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Dear AIG Members,

As most of you are aware, the 34th International Geological Congress (IGC) will be held in Brisbane in August 2012. The Australian Geoscience Council Incorporated (AGC) is the body responsible for organising the IGC and the AIG is a member of the AGC. I am on the IGC organising committee representing the AIG.

The conference will be the largest geological event to be held in Australia for a long time. Potentially more than 5,000 delegates will attend and contribute to a diverse scientific program, with oral and poster presentations, field trips, workshops and an exhibition (www.34igc.org). The scientific program is scheduled to run for 5 days and will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Organisation of this event has now moved into full swing and AIG is calling for volunteers to assist in a range of functions, specifically Scientific Program convenors, Field Trip convenors, Workshop convenors, IGC sub-committee members and anyone who can provide general assistance. Please direct your expression of interest with your specific interest to:

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More details on specific AIG need are outlined below.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The IGC will have approximately 30 Themes covering every aspect of the geosciences. The First Circular will be issued in September this year and will provide a DRAFT list of Themes. The current Draft list of Themes is presented below (some of these will be changing based on recent discussions):

- 1) Geostandards
- 2) Geoscience Information Supersession
- 3) Energy in a Carbon Constrained World
- 4) Global Climate Science
- 5) Mineral Exploration
- 6) Mineral Deposits and Ore Forming Processes
- 7) Mineral Resources and Mining
- 8) Carbon-based Fuels
- 9) Earth Systems Science
- 10) Lithosphere Formation and Evolution
- 11) Early Earth
- 12) Geochronology and Isotope Geology
- 13) Planetary Sciences
- 14) Igneous Rocks and Processes
- 15) Metamorphic Rocks and Processes
- 16) Basins Formation Sedimentary Processes

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- 17) Evolution of the Biosphere
- 18) Marine geoscience/Oceanography
- 19) Biogeoscience
- 20) Groundwater
- 21) Soils, Regolith and Landform Evolution
- 22) Antarctic and Arctic Geoscience
- 23) Geohazards
- 24) Satellite and Airborne Remote Sensing
- 25) Engineering Geology and Geomechanics
- 26) History of the Geosciences
- 27) Geology and Society
- 28) Geological Education and Geoethics
- 29) Geosciences in Museums

Each Theme needs an Australian convenor and an International co-convenor. While many Themes already have Australian convenors, some do not. If you have a strong desire to be a Theme convenor, please let me know as soon as possible.

Each Theme will consist of between 3 to 15 Symposia that represent sub-topics of the Theme. A Symposium could encompass anything from a single conference session to three or more days (equivalent to a stand-alone conference), depending on the popularity and breadth of the Symposium. Each Symposium needs a convenor who is responsible (with others) for its organisation. The AIG has currently suggested the following Symposia:

- Industrial Minerals (Convenor - John Siemon) – potentially 2-3 days
- Metallogeny of the Tasmanides (Convenor - Doug Young) – potentially 2-3 days
- An Exploration topic yet to be decided
- A Mining Geology topic yet to be decided, co-hosted with AusIMM
- A JORC related topic yet to be decided, co-hosted with AusIMM
- A Hydrogeology topic yet to be decided, co-hosted with IAH
- An Ethics, Education or Professionalism topic yet to be decided, possibly co-hosted with others

It is not too late to add specific suggestions for Symposia and as you can see from the list above, there are a number of topics needing further thought and convenors. If you have any suggestions for Symposia or are interested in being a Symposium convenor, please contact me as soon as possible.

FIELD TRIPS

A DRAFT list of conference Field Trips has been assembled and should be on the IGC web site very soon. There will be pre and post conference tours as well as a number of one day local Field Trips, scheduled during the congress. Field Trips are scheduled for all Australian states as well as international Oceania destinations.

Each Field Trip needs a convenor and while many already have convenors, some do not. Additionally, it is not too late to suggest a Field Trip. Once the DRAFT list of

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Field Trips has been posted on the IGC web site, please provide any nominations to assist, feedback, or further suggestions to me.

WORKSHOPS

The IGC will also host workshops as follows:

- Professional fee based workshops
- Subsidised GEOHOST workshops for delegates from developing countries.

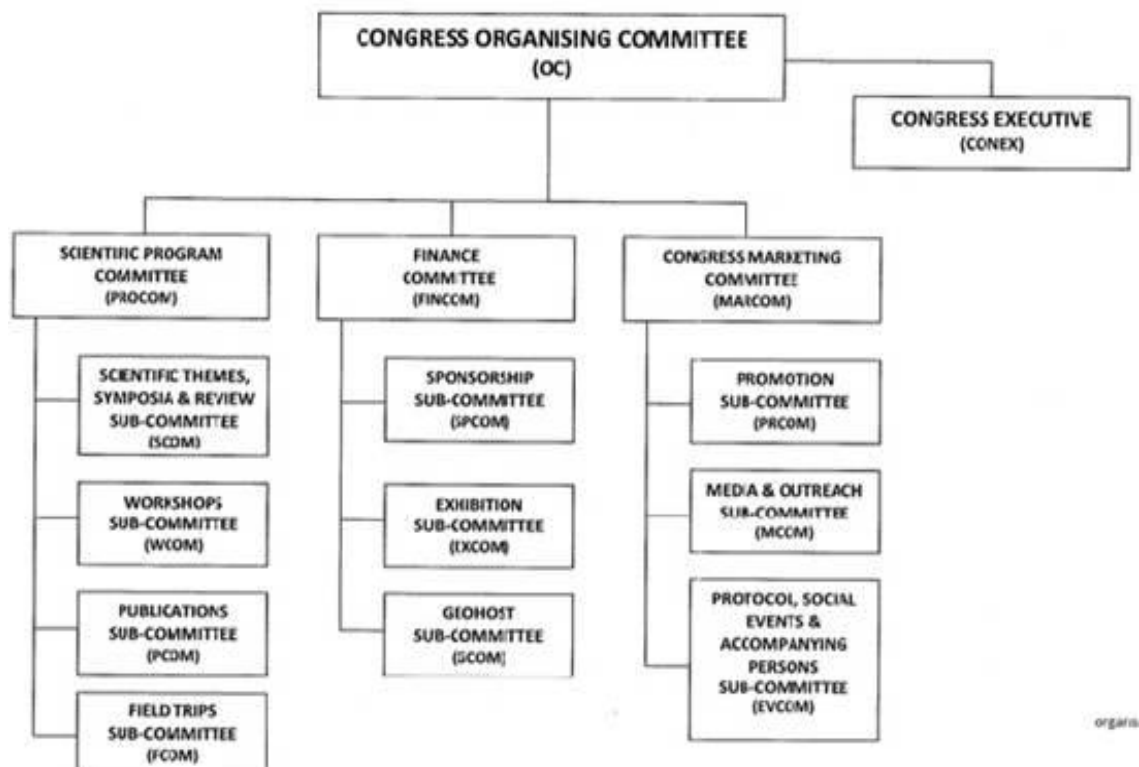
I am currently chairing the sub-committee organising the fee-based workshops and am happy if someone wants to take this over from me. We haven't kicked this sub-committee off yet, but need to get it moving soon, with a call for Expressions of Interest on the IGC web site.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The IGC organising committee structure consists of 14 committees/sub-committees – refer to the diagram below. I am currently on 5 committees – OC, PROCOM, FINCOM, WCOM (chair) and FCOM.

We need additional AIG representatives on any of the committees, but particularly the 10 sub-committees sitting under the three main committees. If you are interested in being on ANY committee or sub-committee, please let me know.

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The 34th IGC will definitely be a major event for the Australian geosciences, but we do need plenty of help to ensure it is a SUCCESSFUL major event.

Thanks,

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