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1. Call for Invitations to Host the 2007 IUGG General Assembly

Invitations to host the 2007 General Assembly are now being accepted and must be received by January, 2003. As a point of interest, the 2007 Assembly will mark the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year, and suitable celebrations are being planned. The guidelines for a proposal are posted on the IUGG website, or can be received directly from the IUGG Secretariat. The IUGG Council, at their 2003 meeting in Sapporo, will make the final selection.

2. Update on the IUGG2003 General Assembly Scientific Programme

Dr. A. Nishida chaired a meeting of the IUGG2003 Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) in Sapporo, Japan, on July 30, 2001, following a tour of meeting facilities on the previous day. A series of Union Symposia, coordinated by Prof. R.S. J. Sparks, were selected under the general title, State of the Planet: Frontiers and challenges. The SPC will meet again in December in San Francisco, to coordinate and finalize the scientific programme. It is anticipated that the Second Circular, including the Call for Papers, will be ready by early 2002. The dates of the 2003 General Assembly in Sapporo are June 30 - July 11.

3. Notice regarding the death of Dr. Robert E. Stevenson

Dr. Robert E. Stevenson, Secretary-General of IAPSO from 1987 to 1995, died on August 12, 2001. Stevenson received a Ph.D. degree in oceanography from the University of Southern California, U.S.A., in 1954. He had served as the director of the branch Office of Naval Research at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, California, from 1970 to 1988, and was an oceanographer consultant to many astronauts in the U.S. space program. He is fondly remembered by Dr. Vere Shannon, President of IAPSO from 1996 -1999, as one who "loved and lived life to the full." Bob Stevenson is survived by his wife, Jeani Stevenson of Princeville, Hawaii, and two sons.

4. New look and added reports on the IUGG Web site

The IUGG Web site has been reformatted by Julie McKie, a staff member of CIRES at the University of Colorado. She has added two other items besides the information regarding invitations to host IUGG assemblies (paragraph 1 above). Those items are "Capacity Building Activities within IUGG" (a Report to ICSU), and, "How to Join IUGG" (listed under Member Countries). We thank President Masaru Kono for his encouragement to promote these changes.

5. IUGG-related meetings occurring during September-November, 2001

A calendar of meetings of interest to IUGG disciplines (especially those organized by IUGG Associations) has been added to the IUGG Web Site [www.IUGG.org]. More information about these meetings can be found there. Individual Associations also list more meetings appropriate to their disciplines.

September 3-7 IAG, Budapest, Hungary, IAG 2001 Scientific Assembly : Vistas for Geodesy in the New Millennium

September 10-14 WCRP/GEWEX, Paris, France, 4th Int'l Scientific Conference on the Global Energy and Water Cycle

September 17-20 COSPAR, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, U.S.A., Multi-Wavelength Observations of Coronal Structure and Dynamics

September 22-26 EGS, Blatonfüred, Hungary, Stefan Müller Conference: Quantitative Neotectonics and Seismic Hazard Assessment

September 24-28 ICSU/SCOPE, Bremen, Germany, 11th General Assembly of the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE)

October 1-4 IAG/ISPRS/FIG, Vienna, Austria, Optical 3D Measurement Techniques

October 1-5 COLAGE/IAGA, Puerto de Tomé, Concepcion, Chile, VI Latin American Conference on Space Geophysics (COLAGE)

October 2-5 IAHS, Montpellier, France, 5th International Workshop on Application of Remote Sensing in Hydrology

October 8-13 URSI, La Londe - Les Maures, France, School on Analysis Techniques for Space Plasma Data

October 10-12 IAMAS, Monterey, California, USA, International Workshop on Layered Phenomena in the Mesopause Region

October 18-20 IAHS, London, Ontario, Canada, International Workshop on Non-Standard Measures for Water Management Problems

October 21-28 IAPSO/IABO, Mar Del Plata, Argentina, IAPSO/IABO Joint Assembly: 2001: An Ocean Odyssey

November 14-16 ISCOPS, Pasadena, California, USA, 9th Int'l Space Conference of Pacific-basin Societies (ISCOPS)

November 19-22 IAHS/IAHR/ACSE/EWRI, Heian-Kaikan, Kyoto, Japan, 5th International Symposium on Hydrological Applications of Weather Radar - Radar Hydrology

This short, informal newsletter is intended to keep IUGG Member Country National Committees informed about the activities of the IUGG Associations, and actions of the IUGG Secretariat. Please forward this message to those who will benefit from the information. Your comments are welcome.

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