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Geoscience education is a key factor in the academic, scientific, and professional progress of any modern society. The IUGS Commission on Geoscience Education, Training and Technology Transfer (IUGS-COGE) was established in 2004 to examine and develop programs to assist developed and developing countries to maintain, expand, or introduce better earth science education, outreach, and technology transfer within their own countries. Geoscience education is essential as it provides opportunities for social/cultural, academic, scientific, and professional growth and development. As David Thompson of Keele University and a founder of the International Geoscience Education Organisation (IGEO) once said, one has to educate the politicians first about the vitality of teaching and learning the earth sciences. We sincerely hope that this Special Issue will inform, inspire, and educate our readers about the importance of the geosciences for the health and well-being of all people and other living things on this finite planet.

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Understanding the Earth's origin and its bio-geological evolution, the multiple implications of the geosciences (as a coherent set of interconnected disciplines), and the sociocultural and ethical interdisciplinary approaches, will be crucial for a better understanding of Nature, and also for undertaking scientifically based political decisions.

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