential platform to discuss the transformative opportunities and ethical challenges that artificial intelligence brings to geography, ranging from applications in climate studies, biodiversity, and urban systems, to issues of data fairness, transparency, and environmental impact.

As an IGU Commission dedicated to supporting young and early career geographers, we welcome the focus on innovation and the inclusion of emerging scholars in both the scientific and organizing committees. The topic “**AI and Early Careers in Geography**” also aligns with our mission to promote the active participation of the next generation of geographers in research addressing new methodologies, data-driven spatial analysis, and the ethical and societal implications of technological change within geography. We are, therefore, confident that this conference will contribute meaningfully to advancing the understanding of how artificial intelligence can serve geography and society responsibly.

The **IGU Commission for Young and Early Career Geographers** fully supports this initiative and looks forward to contributing through active collaboration and participation. The Commission agrees to be acknowledged as a partner in the official materials and communications related to the conference.

We wish you every success in the preparation and outcome of this conference!

With best regards,

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