



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

### Dark Heritage Prospecction

The IUGS-IFG Chair, Dr Laurance Donnelly, is collaborating with forensic archaeologists and forensic geophysicists at the University of Bradford, Department of Archaeology and Forensic Sciences, to develop and advance 'Dark Heritage Prospecction'. This combines archaeological prospection and geoforensic search to reveal and preserve objects, features, sites and landscapes that might otherwise be forgotten with regards to the heritage of humanity. Examples include the searches at and imaging of the Nazi Treblinka Death Camp in Poland, and builds upon forensic geology that was initiated, with the support of IUGS-IFG, at the University of Warsaw, in 2020.



Geophysical searches taking place to delineate the infrastructure and graves of the Nazi, Treblinka Death Camp, in Poland (source: Dr Michael Pisz, the University of Bradford, Department of Archaeology and Forensic Sciences).

### IUGS-IFG 15 Years Anniversary Conference, Rome, Italy, 21-23 May 2025: Request for Photographs and Videos

IUGS-IFG is compiling photographs and videos that show IUGS-IFG events and activities since its inauguration in 2011, and the establishment of the first IUGS-IFG working group on forensic geology in 2009. Your photographs and videos could be included to produce an informative record, capturing the historic milestones and memories from IUGS-IFGs amazing journey so far. Please upload your photographs and videos to the shared folder at your convenience using the link:

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### Awards for Prof Lorna Dawson

Prof Lorna Dawson was awarded an honorary fellowship of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society from Deputy Chief Executive, RSGS, Clare Hamilton, at Dundee University, Scotland (left). Prof Lorna Dawson was also awarded the PROTEOMASS Scientific Society Career Award, at the PROTEOMASS 2024 international conference, Lisbon, Portugal (right) (Photos: Lorna Dawson).

### IUGS-IFG Annual Report, 2024

Contributions for the IUGS-IFG Annual Report should be sent to Dr Laurance Donnelly no later than Monday 6 January 2025.

