INTEPOL
IUGS-IFG Chair (Dr Laurance Donnelly), with support from Ricardo Moraes (IUGS-IFG Illegal Mining Adviser), was invited to INTERPOL’s headquarters, in Lyon, France to discuss crimes associated with illegal mining, and the minerals and metals industries and the role of forensic geology.

European Commission, Critical Raw Materials Week, 13-17 November 2023, Brussels, Belgium
IUGS-IFG Chair, (Dr Laurance Donnelly) co-organised a workshop at the European Commission, Critical Raw Materials Week, on 14 November 2023, in Brussels, Belgium, in conjunction with the International Raw Materials Observatory (Intraw) and European Federation of Geologists (EFG). This workshop focused on, ‘Responsible Sourcing and Traceability of Critical Raw Materials (CRM)’. The IUGS-IFG presentations provided an overview of how geologists, working together with international law enforcement, have an increasing role to help detect and deter crimes such as falsified documents of origin, theft, extortion, fakery, substitution, adulteration, and other fraud. He also presented on methods for provenance determination (predictive geolocation) and traceability are also presented to verify that such critical raw materials are responsibly sourced. Presentations were also provided by the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), Mine Spider, AfricaMaVal, America Geosciences Institute (AGI) and International peace Information Service (IPS).

Workshop: Responsible Sourcing and Traceability of CRM - 14 November 2023 - Intraw.

Preliminary Collaboration with OCED
IUGS-IFG initiated preliminary discussions with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) regarding collaboration in illegal mining and conflict minerals.

https://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/mne/oecdstandardstakenupinfightagainstconflictminerals.htm

23rd Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS), 20-24 November 2023
The 23rd triennial meeting of the IAFS will be held at the International Convention Centre in Sydney, Australia, 20-24 November 2023. Many of the world’s leading investigators in the field of forensic science participated to inspire over 1,500 attendees from across the world.


Brazilian Air Force and Information on Mining Crime
The Brazilian Air Force (FAB) is reported to has reported to hold information on illegal flights associated with illegal gold mining and other crimes, but not shared with the Federal Police and Federal Public Ministry.


Forensic Geology in Germany
IUGS-IFG was invited to Kiel University, Germany, to provide an introductory presentation on forensic geology and to initiate forensic geology in Germany, including crime scene examination, geological trace evidence, ground searches for burials, and mining, minerals and metals crime.

ASTM International and Forensic Geology
A standard by ASTM, on forensic geology, provides information on the solving of crime using geological materials. Further information can be accessed on the link below called, ‘It’s Sedimentary: How Forensic Geology is Helping to Break the Case.’