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

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1. Happy New Year! Plans for the IUGG Yearbook for 2003

The IUGG Secretariat wishes to thank all of the Adhering Body National Committees and the Associations for their help to update the information in the IUGG Yearbook. The 2003 Yearbook will be posted on the IUGG Website (www.IUGG.org) during the week of January 6, and will be printed and distributed by the end of the month. During 2003, updates to addresses and other information in the Yearbook should be sent to the Secretariat (secretariat@iugg.org) as soon as they are known; our goal is to update the Web copy of the Yearbook as often as necessary. Best Wishes to all of the IUGG family for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

2. Abstract Deadline for IUGG General Assembly is January 30, 2003

Preparations are continuing for the IUGG General Assembly, June 30-July 11, 2003, in Sapporo, Japan. The Abstract Deadline is January 30, 2003, which is also the deadline for applications for travel support. The General Assembly web site, accessible from the IUGG home page (<http://www.IUGG.org>), includes all the instructions and forms.

3. Initiatives in 2003 selected for IUGG support

At the 1999 General Assembly, an "opportunity fund" was set aside in the budget to support proposals for inter-Association initiatives. As of 2003, \$121,905 has been allocated including funding for the new or continuing projects listed below. Additional proposals are welcome.

- Commission on Groundwater-Seawater Interactions IAHS/IAPSO
 - Detailed Study on the Active Tectonics of Afro-Arabian Rift Region using Paleomagnetic and Potential Field Data and its Incorporation with Seismic Activity IASPEI/IAGA
 - The Webcyclopedia Project IUGG GeoRisk Commission
 - Model Parameter Experiment (MOPEX) support (part of the WMO/IAHS Working Group on Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment) IAHS/IAMAS
 - Initiation of a new IUGG Working Group of young scientists: Geophysics: The Future (GTF)
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4. ICSU Call for Nominations for Assessment Panels

IUGG has been asked to nominate persons who would be appropriate for selection to several assessment panels. These panels will prepare reports and key recommendations that will be published and widely disseminated within the International Council for Science (ICSU), and will form the basis for actions including the development of new research programmes, policy initiatives, and priorities within the ICSU Grants Programme. Two of the panels now open for nominations are Scientific Data and Information Rights and Responsibilities of Science and Society. Nominations are due in Paris by January 10. Please contact the IUGG Secretariat (secretariat@iugg.org) for necessary forms and additional information.

5. ICSU 2004 Grants Programme announced

The 2004 ICSU Grants Programme is now open for proposals. The source of these funds is UNESCO, ICSU, and the US National Academy of Sciences. In 2002, the awards totaled \$750,000 and in 2003, awards totaled \$852,800. IUGG has been able to compete successfully for at least one award for the past several years. IAGA won Category II awards (proposals for less than \$50,000) in 2002 and 2003, and IAPSO won a Category II award in 2001. Proposals are due in Paris by 1 March 2003. Contact the IUGG Secretariat (secretariat@iugg.org) for necessary forms and additional information.

6. IUGG-related meetings occurring during January - March 2003

A calendar of meetings of interest to IUGG disciplines (especially those organized by IUGG Associations) is posted on the IUGG Web Site [www.IUGG.org]. Specific information about these meetings can be found there. Individual Associations also list more meetings on their web sites appropriate to their disciplines.

- January 5 - 10 IASPEI, Taupo, New Zealand, 10th International Symposium on Deep Seismic Profiling of the Continents and their Margins
 - January 7 - 10 IEEE/ EMSEV, Singapore, Session on Seismo Electromagnetics
 - January 13 - 17 IUGG/EMSEV, Quezon City, Philippines, EMSEV Workshop for Initiating Seismic/Volcanic EM Monitoring
 - January 22 - 24 ICWRS/IAHS, Stellenbosch, Western Cape, South Africa, 2nd International Symposium on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM): Towards Sustainable Water Utilization in the 21st Century
 - January 27 - 29 EMSEV, Kanpur India, Earth System Processes related to Gujarat Earthquake using Space Technology
 - February 9 - 13 AMS, Long Beach, California, 83rd AMS Annual Meeting including the 12th Symposium on Meteorological Observations and Instrumentation
 - February 20 - 21 IAGA, Adelaide, Australia, 3rd International Symposium on 3-Dimensional Electro-magnetics
 - March 6 - 8 IUGG, Tokyo, Japan, 23rd General Assembly Scientific Programme Committee meeting
 - March 16 - 23 World Water Council, Kyoto, Japan, 3rd World Water Forum
 - March 17 - 21 WCRP, Univ. Reading, U.K., 24th Session of the Joint Scientific Committee
 - Mar 30 - Apr 4 SEDI, Les Houches, France, Winter School: Planetary Dynamios
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