

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**European Federation of Geologists**

**and**

**the International Association of Mathematical Geosciences**

## **Between:**

**EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF GEOLOGISTS AISBL (“EFG”)**, an international not-for-profit association incorporated in Belgium and having its registered office at Rue Jenner 13, 1000 Brussels, Belgium and registered with the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number (RPM, Brussels) 0687.495.220, hereby represented by its President, David Govoni.

**The International Association of Mathematical Geosciences (“IAMG”)**, an international not-for-profit association incorporated in the state of Kansas, United States of America with its registered office at 4601 E Douglas Ave STE 150, Wichita KS 67218-1032 hereby represented by its President, Raimon Tolosana Delgado.

## **1- The Parties**

The **European Federation of Geologists (EFG)** is a not-for-profit organisation currently representing 27 professional geoscience societies and associations across the continent. Its primary role is to safeguard and promote the interests of the geological profession, advocate for the best technical, scientific and ethical practice in its application of the sustainable and responsible use of the Earth’s resources. It does this through participation in EU-funded research projects, international networks and events, licencing of individual geologists and a wide range of outreach activities.

The **International Association of Mathematical Geosciences (“IAMG”)** aims to promote international cooperation in the application and use of mathematics in geological research and technology. The activities of the IAMG include: the organization of meetings, field excursions, and visits to centres of research and technology; publications on the application of mathematics in the geological sciences and co-operation with other organizations professionally concerned with the application of mathematics and statistics to the biological sciences, earth sciences, engineering, environmental sciences, and planetary sciences.

The Parties wish to lay down the requirements for establishing a co-operative endeavour between them in this memorandum of understanding (the “**MoU**”).

## **2- Purpose**

Given the aligned objectives of the Parties and the shared benefits that could result from them for their respective members, EFG and IAMG agree that it is in their mutual interest to

collaborate in promoting shared professional values, broaden the awareness of each Party's mission, vision, and values, and, whenever possible, unite to work toward common goals for the betterment of the profession.

Consequently, they will aim to support each other through the following areas of activity:

- Examining the possibilities for co-ordination between their respective member services, e.g. in skills development, professional recognition, event organisation, publications, and other relevant areas.
- Sharing resources and knowledge that would enhance the value of their membership and/or provide a common benefit to members.
- Scoping project opportunities which could form the basis for joint proposals for external funding or other types of support.
- Keeping each other informed about events that could be of interest to each Party's membership.
- Discussion of a common strategic approach to gain greater impact for geoscience and mathematical geosciences at a global level.
- Co-operation between our respective expert panels to increase the combined engagement and influence with external stakeholders.
- Exploring opportunities for synergies in activities of common interest (e.g., communication and outreach, international cooperation and event promotion)
- Support each Party's branding and highlight the existence of this Agreement by providing a link in an appropriate part of each party's website.

In terms of event organisation, the Parties agree that:

- Each Party will provide one complimentary registration to its annual conference or meeting for an elected officer, Executive Director, or equal substitute from the other Party.
- The Parties will provide booth space free of charge (as available) at its annual conference or meeting to the other Party subject to the applicable terms and policies of the Party's conference or meeting.
- Each Party will consider joint programming at any relevant international events that could allow both Parties to benefit.

Momentum for these areas of collaboration will be maintained through a regular quarterly meeting between the IAMG and EFG Presidents, either in person or online. Other representatives could be assigned as replacements when useful for expertise or availability.

### **3- Liability**

The Parties shall not be liable to one another in respect of this MoU, except when liability is caused by fraud or gross misconduct by either Parties or one of its employees, officers or board members.

Each Party shall treat as confidential all information provided by a Party to the other Party regarding such Party's business and operations. All confidential information provided by a Party

may be used by the other Party solely for the purposes of this MoU and, except as may be required in carrying out the terms of this MoU, shall not be disclosed to any third Party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

Each Party represents and warrants that: (a) it is duly organised, validly existing, and in good standing as a corporation or other entity as represented herein under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization; (b) it has the full right, power, and authority to enter into this MoU and to perform its obligations hereunder; and (c) the execution of this MoU by its representative whose signature is set forth at the end hereof and has been duly authorized by all necessary organizational actions.

The Parties indemnify each other from suits, actions, damages, liability and expense in connection with the execution of this MoU, to the extent these would be caused by fraud or gross misconduct by that Party or one of its employees, officers or board members.

Both parties recognize the fundamental importance of ethical, environmental, and human rights standards in the practice of geoscience. The collaboration will be consistent with the EFG Code of Ethics and the IAMG Code of Ethics (if applicable), which incorporate these values.

#### **4 - Operation**

This MoU will be effective upon signature of both Parties and shall remain in effect for three years, after which a review will be conducted by both Parties. After each year, the respective Executive Boards of the Parties will assess the progress made in the collaboration.

This MoU may be terminated by either Party provided a minimum 90-day notice is given by one Party to the other of their intent to terminate this MoU. Notice of termination shall be done in writing and be signed by appropriate representatives of the terminating Party. Upon the expiration or termination of this MoU for any reason, all confidential information shall be returned or destroyed.

#### **5 - Implementation and non-binding nature**

- (1) The Parties agree to undertake their best efforts to collaborate in accordance with the provisions of this MoU. The Parties agree to maintain a close working relationship in order to achieve the objectives of collaboration under the present MoU.
- (2) In no event shall this MoU operate to create financial or administrative or legal obligations on the part of either Party, nor does it prevent the Parties from pursuing the objectives set forth in this MoU on their own or with other third parties.
- (3) No contract of agency, commercial or otherwise, no partnership and no joint venture are intended to be created by this MoU.

## 6 – Dispute settlement

The Parties agree to discuss and resolve any dispute that may arise from the implementation of this MoU amongst themselves and attempt to reach resolution. If a dispute cannot be resolved between the EFG and IAMG Executive Directors, the subject of disagreement will be recorded in writing by each Party and presented to their respective Executive Board or equivalent for consideration and settlement.

This MoU becomes effective on the latter signature date of the parties involved.

Signed

Raimon Tolosana-Delgado  
President  
International Association of  
Mathematical Geosciences

Executed on behalf of the  
International Association of  
Mathematical Geosciences

on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2025

Signed

David Govoni  
President  
European Federation of  
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Executed on behalf of the  
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on the <sup>23<sup>rd</sup></sup> day of July 2025