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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. IUGG General Assembly News

The Scientific Programme is now posted on the General Assembly web site. The website can be accessed from IUGG home page, or directly via www.jamstec.go.jp/jamstec-e/iugg/index.php If you cannot find the Scientific Session Schedule, reload the website (click the re-load button while pressing the <shift> key.)

The deadline to register for the IUGG field trips has been extended to May 9, 2003. More detailed information and the online application form are available at www.jamstec.go.jp/jamstec-e/iugg/htm/field_trips.htm

If you have obtained your IUGG2003 ID number but have not registered with payment, please access the following webpage to complete your registration: www.jamstec.go.jp/jamstec-e/iugg/regist.htm

The names of the delegates from the IUGG Member Adhering Bodies to the IUGG Council Meetings are posted on the IUGG web page (www.IUGG.org). The Council Agenda Book that was distributed on 31 March is also posted. At this time, attendance at the IUGG Council meetings is restricted to Council Delegates, the IUGG Executive Committee and the IUGG Finance Committee.

2. Additional Nominations received for the IUGG Finance Committee

According to the By-laws new nominations can be made to the Nominations Committee at least three months before the General Assembly, i.e. in this case by March 30, 2003. Two additional nominations were received for the Finance Committee - Kiyoshi Suyehiro (Japan) and Patrick Pinet (France). Both fulfilled the requirements stated in the By-laws and were therefore added to the list. The augmented list is given below and constitutes the final ballot from the Nominations Committee for voting by the Council Members on July 9 in Sapporo.

Candidates for Office

- President: U. Shamir (Israel) and W.R. Peltier (Canada)
- Vice-President: P. Malanotte-Rizzoli (Italy) and T. Beer (Australia)
- Treasurer: A.W. Hansen (Denmark)
- Finance Committee

- Position #1 D.D. Jackson (USA)
- Position #2 M.J. Hamlin (UK) and P. Pinet (France)
- Position #3 B.L.N Kennett (Australia)
- Position #4 V.K. Gaur (India) and K. Suyehiro (Japan)
- Position #5 M.E. Perillo (Argentina) and J. Vilas (Argentina)
- Additional Bureau Members
 - Position #1 A. Tealeb (Egypt)
 - Position #2 A.V. Nikolaev (Russia) and H.K. Gupta (India)
 - Position #3 Y.T. Chen (China) and C.S. Sava (Romania)

K.P. Schwarz, Chair, IUGG Nominations Committee (The resumes of the two new candidates are posted on the IUGG Web page. JAJ)

3. In Memoriam - Michael Gadsden

Michael Gadsden (U.K.), Secretary-General of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA) from 1983-1995, died on April 10, 2003, at his home in Perth, Scotland. A leader in optical aeronomy, he published an IAGA manual and instruction book "Observing Noctilucent Clouds" in 1995 with P.Parviainen, and convened an international symposium on mesospheric clouds in summer of 2002.

4. IUGG to be represented at the SCOPE Executive meeting

The ICSU Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) will take place in Granada, Spain, from 10-13 June 2003. Dr. N.J. Peters, past-president of the IAHS International Commission on Water Quality, will observe the meeting as the IUGG representative.

5. ICSU/TWAS/UNESCO Visiting Scientist Programme

The Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), in co-operation with the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) offers a programme whereby host institutions in Least Developed Countries are supported to invite persons who have attained international recognition in their fields of science to stay for a minimum of one month to deliver lectures and seminars, supervise students, conduct research, and discuss future collaborative partnerships. Applications are due by 1 October 2003. For more information, visit the TWAS www.twas.org web site and choose Activities, or contact the IUGG Secretariat (secretariat@iugg.org).

6. IUGG-related meetings occurring during May - July 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.

- May 5 - 8 IGBP/SCOR, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., Joint Global Ocean Flux Study Final Open Science Conference

- May 12 - 14 IASPEI, Tehran, Iran, 4th Int'l Conference on Seismology and Earthquake Engineering (SEE4)
- May 13 - 20 URSI/SCOSTEP, Piura, Peru, 10th International Workshop on Technical and Scientific Aspects of the MST Radar - MST10
- May 20 - 23 IASPEI/NASG, Mansoura, Egypt, the 3rd Workshop on Seismic Risk in North Africa
- May 24 - 29 SEDI, Point Reyes, California, U.S.A., Cooperative Institute for Deep Earth Research (CIDER) Workshop
- June 8 - 18 IASPEI, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, U.S.A., Gordon Research Conference on the Interior of the Earth
- June 9 - 14 IAG, Dresden, Germany, International Geodetic Student Meeting
- June 16 - 25 IUGG/CMG, Valle d'Aosta, Italy, Summer School on Paleo Climate Dynamics and Observations
- June 23 - 28 ISCS, Tatranska Lomnica, Slovak Republic, ISCS Symposium 2003: Solar Variability as an Input to the Earth's Environment
- **June 30 - July 11 IUGG, Sapporo, Japan, 23rd IUGG General Assembly**
- July 13 - 16 IASPEI, Beijing, China, Third International Conference on Continental Earthquakes (III ICCE) POSTPONED TO 2004
- July 13 - 26 IAU, Sydney, Australia, IAU XXVth Assembly
- July 14 -18 IAVCEI, Hilo, Hawaii, U.S.A., Cities on Volcanoes 3
- July 14 - 18 UN Cartographic Office, Okinawa, Japan, 16th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (UNRCC-AP)
- July 21 - 25 IAHS/ICCE, Zurich, Switzerland, 8th International Conference on Permafrost
- July 23 - 31 INQUA, Reno, Nevada, U.S.A., XVI INQUA Congress

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