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1. EFG News and News from EFG projects

Events:



[Workshop](#) on "Geology at different education levels in Europe" organized by EFG and the Hungarian Geological Society, Budapest, Hungary, 19 May 2011.

The annual Council meeting of the European Federation of Geologists is approaching quickly. It will be held from 21 to 22 May at Budapest and is accompanied by a workshop on the subject of education in the area of geology. Both oral and poster presentations concerning any educational level are expected. The main achievements of the Euro-Ages project (www.euro-ages.eu) will also be presented during the workshop. Furthermore, a fieldtrip to the Balaton Lake and the Bakony-Balaton Geopark will be proposed on 20 May. The area of the catastrophic red sludge spill will also be visited. For more information please contact the coordinator Eva Hartai at foldshe@uni-miskolc.hu.



The European Federation of Geologists has now its own [Facebook](#) page.

We hope that this place will be an opportunity for interactive exchanges with all EFG sympathisants!

2. General News

Events:



Green Week Conference, Resources Efficiency - Using less, living better, Brussels, 24-27 May 2011.

Besides about 40 sessions, this conference will highlight the problem of resource depletion and scarcity, and the challenges and opportunities presented by constraints on resources. The event is open to the public and participation is free of charge.

More information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek>

LIFE Environment Conference, Brussels, 25-26 May 2011.

This conference organised by the European Commission will analyse the contribution of LIFE's Environment Policy and Governance component to environmental protection in the EU, its main achievements, and its potential future contribution, particularly in the context of the next financial perspective 2014-2020.

The LIFE programme is the EU's main financial instrument for the environment.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life>

GeoReg, Forum de la Fédération Française des Géosciences, Villeneuve d'Ascq, 23-27 October 2011.

The GeoReg Forum is devoted to all geosciences and addressed to academic scientists, associations, museums, cultural centres, teachers, etc. The event aims at studying and presenting geosciences from a regional point of view, mostly from the French and neighbouring regions (UK, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain).

The deadline for registration is **31 May 2011**.

More information: <http://geosystemes.univ-lille1.fr>

ITC School, Courses 2011.

The ITC School is a non-profit educational trust, set up 9 years ago to provide training courses in all aspects of underground waste disposal and storage.

For more information on the course programme please visit the website:

<http://www.itc-school.org/> .

3. Geothermal Energy

Events:



REXPO® Central Europe, Budapest, Hungary, 5-7 May 2011.

During this event exhibitors from all over Europe will present the newest developments in the area of geothermics. As official part of the Hungarian EU presidency's programme, the event will serve as the central energy platform for the central and eastern European region. Besides this trade fair and exhibition, the event will also hold the [Second Annual Conference of the RHC-Platform](#) presented by the EGECE and RHC Platform and the [International Geothermal Workshop – Geothermal markets in the Pannonian Basin](#) which will provide information on the projects being developed in the Pannonian Basin and the geothermic energy market in central Europe.

More information: <http://renexpo-budapest.com>

4. Minerals

Events:



European Minerals Day, 13-15 May 2011.

This initiative by the European minerals sector and related organisations gives the opportunity to explore the world of minerals and discover more about an industry that affects every aspect of our lives. This year, special attention will again be given to biodiversity. So far already 133 sites in 18 European countries and 13 in the rest of the world have registered.

More information: <http://www.mineralsday.eu>

2nd Annual Global Mining Technology Forum, Stockholm, Sweden, 24-25 May 2011.

More information: <http://www.fleminggulf.com/energy/europe>



10th International Congress for Applied Mineralogy (ICAM), Trondheim, 1-5 August 2011.

Delegates are invited to submit online a preliminary abstract in English compliant with any of the 10th ICAM themes.

All authors will also be asked to submit a poster accompanying their presentations.

The early-bird registration for this event continues until the **15th of May.**

More information: <http://www.icam2011.org>

5. Education in Geology

Events:

International Conference "The Future of Education", Florence, Italy, 25-26

June 2011.

This conference subsidised by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme has the objective to promote transnational cooperation and good practice in the field of innovation for education.

More information: <http://www.pixel-online.net>

6. Job Opportunities

[Secretary of the International Geoscience Programme, Chief of Global Earth Observation Service](#)

Location: Paris, France

Job Description: As Secretary of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) and Chief of the Global Observation Section in the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences of the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO, assume the overall responsibility to develop and implement UNESCO's international geology, geophysics and earth observation programmes.

The incumbent will develop a strategic vision to reinforce international cooperation in the Earth sciences and develop innovative approaches in strengthening North-South and South-South collaboration and networking in the fields of geoscience and earth observation research, capacity building, education, outreach and policy advise.

Contact: recrutweb@unesco.org

CALL for IAG/AIG GRANTS for the FORMOSE Post-graduate Training School on Costal Hazard Assessment and Management, 19-25 June 2011.

Location: Caen, France

Description: The International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG) offers 1 grant of €300 each to young Geomorphologists (under 35 years) from Europe (except France) willing to take part in the FORMOSE Post-graduate Training School, Caen, France, that is organized by the European Centre on Geomorphological Hazards (CERG - Strasbourg, France) in close collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics (ICoD - Valletta, Malta) and the European Centre on Coastal Risks (CerCo - Biarritz, France). The aim of the course is to provide the participants with updated knowledge on traditional and innovative multi-disciplinary methods and techniques for the analysis of geomorphological coastal instability processes and related hazards and risks. Candidates are requested to submit documents before **10 May 2011**. For details see: <http://www.geomorph.org/mt/training.html>

SEDIBUD Working Group Young Geomorphologists Grant, 5-8 September

2011.

Location: Zakopane, Poland

Description: The International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG) Working Group on Sediment Budgets in Cold Environments (SEDIBUD) offers two grants of €250 each for young geomorphologists (under 35 yrs old) from Scandinavian countries, Canada, and Russia, to attend the scientific meeting of SEDIBUD Working Group Sedimentary fluxes dynamics in the changing mountain and polar environment – monitoring, record and consequences, held in Zakopane in September 2011.

Deadline for applications is **15 May 2011**.

Details about the workshop can be found at: <http://www.geomorph.org/main.html>

MAVA, assured environmental solutions (Belgium) proposes two vacant positions in its soil analysis department

Job Description: The first position ([project collaborator](#)) is mainly open for students in their last year of technical or scientific studies.

The second position ([project manager](#)) is open for a Dutch-French bilingual who already has some years of experience in the soil and environmental sector.

Students that are looking for a summer job and who appreciate working outside can also contact MAVA for a job in their field teams.

More information: <http://www.mava.be>

12 PhD researcher positions - "Changing Hydro-meteorological Risks – as analyzed by a new generation of European scientists"

Job Description: A series of 12 Ph.D positions, financed by the European Community, are available within the European Marie Curie Initial Training Network "CHANGES". The CHANGES network will develop an advanced understanding of how global changes (related to environmental and climate change as well as socio-economical change) will affect the temporal and spatial patterns of hydro-meteorological hazards and associated risks in Europe; how these changes can be assessed, modelled, and incorporated in sustainable risk management strategies, focusing on spatial planning, emergency preparedness and risk communication.

More information: <http://www.earthworks-jobs.com/climate/mariecurie11021.html>

Postdoctoral Fellow Position in Geological CO₂ Storage Geochemistry

Location: University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada)

Job Description: The Applied Geochemistry Group in the Department of Geoscience at the University of Calgary proposes a postdoctoral fellow (PDF) position to conduct innovative research on geochemical aspects related to secure CO₂ storage in geological formations. The research will involve field based geochemical tracing of injected CO₂ coupled with laboratory experiments investigating chemical and isotopic patterns resulting from brine-rock-CO₂ interactions. In addition it is planned to input the obtained geochemical and geophysical information from selected field pilots into reservoir models to advance our ability to describe the extent and the phase distribution of injected CO₂ in the target reservoirs.

Qualifications: Candidates should have experience in aqueous geochemistry pertaining to water-rock interactions. Experience in isotope geochemistry and/or with geochemical or reservoir models is an asset. The ability to work in an interdisciplinary team environment and fluency in English are essential. At the time of appointment, candidates must have completed all requirements for their PhD within the past 3 years preferably in geology, chemistry, geochemistry or a related field.

Contract conditions: Initially one-year term appointment with possibility of renewal for another 1,5 years. Remuneration will vary between \$44,000 and \$50,000 Canadian dollars per annum dependent on experience.

Contact: Applicants should send a CV, description of research interests, and three reference letters to: Maurice Shevalier, Department of Geoscience, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4 or to Maurice@earth.geo.ucalgary.ca. Review of the submissions will start on 1 March 2011 and will continue until the position is filled.

I hope you enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter.

We would be pleased to receive your comments or indications of events relevant to the geological profession in Europe.

Kind regards,
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