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The EFG Office would like to invite you again to support our new category of news "News from EFG members".

In order to maintain this category alive we kindly ask you to send us relevant information from your own national association until **10 October**.

1. EFG news and news from EFG members

EFG:



Earthquake in Lorca, Spain, 11 May 2011.

Second call for articles for European Geologist Magazine issue 32.

In the light of the recent disasters affecting countries in many parts of the world, there will be a theme of 'Natural Hazards'. The editorial board is particularly interested in articles dealing with risk management and strategy planning. Deadline for the submission of articles is **end of September 2011**.

If you have any news items, comments, short or feature articles from your own country please contact the Editor, Maureen McCorry, as soon as possible.

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4th International Professional Geology Conference, Vancouver, Canada, 22-24 January 2012.

The website for the 4th IPGC www.4ipgc.ca is now activated and the [Call for Abstracts/Call for Papers](#) for the conference is open. The theme of this conference for which EFG is co-convenor is "Earth Science - Global Practice".

The abstract deadline has been extended until **15 September**.



EFG Symposium at 34th IGC, Brisbane, Australia, 5-10 August 2012.

EFG will participate in the 34th International Geological Congress with a symposium on "[Strengthening communication between fundamental and applied geosciences and between geoscientists and public](#)" (Theme 36, Symposium 10).

This symposium will discuss the benefits to be gained from a better understanding between geological communities. These include: incorporation of more relevant and informed education in applied geology and professional skills at university level; an improvement of industry competitiveness through more rapid conversion of research findings to applied technologies and methodologies; clear pathways and assessment criteria for geoscience graduates seeking to attain Professional Qualifications and their employers and mentors; and design of research projects and allocation of research funding based on a better appreciation of societal needs.

The symposium is organised in collaboration with a number of other professional organizations with which EFG has developed important working relationship: American Geological Institute ("AGI"), American Institute of Professional Geologists ("AIPG"), Australian Institute of Geoscientists ("AIG"), Geoscientists Canada, and International Union of Geological Sciences ("IUGS").

For more information on the 34th IGC please click [here](#).



AGG, Greece:



EFG support for the Greek Institute of Geology and Mineral Explorations.

As part of the austerity measures decided in the light of the economical crisis, the Greek Geological Survey is threatened by immediate closure. The [letter](#) of EFG President Ruth Allington joins the support already expressed by several geological surveys and geoscience associations and urges the Greek Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Mr George Papaconstantinou, to re-think the decision of abolishing the IGME which would have harmful consequences on the country's economy.

2. General News

European Commission:

EC Green Paper for Directive on Recognition of Professional Qualifications published now.

The [Green Paper](#) is based in the public consultation closed in January 2011 in which EFG contributed with a [response paper](#).

A [new consultation](#) will be taken into account by the Commission in the preparation of the legislative proposal on the modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive by the end of this year.

The Commission wishes to consult stakeholders on:

- new approaches to mobility

- ways to build on achievements
- and on the modernisation of the automatic recognition.

Everybody is welcome to contribute to this consultation until **20 September 2011**. Contributions are particularly sought from citizens, professional organisations, national governments and national competent authorities.

3. Oil and Gas

Events:



Third Central & North Atlantic Conjugate Margins Conference, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, August 2012.

The theme for this three day conference is "Conjugate Margins – Combining the Knowledge" with the goal to bring together participants from academia, government and industry to discuss the latest ideas and developments on the evolution of the Atlantic conjugate margin basins, their petroleum systems and recent exploration and production initiatives. A number of field trips will be held including a trip to the cliff exposures of Co. Clare, the Giant's Causeway and Antrim Coast in Northern Ireland and the Jurassic Coast cliff sections of Dorset and Devon, Southern England UK.

Those wishing to submit abstracts for either an oral or poster presentation should note that the call for abstracts opened on 21 August 2011 and the deadline for submission of abstracts is **21 March 2012** (TBC).

For further details on abstract submission, please go to the Call for Papers section of the website www.conjugatemargins.ie

Permian Basin, Unconventional oil, Completions Optimisations Summit, Midland, Texas, 26-27 September 2011.

This event is the 4th North American Unconventional Oil Congress concentrating exclusively on optimizing drilling and completions strategies. The conference will gather Directors and technical experts from the Permian Basin's leading operators as well as developing companies to share their methodologies for exploiting the Permian Basin's potential to the maximum while keeping the cost of the operations low.

More information: <http://www.permian-basin-unconventional-oil.com/>

PetroEdge Training Courses for Geoscience Professionals.

This course programme includes several workshop relevant to the geological profession as Operations Geology or Structural Geology Seismic Interpretation.

Please find the course programme [here](#).

Publications:

GHG emissions from shale greater than conventional gas, coal or oil.

According to a recent study, over a 20-year time period, the greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint of shale gas is greater than that of coal, oil or conventional gas. Fugitive methane emissions represent the biggest part of this footprint. These researches suggest that substituting conventional fossil fuels with shale gas may not have the desired effect to mitigate climate warming in the short-term.

Source: Howarth, R.W., Santoro, R., Ingraffea, A. (2011) Methane and the greenhouse-gas footprint of natural gas from shale formations. *Climatic Change*.

4. Minerals

Events:



SARM Conference, Ljubljana, 20-22 September 2011.

This International Conference on Sustainable Aggregate Resource Management will gather stakeholders from all fields of sustainable management of natural resources with the aim of developing a common approach to sustainable aggregate resource management, with higher standards of operation and restoration and recycling.

The topics of the conference can be summarized into three large groups or scales: aggregate production at the site level, regional and national level of aggregate management and trans-border cooperation in raw materials supply.

More information on the conference and the SARMA project:

<http://www.sarmaproject.eu>

Sustainable production and consumption of mineral resources - Integrating the EU's social agenda and resource efficiency, Wroclaw, Poland, 20-21 October 2011.

This conference aims to be an opportunity to exchange ideas on economic, social and environmental issues of the mining industry in Europe in the light of the strong dependence of the European countries on imports for its raw materials supply.

More information: <http://www.min-pan.krakow.pl>

5. Renewable Energy

Events:



GeoEner 2012, III Congress on Geothermal energy in Building and Industry, Madrid, 25-26 April 2012.

This event aims to provide a forum for meeting and discussion for scientists, professionals, industrials and consumers in order to disseminate and share knowledge, experiences and research on geothermal energy in the field of building and industry applications.

The deadline for submitting summary presentations for papers is the **20 September 2011**.

More information: <http://www.geoener.es>



Geopower Turkey, Istanbul, 20-21 September 2011.

For the first time, the Turkish International Renewable Energy Congress (TIREC) also hosts an event on geothermal energy. GeoPower will provide an interesting forum for debate as Turkey is about to open its geothermal market.

More information: <http://www2.greenpowerconferences.co.uk>



12th International Conference on Energy Storage, Innostock 2012, Lleida, Spain, 16-18 May 2012.

This event sponsored by the International Energy Agency will cover the topics of Underground Thermal Energy Storage (UTES); Sensible, Latent and Thermochemical thermal energy storage and Electrical Storage.

The organizers have signed a contract with the journal *Applied Energy* (Impact Factor of 2.209) to publish a special issue with the best papers presented during the conference.

Abstracts for the conference should be submitted before **30 September 2011** to the following email address:

papers@innostock2012.org.

Information on the conditions and format for abstract submission can be found at www.innostock2012.org.



Global Geothermal Energy Summit, Reykjavik, Iceland, 12-13 October 2011.

This conference will bring together experts and companies of the geothermal sector with a view to analysing the role of geothermal energy in the global energy production; policy and legal developments with regards to this sector as well as several case study examples.

More information: <http://v11.vuturevx.com>

6. Natural Hazards

Call for application:



Conference on Understanding Extreme Geohazards, Sant Feliu de Guixols, Spain, 27 November - 2 December 2011.

This conference is organised by the European Science Foundation (ESF) in partnership with the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST).

If you wish to participate in this event please submit an online application before 18 September at the following website:

<http://www.esf.org>.

Grants are available for students and early stage researchers to cover the conference fee and possibly part of the travel costs.

7. Geoheritage

Events:

Brazilian Symposium on Geological Heritage, Rio de Janeiro, 14-17 September 2011.

The organizers consider this event as a moment of great importance for defining the course of geological research in the country.

More information: <https://www.metaeventos.net/simposiopatrimoniogeologico/>

3rd Geotourism conference, Sultanate of Oman, 30 October - 2 November 2011.

This conference will allow to earth scientists, tourism practitioners, academics and protected area managers to share knowledge and explore how geotourism can add value to destinations and the visitor experience. Besides the conference a field excursion will be organised featuring the *i-tourguide*, Oman's latest geotourism project, based on GPS interactive software. To encourage international participation, the Oman's Ministry of Tourism has generously offered to host the Conference including complimentary registration, conference dinner and mid conference field excursion.

More information: <http://www.geoparks.it>

We hope you enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter and would be pleased to receive your comments or indications of events relevant to the geological profession in Europe.

Kind regards,
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