Forensic Geology and Forensic Archaeology
On 13 February, Dr Laurance Donnelly (Chair, IUGS-IFG) was invited to University of Bradford, School of Archaeological and Forensic Sciences (SAFS), UK, to deliver a presentation on forensic geology including crime scene examination, geological trace evidence, searches for burials, and geological methods for the mitigation of crimes in the mining, minerals and metals industries.

Mining Security Working Group (MSWG), Toronto, Ontario Canada
On 28 February to 1 March 2024, MSWG holds its annual meeting at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Dr Laurance Donnelly (IUGS-IFG) has been invited to present on mineral provenance determination (predictive geolocation) and traceability in international minerals commodities supply chains. MSWG was established, ‘for subject matter experts and security practitioners within the extractive industry to collaborate and share insights and learnings of ongoing challenges, technological advances, loss learnings, and further the goals of industry initiatives such as the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights and UN Declaration of Human Rights.’
https://mswg.ca/
https://im-mining.com/2019/03/15/mwsrg-issues-advice-security-management-planning-mine-sites/

Body Found in New Zealand
With the help of the Geoforensic Search Strategy a body was discovered in New Zealand, believed to be that of a missing teenager, aged 19, who went missing in Auckland, on 24 April 2023. Two men have been charged with his murder.
https://news.mn/en/786096/

IUGS-IFG Leading on Forensic Palaeontology
On 8 February 2024, IUGS-IFG held the first virtual international meeting aimed at collaboration for the forensic geological investigation of fossil crimes. This was attended by IUGS-IFG committee members (Dr Fabio Salvador, Prof Federico Fantin, Dr Rosa Maria Di Maggio, Dr Laurance Donnelly, Prof Duncan Pirrie) and the Brazilian Federal Police. The purpose was to apply geology to investigate fossil crime and fraud, with a focus on Brazil and South Gobi, Mongolia. The findings will be published as part of the IUGS-IFG ‘Special Project’ on mining and minerals crime.

Forensic Science Publication
We are pleased to announce the publication of the following issue of, ‘Forensic Sciences’. This contains an article by Dr Pier Matteo Barone (IUGS-IFG Crime Scene Advisor) and Dr Rosa Maria Di Maggio (IUGS-IFG Officer for Europe) on, ‘Exploring the Growing Importance of Forensic Geoarchaeology in Italy’
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