

IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics: let's take stock of the situation

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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 1800 members in 123 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.

But, what more can be done?

This presentation provides not only an update on the results achieved by the IAPG in recent years, but also provides an overview of some future initiatives whose aim is to increase the impact on the geoscience community and society.