

## IUGS-COGE Field Officer Policy

### Introduction

In 2019, the EGU and IUGS began a new initiative to appoint Geoscience Education Field Officers (GEFO) and train them to provide professional development to teachers who have elements of geoscience in their teaching curriculum.

### GEFO role

The major role of the field officers will be to provide professional development through interactive workshops for teachers who have elements of geoscience in their teaching curriculum. GEFO are unpaid, but their training workshop expenses are supported.

### GEFO Responsibilities

- Represent and promote the initiatives of IUGS-COGE amongst geoscience teachers and educators in their country
- Be flexibly available for work.
- Have broad experience in teaching geology and science.
- Respond to new teaching ideas and approaches
- Seek and travel to conferences of teachers of geography, science or primary-age pupils in their country and region to present (in their own language) interactive workshops to the conference participants.
- Work with other GEFO to develop interactive workshops appropriate for the curriculum in their own country.
- Purchase locally all the apparatus and materials needed to support and maintain the workshops (expenses will be reimbursed).
- Collect evaluation data from each workshop presented and to provide simple analyses of the data.
- Provide a brief annual report on their activities.
- Be willing to attend an expenses-paid bi-annual meeting and take part in the training of newly appointed GEFO (upon approval of annual budget approved)

### COGE Responsibilities

COGE will provide an advance payment for supporting GEFO activities at the beginning of the year and the remainder upon receiving receipts.

### Budget

IUGS-COGE is funded annually by IUGS. The budget includes a component for the support of GEFO training and activities. Depending on the success and achievements of the program, the amount will vary from year to year.

The items requested are:

- Workshop kits for - apparatus and workshop materials purchased locally
- Travel and accommodation to workshop venues
- Refreshment to be served to the Workshop - resource persons and teacher participants during the Workshop