

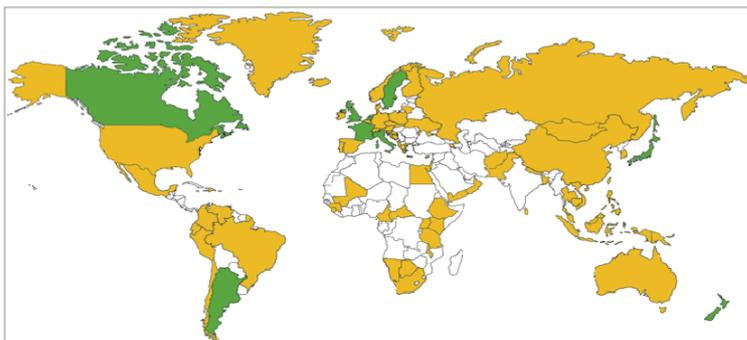
This is the second of a series of one page bulletins designed to keep Directors of Geological Survey organisations around the world up to date with the progress of OneGeology in the run-up to the launch of OneGeology at the 33rd IGC in Oslo in August 2008. OneGeology is an International Year of Planet Earth initiative of geological surveys to make geological map data more accessible.

Progress at a glance

79 nations now participating

 OneGeology participant

 OneGeology participant with national map data available in prototype portal today



Geological surveys who wish to join OneGeology and/or serve the geological map data of their nations to the OneGeology portal should contact onegeology@bgs.ac.uk.

Latest News

- OneGeology will be launched at the 33rd IGC by Simon Winchester, author of the best selling book *The Map That Changed The World*.
- The launch event will take place at a special plenary symposium on global geology immediately before the IGC Opening Ceremony at 4pm on 6 August.
- A major press conference and media event will take place to brief the press on OneGeology at the Science Media Centre in London on 31 July. The worlds' press have been invited.
- The International Consortium of Geological Survey (Directors) will have both business and symposium sessions on 11 August at the IGC. OneGeology will be a key topic in each of these.
- The OneGeology Steering Group (comprising survey representatives from five continents) is scheduled to meet at the IGC on 12 August.
- We welcome Lithuania as the latest survey to join the OneGeology partnership.
- A new and updated edition of the Cookbook – essentially a straightforward technical manual explaining how to make your geological map data available on the web – has been produced and is available on the website.
- The website has a new series of pages – OneGeology-eXtra – which illustrate the way geology and geological maps play a fundamental part in all our lives, including the aesthetic aspects!

More information is available at www.onegeology.org. If you have a question, or want more information about OneGeology, email onegeology@bgs.ac.uk. OneGeology Updates will be mailed to you in the months up to August to provide you with a synopsis of the latest news.