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Geosciences information for teachers (GIFT) workshop 2018

Major events that shaped the Earth Austria Center, Vienna, April 9–11, 2018

Preliminary announcement and application form

GIFT-2018 will take place in Vienna, April 9-11, 2018, during the General Assembly of the European Geosciences Union. It will be preceded on Sunday April 8 by a guided visit to the splendid Vienna Natural Sciences Museum, one of the most renowned in the world.

The theme of this workshop, is « Major events that shaped the Earth ». Over two and a half days, the workshop will explore the major characteristics of the key events that shaped our planet in the past, through topical presentations from scientists at the cutting-edge of research, together with hands-on teaching activities, following the tradition of GIFT workshops.

Teachers are also invited on a voluntary basis, to present 'out-of-the official program activities' that they may have developed with their pupils in the poster session « Science in future Classrooms » which is an integral part of the GIFT workshop.

Interested teachers should apply using the application form below, to be sent either to the national representative of the Committee on Education of EGU (listed below) or directly to education@egu.eu

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is November 26, 2017.

Teachers will be notified of the results of their application by December 15, 2017. Successful teachers will be largely sponsored (travel, living expenses in Vienna and registration to the General Assembly, as well as free public transportation in Vienna).



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Application to participate in the 2018 GIFT Teachers workshop EGU General Assembly April 9–11, 2018 Vienna Austria

Major events that shaped the Earth

Grants are available to support teachers to participate in the 2018 Geosciences Information for Teachers (GIFT) Symposium at the 2018 European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly in Vienna, Austria. Selected teachers will receive a travel /hotel stipend and free registration to the meeting.

Participating teachers will be selected, based on their teaching experience and a supporting statement from their school administration. Selected teachers will be expected to attend the entire workshop and submit a statement within 1 year after the workshop on their impressions of the workshop and how they plan to use this experience in their future teaching activities.

To apply please submit the following information:

- Applicant's name, contact information, E-mail address
- School name and address
- Your teaching experience (how many years?)
- Relevance of this year's topic to your teaching practice
- A list of the subjects you teach, and ages of students
- The workshop will be conducted in English please describe your capacity in understanding and speaking English
- A description of any leadership activities you have undertaken at your school or in national educational activities (examples: training new teachers, developing curriculum, etc.)
- A letter of recommendation (by attached PDF document) from the senior administrator in your school, supporting your application

A flexible proforma for you to provide this information is provided below.

Applications should be received as soon as possible and in any case no later than November 26, 2017.

Successful applicants will be notified by December 15, 2017. Teachers will be strongly encouraged to prepare a poster of their classroom activities. There is a special poster session for educational activities: 'Science in future classroom'.

Send your application via email to any of the members of the Committee on Education preferentially the person in your country if there is one, or to education@egu.eu.

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- I have attached a letter of recommendation (by attached PDF document) from the senior administrator in my school, supporting my application − tick box □