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John Ludden and Dhiraj Banerjee
Co-chairs International Geological Congress Committee
c/o Secretariat, 37th International
Geological Congress
813 New Building, 22, Teheran-ro 7-gil,
Gangnam-gu, Seoul, 06130
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Re: Letter of Support for Canadian IGC 2028 Bid from the Canadian Quaternary Association (CANQUA)

Dear Drs. Ludden and Banerjee,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Quaternary Association (CANQUA) to express our full support for Canada's bid for the International Geological Congress (IGC) in 2028. CANQUA is an organization that joins together more than 200 scientists in academia, government and industry who focus research on the last 2.6 million years of earth's history. Our members are prominently engaged in some of the most pressing issues facing our planet and society and will be strong contributors to the IGC event should Canada be chosen as the venue.

CANQUA has a long history of leadership in the earth sciences on the international stage. For example, Peter Bobrowsky, former CANQUA President, is a former Vice President of the International Union of Geological Sciences, and currently a Vice Chair of the Commission on Geoethics (CG). John Clague is a former President of the International Union for Quaternary Research. And in addition, Harvey Thorleifson, is Chair of the Geoscience Information Commission, and Martin Head is a Vice Chair of the Quaternary Stratigraphy Subcommission.

Many members of CANQUA have been active with international meetings and will be eager to support an IGC meeting with organization of sessions and fieldtrips highlighting the Canadian landscape and contributions to Earth Sciences.

In short, the CANQUA community is excited to work with the Canadian Bid committee to ensure that this is the most successful IGC meeting to date! If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email (duane.froese@ualberta.ca) or by phone (+1 780-492-1968).

Sincerely,



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