

International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The IAGOD general assembly was held on Friday, August 25, 2023 at the historic Fountains Abbey in London, United Kingdom. The general assembly was attended by 15 members in person and 7 online, and included the appointment of a new executive council and wider council with past president, vice presidents, and regional councillors.

The following prestigious IAGOD awards have been granted at the General Assembly:

- IAGOD Honorary Life Member: **Prof. Richard Kyle**, University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA;
- IAGOD Distinguished Travelling Lecturer 2024–27:
 Prof. Huayong Chen, Editor-in-Chief of Ore Geology Reviews;
- Kutina-Smirnov Medal: Dr. Richard Sillitoe (London, UK);
 Prof. Reimar Seltmann (NHM London, UK).

The society activities included sponsorship of the 16th Biennial SGA Meeting in Rotorua, New Zealand (March 2022); a short course in Geology and Mineral Deposits of Central Asia at Satbayev University in Almaty, Kazakhstan (November 2022); sponsorship of the 14th International Platinum Symposium in Cardiff, Wales (June 2023); and the establishment of a general secretariat at the China University of Geosciences in Beijing, China.

A particular highlight has been the co-sponsorship of the very successful Ore Deposits Hub (https://oredepositshub.com/). This popular initiative by early career researchers offers open-access seminars on the geology of ore deposits and has attracted significant global interest. This proved particularly timely for community building during the COVID-19 period.

The IAGOD general assembly elected a new council for 2024–2028 that will take office from January 2024. The Executive Committee will be led by Dr. Tania Martins (president), Dr. Wei Jian (secretary general), Dr. Alla Dolgopolova (chief treasurer and membership secretary), Prof. David Lentz (promotion manager), and Prof. Jens Andersen (publication manager and webmaster).

OPEN ACCESS APC WAIVERS FOR ORE GEOLOGY REVIEWS

The society's flagship journal, *Ore Geology Reviews* (published by Elsevier), changed to open access in 2023. As part of this change, IAGOD has secured a number of annual waivers for article publication charges for members in good standing. These waivers will be distributed with particular focus on members from economically disadvantaged countries.

IAGOD AT SEG 2023, LONDON

IAGOD was well represented at the 2023 conference of the Society of Economic Geologists (SEG) in London, United Kingdom, where committee members delivered four presentations and were involved in the organisation of a workshop and residential field trip to Southwest England.

With the colourful display of past *Elements* issues, *Ore Geology Reviews*, and flyers for the 16th Quadrennial IAGOD symposium, the IAGOD booth attracted great interest among the 900 conference participants. The booth was staffed by members of the Executive and General Council, as well as leaders of national groups from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, China, and Mongolia. The booth was a unique opportunity to promote the activities of the association and to attract new membership.



FIGURE 1

IAGOD booth at the SEG2023 London.



FIGURE 2 Incoming IAGOD president, Dr. Tania Martins.

EVENTS

May 23–24, 2024, 10th International Geosciences Conference of Young Researchers, Kyiv, Ukraine. IAGOD is pleased to sponsor the 10th International Geosciences Conference of Young Researchers. The conference theme is "Ideas and Innovations in Earth Sciences" and aims to bring together young researchers (PhD students, post-docs, and early career researchers). The conference will be online, and registration is free. For information and registration information, please visit https://gc.igs-nas.org.ua.

August 25–31, 2024, 37th International Geological Congress (IGC). Busan, Republic of Korea. As an affiliated institution, IAGOD sponsors session T12 – Resource Geology and Economic Geology. For information, please visit https://www.igc2024korea.org/.

August 30 to September 2, 2026, 16th Quadrennial IAGOD Symposium, Porto, Portugal. The quadrennial symposium will be co-hosted by the University of Porto and welcomes suggestions for thematic sessions, workshops, and offers of field trips. See https://iagod.org/.

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