

08. April 2010

**Invitation to the Euro-Ages Final Conference 2010  
in Budapest**

Dear Madam/Sir,

the Project Board for the Euro-Ages Project ("European Accredited Geological Study Programmes") hereby heartily invites you to join the

**Euro-Ages Final Conference**

on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010

at the Hotel Ében, 15-17 Nagy Lajos király str., 1148 Budapest, Hungary

[www.euro-ages.eu](http://www.euro-ages.eu)

**Deadline for registration: 31.07.2010**

Over the past two years, the partners in the EURO-AGES project have worked towards developing a European qualification framework for geology, in the first and second cycles defined by the Bologna process, based on learning outcomes rather than input factors (course curricula). The objectives of the work are to increase transparency of Earth Sciences qualifications across Europe and therefore to facilitate improved academic and professional mobility across Europe. At the same time, the project aims to encourage students and graduates in the field of geology, as well as professional geologists, to pursue Life Long Learning. The project objectives are being achieved through a structured exchange of best practices, expertise and country characteristics of professional practices in geology in the different European countries. The project has identified important reference points for quality assurance and related recognition issues focused on learning outcomes.

The project is supported by the European Commission, DG Education and Culture.

The final conference will be held on the occasion of the conclusion of the Euro-Ages project in Budapest, Hungary on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010.

During the plenary session on the first day, participants will be briefly introduced to the Euro-Ages Framework Standards and Accreditation Criteria that have been elaborated and tested by the Project Consortium.

The nature and objectives of a future Euro-Ages Quality Network will be presented. The latter is envisaged to ensure the sustainability of the Euro-Ages project results through the award of a Euro-Ages Quality Label for successfully evaluated first and second cycle programmes in the field of geology. Aspects of field-specific quality assurance will be discussed by a panel drawn from academics and representatives of industry.


The attached conference programme and registration form are also available on the Euro-Ages website (<http://www.euro-ages.eu>).

Please register by fax or email using the contact details indicated below. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to directly contact the Euro-Ages Project Coordinator.

Conference participation is free of charge. Costs for travel and accomodation will be borne by the participants. Participants may submit a claim for reimbursement of their travel cost up to €300 and under the conditions set out in the Information for Euro-Ages 2010 Conference Participants (to be provided to the registered participants via email).

**Thank you for forwarding this invitation to people who might be interested!**

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Iring Wasser

- Project Director -

**Euro-Ages Final Conference,  
Hotel Ében, 15-17 Nagy Lajos király str., 1148 Budapest,  
22.10.2010**

**Programme**

9:00 h

**Conference Registration**

**Chairman: Ruth Allington, EFG President**

9:30 – 10:00 h

**Welcome Address**

Éva Hartai, MFT

tbd, EU - Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

**Introduction and Overview**

André Rieck, ASIIN Consult

10:00 – 10:30 h

**Frameworks for Qualifications in the European Higher Education Area**

Iring Wasser, ASIIN Consult

10:30 – 10:45 h

**European Accredited Geological Study Programmes**

Ruth Allington, EFG President

10:45-11:00 h

**Mapping European Geological qualification**

Isabel Fernandez, EFG Office Director

11:00 – 11:15 h

**Geology in Spain**

Manuel Regueiro, ICOG

11:15 – 11:30

**Geology in Sweden**

Vivi Vajda, SACO

11:30 – 11:45

**Geology in Hungary**

Éva Hartai, MFT

11:45 – 12:20

**Q & A Session and Discussion**

12:20 – 12:30

**Chairman: Summary of Discussions**

Ruth Allington, EFG President

12:30 – 13:30 h

**Lunch**

**Chairman: Dr. Iring Wasser, ASIIN Consult**

13:30 – 14:00 h

**Quality Assurance of Geology in Higher Education – Perspectives from Academics**

- Paul Ryan, Tuning Educational Structures in Europe

14:00 – 14:30 h

**Quality Assurance of Geology in Higher Education – Perspectives from Employers**

- Dr. Luca Demicheli, EuroGeoSurveys SG ???

14:30 – 15:00

**Euro-Ages and Euro-Geol Title: Contribution and Future**

- EFG Registration Authority Members (one member presentation)
  - o Christer Åkerman
  - o David Norbury
  - o Markku Iljina

15:00 – 15:30 h

**Coffee Break**

15:30 – 16:00 h

**Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada**

Oliver Bonham,  
Chief Executive Officer, Geoscientists Canada, CCPG

16:00 – 17:00 h

**Q & A Session and Discussion**

17:00 – 17:20 h

**Summary of Discussions**

Dr. Iring Wasser, ASIIN Consult

17:20 – 17:30 h

**Closing Words**

Dr. Iring Wasser, ASIIN Consult  
Ruth Allington, EFG President