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## AGI Welcomes International Medical Geology Association

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to welcome its 49<sup>th</sup> Member Society, the International Medical Geology Association (IMGA).

IMGA was established in 2006. Since that time, its nearly 500 members represent 73 countries. This multi-national organization facilitates interactions between geoscientists and biomedical and public health researchers to address human and animal health problems created by geologic materials and processes.

Dr. P. Patrick Leahy, AGI Executive Director, says of IMGA's addition to the AGI federation, "IMGA is an association that truly matches with AGI's mission to increase the awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society. Human health directly relates to the earth sciences, be it access to safe drinking water, or geo-engineering to live safely in an area of high earthquake risk. IMGA assures that the quality application and knowledge of the geosciences protect society."

To learn more about IMGA please visit their website at <http://www.medicalgeology.org/index.htm>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 49 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

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