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### 02/ Report on the IUGS Bureau meeting in St. Petersburg

The IUGS Bureau met on 20-21 October 2019 in Saint Petersburg, Russia at the invitation of Dr. Oleg Petrov, Director of the A. P. Karpinsky Russian Geological Research Institute (VSEGEI). Much of the meeting was devoted to 1) planning of IUGS activities at the 36th International Geological Congress, 2) IUGS awards including selection of recipients and their presentation at the 36th IGC, 3) logistical matters related to the Congress (registration, accommodations, IUGS expenditures, call to delegations, and preparation of documents), and 4) agenda items for the IUGS-IGC Council meeting. Plans for the 74th IUGS Executive meeting in Busan, Korea, 15-18 January were discussed. A proposal from the Finance Committee for a Special Funding Program for IUGS Commissions, Initiatives, Task Groups, and Joint Programs was discussed at length. The Bureau decided to implement the program following approval by a vote by e-mail of the full Executive Committee. On the afternoon of 21 October, the Bureau members met with a delegation of Russian geoscientists who presented the Russian bid to host the 38th IGC in Saint Petersburg in 2028. The Russian delegation included leaders of the Russian National Committee of Geologists, directors general of national geologic institutes, members of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the President of the Russian Geological Society, the director of Earth Sciences at St. Petersburg State University, and a representative of the Governor of St. Petersburg. The Russian bid is very impressive, and the hosts arranged a visit to the new modern convention center for St. Petersburg on 22 October. The Bureau members were treated to a performance of the Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra on the evening of 20 October and a guided tour of St. Petersburg on the afternoon of 22 October. Director Oleg Petrov was an excellent host; the facilities, support, activities, transportation, and reception organized by the staff of the geological institute were exceptional.



Fig. 4 - Members of the IUGS Bureau and IUGS Secretariat, some members of the Russian delegation, and the Director and staff of VSEGEI. Front row (l-r): IUGS Vice President William Cavazza, VSEGEI Director Oleg Petrov, IUGS President Qiuming Cheng, and a representative of the Governor of St. Petersburg. Other IUGS members in photo: Vice President Kristine Asch and Treasurer Hiroshi Kitazato in 3rd row, Director of Secretariat Ma Youngzheng 4th row, Past President Roland Oberhänsli, Secretary General Stan Finney, and Secretariat staff members Wei Li and Yu Situ in 5th row.