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EFG Workshop on the 33rd IGC 2008

9 August 2008, 14:00 – 19:00

Room Buskerud

ISSUES FOR GEOLOGISTS IN 21ST CENTURY - MITIGATION OF MAN'S INFLUENCE AND SERVING SOCIETY'S NEEDS

Aim of the meeting:

The impact of society on the environment increases every year. As a result the influence of man on his environment, and the environment on man, becomes more intimate. One consequence is that conflict over use or priority and hazards appear more frequently. The demands that man puts upon our world are increasing rapidly and yet society also demands that the cost of this is minimised. Geologists have a major role to play in satisfying society's demands, whether this is in understanding and mitigating climate change, in the finding and sustainable use of natural resources or mitigating anthropogenic and controlling hazards. The session will discuss what the geological profession can do in the service of society, by raising awareness of the issues, and encouraging regulators to incorporate appropriate actions in regulations relating to mans use of the subsurface. We envisage that contributions could include awareness of natural hazards, mitigation of climate change (CO₂ sequestration, geothermal energy), and maintenance of sustainable resources.



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Workshop Agenda

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Chairman: Manuel Regueiro, EFG President

14:00	<i>Geology for the citizens of Europe.</i> EurGeol Mr. Manuel Regueiro, EFG President
14:30	<i>The importance of professional titles: an update.</i> Mr Dirk de Coster, EFG Vice President
15:00	<i>EFG advice to European Institutions: EFG Panels of Experts documents.</i> EurGeol Dr. Isabel Fernandez, EFG Office Director
15:30	Coffee break
16:00	<i>Mineral Resources in Modern World: is there enough geological information for secure supply?</i> Dr. Slavko V. Šolar, Geological Survey of Slovenia, Slovenia and Mrs. Deborah Shields, Department of Economics, Colorado State University, USA
16:30	<i>Role of the early hydrogeology investigations in providing water supply on Ljubljana Field Aquifer.</i> Mrs. Branka Bračič Železnik, Public Water Supply Company, Ljubljana, Slovenia
18:00	<i>A World Federation of Professional Geologists: Why the world needs one.</i> EFG Board
18:30	<i>Questions and discussion</i>