



International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), Initiative on Forensic Geology (IFG) Monthly Update and Information for IUGS E-Bulletin, September 2024

Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime (CIDOEC), Jesus College, University of Cambridge, 1-8 September 2024

IUGS-IFG held a Plenary Workshop at the 41st International Symposium on Economic Crime on, 'Due Diligence of Gold; Challenges and Solution is the Global Supply Chain'. This was co-organised by Dr Laurance Donnelly (IUGS-IFG Chair) and Dr Shima Keene (former Head of OIC/IMS Threat Leadership Command, National Crime Agency, Director, Conflict Studies Research Centre and Special Advisor, Ministry of Defence, UK). IUGS-IFG was also supported by Prof Duncan Pirrie (IUGS-IFG Secretary), Mr Ricardo Cordeiro Vitoria de Moraes (IUGS-IFG Illegal Mining Adviser) and Dr Fábio Augusto Da Silva Salvador (IUGS-IFG Co-officer for Latin America). The workshop was also in collaboration with the Vice President and Federal Reserve Bank, New York and other consultants and collaborators from anti-money laundering, financial crime, bribery and sanctions compliance. The aim of the event was to draw attention to gold traceability, the Clean Gold Programme and opportunities for collaboration with the financial sector to mitigate illegal gold trading crimes.

<https://www.crimesymposium.org/>

IUGS-IFG, Rome, Italy, 21-23 May, 2025

The web site for the IUGS-IFG 15 years celebratory, event is now active here <https://www.iugs-ifg2025.com> The event will be held from 21-23 May, 2025, in Rome and it will comprise two days of traditional meeting and one day on-site with field training. If you are interested to submit a 250 words abstract, please send it to submission@iugs-ifg2025.com before April 14 April 2025. Registration is open until 11 May 2025

Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/iugs-initiative-on-forensic-geology-ifg-2025-conference-registration-965904565557>

Venue: https://italy.representation.ec.europa.eu/chi-siamo/spazio-europa_en

Practical session, National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV): <https://www.ingv.it/>

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Front page of the IUGS-IFG website for the 15 years celebratory, event in Rome, Italy, 21-23 May 2025.

IUGS-IFG Website

The IUGS-IFG web site address is given below. Other former addresses are no longer operational.

<https://forensicgeologyinternational.com/>

Mining Weekly: Illegal Gold from Brazil reported in Italy and Germany

According to the Mining Weekly website below, imports of gold into Italy and Germany are from illegal mining areas in the Brazilian Amazon.

<https://www.miningweekly.com/article/germany-italy-import-legally-dubious-brazilian-gold-study-shows-2024-08-14>

Forensic Geoscience, Texas, 27 August 2024

The International Meeting for Applied Geoscience & Energy held a meeting on forensic geology, on 27 August 2024, at the George R. Brown Convention Centre, in Houston, Texas, USA.

<https://www.imageevent.org/special-sessions/panel-session/forensic-geosciences>

Illegal Sand Mining Mitigation: Sand Mining Watch

New research and open-source tools are being developed to address the growing global problem of illegal sand mining, including high-resolution, real-time maps of sand mining activity in river basins across the world.

<https://vcresearch.berkeley.edu/news/new-research-aims-curb-illegal-sand-mining-data-driven-mapping-tools>

<https://www.globalpolicy.science/sand-mining-watch>

INTERPOL Mining Crime

In September 2024, Dr Laurance Donnelly (IUGS-IFG Chair) made a further visit to INTERPOL's headquarters in France to provide forensic geology support for illegal mining crime.