



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

### **International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG)**

**and**

### **The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory (APRL)**

#### **1. Aim**

The aim of the MoU is to cooperate on developing empirical and/or theoretical research in the areas of geoethics and bioethics, and to coordinate activities aimed at promoting the discussion on the ethical, social and cultural implications of geosciences and biosciences.

#### **2. Parties**

- (A) **IAPG** is a multidisciplinary, scientific association for widening the debate on problems of Ethics applied to the Geosciences, with a worldwide membership providing a global network of more than 2200 members in 125 countries on 5 continents. The IAPG is legally recognized as a non-profit scientific association, has its Head Office c/o the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia in Rome (Italy), and its network can count on 30 national sections. The IAPG is an affiliated organization of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), an International Associate Organization of the American Geosciences Institute (AGI), an Associate Society of the Geological Society of America (GSA), an Associate Society of the Geological Society of London (GSL), an Observer Organization of the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences (CFES), a member organisation of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (ICPHS). Moreover, the IAPG has agreements of collaboration with EuroGeoSurveys (EGS), European Federation of Geologists (EFG), International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG), International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG), Berufsverband Deutscher Geowissenschaftler e.V. (BDG), International Geoscience Education Organisation (IGEO), International Network of Young and Early-Career Geoscientists (YES Network), Geoscientists Canada (GC), African Association of Women in Geosciences (AAWG), Initiative on Forensic Geology (IUGS-IFG), etc.



(B) The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory (henceforth **NKUA-APRL**) was established in 1999 as an autonomous unit attached to the Department of Philosophy of the University of Athens. The initial purpose of the Lab's establishment was to facilitate research in the area of applied philosophy and provide teaching support to students and faculty members in both graduate and post-graduate level of studies. The Lab is also committed to conduct empirical and/or theoretical research in all areas of philosophy, with particular focus on Ethics, Metaethics and Applied Ethics. To this purpose the Lab seeks to foster collaborations with other Laboratories, Research Centers or Units, as well as with international organizations and societies. The Lab seeks to further and convey knowledge on areas of philosophical research by means of hosting post-graduate programs of study, publishing works of original philosophical research as well as journals, and organizing conferences.

### 3. Terms

The MoU expresses a mutual desire to cooperate on a range of themes in the field of Geoethics, Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Geosciences, and Sustainable Development. It helps to assure a continued IAPG – NKUA-APRL cooperation and coordination on issues of common interests, in particular, the following:

- theoretical aspects of geoethics;
- analyses of geoethical and environmental problems and dilemmas, also through case-studies;
- relationships between bioethics and geoethics;
- co-organization of scientific events;
- production of relevant publications.
- extend mutual invitations for academic purposes.

Both organizations will establish a liaison to ensure good information flow and cooperation.

Moreover, IAPG shall:

- 1) promote NKUA-APRL initiatives and events on themes of common interest through its webpages, social networks, and publications;
- 2) foster cooperation in projects and activities on themes of common interest;
- 3) when appropriate, involve NKUA-APRL in IAPG's publications and in scientific meetings/congresses on geoethics, environmental ethics, philosophy of geosciences, and sustainable development organized by IAPG.



NKUA-APRL shall:

- 1) promote IAPG's initiatives and events on themes of common interest through its webpage, social networks, and publications;
- 2) foster cooperation in projects and activities on themes of common interest;
- 3) when appropriate, involve IAPG in NKUA-APRL's publications and in NKUA-APRL's meetings and activities concerning themes related to bioethics, environmental ethics, philosophy of biosciences, and sustainable development organized by NKUA-APRL.

This MoU will expire after 5 years from signature date unless otherwise extended. It may be dissolved by either organization at any time with 30 days notice.

This agreement was signed in Rome (Italy) / Athens (Greece) on 30 September 2019.

Signed:

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