



## **New advances on geoethics: the activities of the IAPG - International Association for Promoting Geoethics**

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The International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG: <http://www.geoethics.org>) was founded in August 2012 with the aim to raise the awareness of the scientific community regarding the importance of the ethical, social and cultural implications of geoscience research, education, and practice.

It has been conceived as 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.

Currently more than 2100 geoscientists (belonging to 125 countries) are involved in its activities all over the world. IAPG network includes also 30 national sections, working to develop geoethics by focusing on local specific issues of each country.

Many international organizations recognize, appreciate and support results achieved by the association, 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, task groups) encourage a wide participation of the scientific community in the discussion on geoethical topics. Some documents (such as the White Paper on Responsible Mining, the Cape Town Statement on Geoethics, the Geoethical Promise) have been 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 to raise their ethical and social awareness.

This presentation provides an update on results and advances achieved by the IAPG in recent years and an overview of some future initiatives whose aim is to increase the impact of geoethics on the geoscience community and society.