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Dear Prof. De Weber,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Executive Committee of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) has approved your proposal to establish a new IUGS Task Group on Geoheritage.

As you probably know one IUGS Affiliate Organization, the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGEO), is also working to promote the protection of Europe's typical and important landscapes, as well as its many-faceted inheritance of geological phenomena. The IUGS EC therefore expects that the new IUGS TG on Geoheritage will be able to interact with ProGEO positively, complementing each other and avoiding duplications of efforts.

The IUGS EC also expects the new Task Group on Geoheritage to interact positively with other initiatives in which the IUGS has been working or participating, such as the Global Geoparks Network, the European Geoparks Networks and the IUGS Beijing Geoheritage Office.

The IUGS also wishes to inform you that it has been actively working in order to improve interaction with all Adhering and Affiliate Members, as well as with all other bodies and organizations working, inside and outside our Union, in order to address as efficiently as possible all earth science issues of relevance to society. Thus, we expect that the Task Group on Geoheritage will develop an active and creative work to promote those goals and enrich the international geological community.

Please feel free to contact us with regard to any initiative you could have in relation to this or other matters of significance for the world geological sciences.

IUGS is pleased to extend its congratulations to the new Task Group on Geoheritage and its officers.

With our best wishes to you and all members of the Task Group on Geoheritage.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Alberto C. Riccardi  
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