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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**

The 23rd IUGG General Assembly will begin on 30 June. Over 4200 persons are now registered to come and participate in the scientific sessions and business meetings and to enjoy extraordinary opportunities to interact with their colleagues at this, the first IUGG General Assembly to be held in Asia.

We wish to reassure all participants worried about the SARS virus. The Local Organizing Committee has had to work hard with Sapporo, Hokkaido, and Japanese national authorities to meet their requirements. Some of the participants have had to change their plans significantly in order to comply with the precautions that are being taken to insure that the SARS virus is not imported into Japan. The World Health Organization designates the areas that are at risk from SARS. The WHO website <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/areas/> lists the affected regions; this information is being continually reassessed and updated daily. The IUGG Local Organizing committee wishes to stress that visas are still being issued for persons from SARS infected regions, and admission to Japan will not be denied to persons from those regions unless they actually show SARS symptoms. A special document, sent to everyone who is expected to come, must be presented at registration. For further information, please consult the bulletins posted on the IUGG General Assembly web site: <http://www.jamstec.go.jp/jamstece/iugg.index.php>.

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### **2. National Reports are posted on the IUGG Web page**

National Reports from the following countries are now posted on the IUGG Web page (<http://www.IUGG.org>): Argentina, Canada, Croatia, India, Russia, Thailand, and Turkey. An excellent printed report has been sent by Hungary that will be available in Sapporo. Other reports are nearing completion (South Africa has sent portions of their report) and will be sent to us soon.

Please view these reports and either print out copies as needed or request a printed copy (if available) directly from the individual National Committees.

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### **3. IAG officers for the new term**

The International Association of Geodesy (IAG) has completed its election process and the following persons will serve from the end of the 23rd General Assembly to the end of the 24th General Assembly in 2007.

President: Gerhard Beutler  
 Vice President: Michael Sideris  
 Secretary General: C.C. Tschering  
 President of Commission I (Reference Frames): H. Drewes  
 President of Commission II (Gravity): C. Jekeli  
 President of Commission III (Earth Rotation and Geodynamics): V. Dehant  
 President of Commission IV (Positioning and Applications): C. Rizos  
 Members at Large: L.P. Fortes and C. Merry  
 Service Representatives: R. Neilan, M. Rothacher, H. Schuh  
 Outreach Branch: The Hungarian Academy of Science (J. Adám) has been elected by the IAG Executive Committee. The election will be confirmed by the IAG Council in Sapporo

IAG has also announced that the Travaux 1999-2003 are now available on the IAG web page [http://www.gfy.ku.dk/~iag/Travaux\\_03/contents.htm](http://www.gfy.ku.dk/~iag/Travaux_03/contents.htm) including national reports from Belgium, New Zealand, and Spain.

#### 4. IUGG-related meetings occurring during July - September 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/calendar.php](http://www.iugg.org/calendar.php) ]. Specific information about these meetings can be found there. Individual Associations also list more meetings on their web sites appropriate to their disciplines.

- 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
- August 10 -16 ICA, Durban, South Africa, 21st International Cartographic Conference
- August 18 - 21 China Geophysical Society, Beijing, China, 6th China International Geoelectromagnetic Workshop POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 2003
- August 20 - 22 IAG, Kunming, China, 4th International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology
- August 24 - 29 IAHS/EUG, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland, Hydrofractals '03 - International Conference on Fractals in Hydrosiences
- August 31 - September 6 SEDI, Caramulo, Portugal, Workshop on Mathematical Aspects of Natural Dynamos
- September 1 - 5 IAHR, Barcelona, Spain, 3rd IAHR Symposium on River, Coastal and Estuarine Morphodynamics
- September 1 - 5 IAUC/IAMAS, Lodz, Poland, 5th International Conference on Urban Climate (ICUC-5)
- September 6 - 11 SEDI, Acquafredda di Maratea, Italy, EuroConference on Multi-Disciplinary Studies of the Mantle and Core
- September 10 - 12 IAHS, Davos, Switzerland, 3rd International Conference on Debris-Flow

Hazards Mitigation: Mechanics, Prediction and Assessment

- September 15 - 18 IAGA, Prague Czech Republic, 3rd IAGA Workshop on Solar Forcing of the Middle Atmosphere
- September 15 - 19 IAH, Prague, Czech Republic, International Conference on Groundwater in Fractured Rocks
- September 15 - 19 IGBP/WCRP, Hamburg , Germany, International Conference on Earth System Modelling
- September 17 - 20 IAVCEI, Milos Island, Greece, South Aegean Active Volcanic Arc: Present Knowledge And Future Perspectives
- September 29 - October 11 IASPEI, Trieste, Italy, 7th Workshop on Non-linear Dynamics and Earthquake Protection

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