



IAPG - INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING GEOETHICS: LET'S TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION

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EOS4 "Geoethics: ethical, social and cultural implications of geoscience knowledge, education, communication, research and practice"



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Abstract

The International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG: <http://www.geoethics.org>) is an international, multidisciplinary and scientific platform for addressing ethical problems, dilemmas and solutions in Earth Sciences, promoting geoethical themes through scientific publications and conferences, strengthening the research base on geoethics, and focusing on case-studies as models for the development of effective and operative strategies.

It was founded in August 2012 to unite global geoscientists to raise the awareness of the scientific community regarding the importance of the ethical, social and cultural implications of geoscience research, education, and practice.

The network continues to grow with more than 1890 members in 124 countries, including 28 national sections. The results achieved are recognized by numerous international organizations, through affiliations, agreements of cooperation and partnerships.

Numerous publications, both books and articles, have been produced and promoted by IAPG to strengthen geoethics from a scientific point of view and establish a firm conceptual substratum. Several initiatives (sessions in congresses, participation in research projects, Geoethics Medal, Geoethics Day) encourage a wide participation of the scientific community in the discussion on geoethical topics. Documents (White Paper on Responsible Mining, the Cape Town Statement on Geoethics, the Geoethical Promise) were released to support the geoscience community in its path towards a more responsible practice of geosciences. Tools and products (courses, videos, interviews, webinars) have been delivered to guide and train geoscientists, as well as raise their ethical and social awareness.

What is Geoethics

Geoethics is the research and reflection on those values which underpin appropriate behaviours and practices, wherever human activities interact with the geosphere.

Geoethics deals with the ethical, social and cultural implications of Earth Sciences education, research and practice, and with the social role and responsibility of geoscientists in conducting their activities.



What is IAPG

The IAPG is a multidisciplinary, scientific platform for widening the discussion and creating consciousness about problems of Ethics as applied to the Geosciences. The IAPG is a non-governmental, non-political, non-party institution, free from racial, gender, religious or national prejudices

The IAPG is legally recognized as a not-for-profit association, has more than 1890 members in 124 countries in 5 continents, and can count on a network of 28 national sections

The IAPG Vision



Geoscientists more aware of the ethical and social implications of their activities, solutions, and decisions will be better able to transfer not only best practices but also best values to society and to contribute to create a knowledgeable society and a sustainable development for future generations.

The IAPG Mission



Promote geoethics values and principles through international cooperation; foster the dissemination of geoethics; increase the research base on geoethics; identify methods for its more effective application; reflect on the role that geoscientists can have in society; raise awareness about geoscientist's responsibility.

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IAPG headquarter, c/o INGV, Rome, Italy

IAPG Main Bodies

**Executive
Council**

**General
Assembly**

The 4 Levels of Geoethics



Mogk et al. (2015). *Teaching Geoethics Across the Geoscience Curriculum*. Geophysical Research Abstracts, Vol. 17, EGU2015-7464.

The IAPG Strategy



