

## **European Federation of Geologists**

### **GEO NEWS May 2006**

#### **Introduction**

EFG Office will edit each month a page of GeoNews according with the EFG Council in December 2005.

This page content information about:

- Jobs offers and support from graduated trainees
- News from European Legislation Process
- Event relevant. More information about event you can find in the EFG web:  
<http://www.eurogeologists.de/events.htm>

This page it is open to receive also the information that you consider relevant to include.

Dear IGI Member,

1) The EPA have just published "*Guidelines: Environmental Management in the Extractive Industry (Non-Scheduled Minerals)*" The *Guidelines* are down-loadable from your web on [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie) see Reports and Publications -> Guidance.

2) Lisheen Mine have a vacancy for a Geology Technician in the Grade Control Section, flyer attached.

Regards,  
Susan

#### **1. Jobs offers**

#### **2. News from European Legislation Process**

**Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social committee and the Committee of the Regions - Thematic Strategy on the sustainable use of natural resources**  
You can find in your language: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52005DC0670:EN:NOT>

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#### **2.3. The web and email addresses for the European Institutions are in the process of change.**

From the 9th May 2006, the domain name ".eu.int" will change to ".europa.eu". The new address for the Commission will therefore be "ec.europa.eu".

The format of the email address for Commission staff which is currently forename.name@cec.eu.int will change to [forename.name@ec.europa.eu](mailto:forename.name@ec.europa.eu). The existing addresses will continue to work until the end of 2006.

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Mineral group document: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/steel/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/steel/index_en.htm)

## ➤ CIVIL PROTECTION

*Consultation*

*Consideration of a draft report*

The ENVI Committee will examine a draft report on Community civil protection mechanism (Dimitrios Papadimoulis, GUE/NGL, Greece).

The proposal consists of a number of improvements to the Civil Protection Mechanism as created in 2001. A legal basis for Community actions is provided, to allow the Community as a whole to come to the aid of those affected by major emergencies. The recasting complements the Rapid Response and Preparedness Instrument, which provides the legal basis for the financing of the civil protection actions.

The Rapporteur considers civil protection to be a complex system including three important elements: Prevention, Intervention and Restoration. He raises the issue of informing citizens of potential risks, as he considers this to be an important element of preparedness, especially in disaster prone zones. Furthermore, public health is a vital component of civil protection, bearing in mind that all disasters affect people both physically and physiologically, and as a consequence, both health and social security systems bear a heavy burden for a considerable time once the intervention phase is completed

*Deadline for amendment: 26 June*

*Adoption in ENVI Committee: 13-14 September*

*Adoption in Plenary: October*

## 3. Events

I am writing to announce the dates for the next 1 and 1/2 day Lobbying in the EU: How to represent and defend your interests in Brussels workshop which will be held on the 2nd and 3rd (finishing at 13.00hrs) of October at Le Chatelain All Suite Hotel, Brussels.

Run in partnership with Grayling Political Strategy and facilitated by Mr. Russell Patten, this workshop is recognised as one of the leading EU public affairs training workshops available, encompassing both an understanding of the constraints on your time and a focus upon the core pieces of information that will enable a greater understanding of how your role as stakeholder fits within the process of legislative development, ways to work and influence the system, and how you can best represent and defend your organisational interests at EU level.

This high quality workshop encompasses both theoretical and practical perspectives on lobbying, utilising lobbying methodologies, case studies and practical simulation

exercises to help develop your working knowledge and skills relating to EU affairs. These perspectives are underpinned by Mr. Patten's vast knowledge of the workings of the EU, the implementation of lobbying processes and ultimately, successful techniques that achieve results.

Register now to benefit from the Early Bird Rate which will expire on the 28th of August, 2006. Places are limited to 30 participants to maintain workshop conditions.

You can register via any of the following methods:

- 1.) Online - to register online, please go to <http://www.eulobbying.com> and click "Register a Delegate".
- 2.) Fax Back - to register by fax back form, please download and complete the brochure by clicking here <http://www.epsilonevents.com/pdf/LobbyingWorkshopOct.pdf>.
- 3.) Phone - please call James Wilmott on +44 (0) 2920 642 704 to have your details taken via phone.
- 4.) Email - to register by email, please send your name, company and contact details, plus a convenient time to call and we will get back to you.

The prices for this 1 and a half day workshop are designed to be as cost effective for you as possible. We have discounts for NGO representatives and for those booking early:

Corporate Rate - €745

Corporate Early Bird Rate - €645

Reduced Rate - €525\*

Reduced Early Bird Rate - €425

The above prices exclude Belgian VAT at 21%.

\*We offer a reduced rate to corporate organisations originating from new EU member states or from countries in Eastern Europe, and from the following not for profit bodies: NGOs, associations, political representatives and academics.

Further information can be found online at <http://www.eulobbying.com>, or please email [jwilmott@epsilonvents.com](mailto:jwilmott@epsilonvents.com) or call James Wilmott on +44 (0) 2920 642 704 to discuss the workshop further.

I sincerely hope to meet you at the event on the 2nd and 3rd of October and remain available to you at your convenience.

#### **11-13 May 2006**

LE TROISIEME COLLOQUE MAGHREBIN DE GEOPHYSIQUE APPLIQUEE (CMGA 3)

«La géophysique au service du développement»

Oujda, Morocco

Email : [cmga33@yahoo.fr](mailto:cmga33@yahoo.fr) <http://webserver1.univ-oujda.ac.ma/coste.htm>

#### **19- 21 May 2006**

#### **EFG Council in Porto**

#### **27-31 May 2006**

International Conference "Geoheritage for Sustainable Development"

Druskininkai, (Lithuania)

Jonas Satkunas, [jonas.satkunas@lgt.lt](mailto:jonas.satkunas@lgt.lt)

#### **June 13-16, 2006**

5th European Congress on Regional Geoscientific Cartography and Information Systems.  
Barcelona, Spain

<http://www.icc.es/econgeo2006/home.html>.

Should you, your Chairman, Dean, Administration, Embassy or Consulate need more information please contact the Technical Secretariat Office ([econgeo2006@carlsonwagonlit.es](mailto:econgeo2006@carlsonwagonlit.es)). "Earth and Water" is the name of the meeting. The Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya, Geological Survey of Catalunya, together with the Catalan Ministry for Land Planning and Public Works are the sponsors.

### **June 26-28, 2006**

How to design and organize public deliberation for science and technology  
CIPAST consortium will organize a training workshop in Dresden, Germany, on citizen participation in science and technology

This workshop is designed for people from different fields who have a strong interest in public participation in science and technology: for people who may already have organized participatory exercises or willing to do so, or people who simply want to learn more about public participation. The workshop is also for people who want to discuss the meanings and impacts of the raise of public participation for scientific activities and for modern democracies.

You can download a leaflet as pdf-file which presents this first CIPAST Training Workshop "How to design and organize public deliberation for science and technology" at  
<<http://www.cipast.org/download/CIPAST%20Dresden%20Workshop%20Flyer.pdf>>

If you are interested, please reply as soon as possible and no later than May 10th, since the number of places is limited: Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden, Katja Kailer, E-mail: [Katja.kailer@dhmd.de](mailto:Katja.kailer@dhmd.de) <<mailto:Katja.kailer@dhmd.de>>, Fax: +49 (0)351 48 46 575. You can also register online at [www.cipast.org/cipast.php?section=5022](http://www.cipast.org/cipast.php?section=5022) <<http://www.cipast.org/cipast.php?section=5022>>

### **07-10 August 2006**

First International Environmental Best Practices Conference EBP,  
The objective of this joint conference of environmental best practices is to bring together researchers from academic, governmental and industrial institutions to discuss new developments and results in the fields of environmental remediation, wastewater treatment, alternative energy sources and environmental stewardship. It is anticipated that attendees will develop a knowledge and understanding of a broad spectrum of environmental applications and solutions to the challenges facing the world today.

EFG has proposal a special session under the title of "Geology" to do presentation on the topics of Natural Risk, Hydrogeology and Impact Assessment.

Olsztyn, Poland

<http://www.uwm.edu.pl/wosir/EBP/>