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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. ICSU 2005 Grants Programme announced

The 2005 ICSU Grants Programme is now open for proposals. The source of these funds is UNESCO, ICSU, and the US National Academy of Sciences. In 2003, awards totaled \$852,800 and in 2004, awards totaled \$838,976. IUGG was a co-applicant on 4 successful proposals for 2004 funds. Proposals for 2005 are due in Paris by March 2004. Contact the IUGG Secretariat (secretariat@iugg.org) for necessary forms and additional information.

2. Major Meetings of IUGG Interest in 2004

In the October IUGG E-Journal, the future Scientific Assemblies of the IUGG Associations and inter-Associations Commissions in 2004 and 2005 were listed. But there are other major conferences organized by sister unions and ICSU scientific bodies that are worthy of special mention because they include topics of IUGG interest and attract many IUGG scientists. These include the following meetings planned in 2004

- 1st International WCRP/CLIVAR (World Climate Research Programme/Climate Variability and Predictability) Science Conference, June 21 - 25, Baltimore Maryland, USA, <http://www.clivar2004.org>
 - XXth Congress of the ISPRS (International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing), July 12 - 23, Istanbul, Turkey, <http://www.isprs2004-istanbul.com>
 - 35th ICSU/COSPAR (International Council for Science/Committee on Space Research) Scientific Assembly, July 18 - 25, Paris, France, <http://www.cosparhq.org>
 - XXVIII ICSU/SCAR (Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research) Assembly, July 24 - 31, Bremen, Germany, <http://www.scar.org>
 - 3rd WCRP/SPARC (World Climate Research Programme/Stratospheric Processes and their Role in Climate) General Assembly, August 1 - 6, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, <http://sparc.seos.uvic.ca>
 - 30th Congress of the International Geographical Union, August 15 - 20, Glasgow, Scotland, U.K., <http://www.iguglasgow2004.org>
 - 32nd International Geological Congress, August 20 - 28, Florence, Italy. <http://www.32igc.org>
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3. International Polar Year 2007-2008

Extensive discussions are now underway to plan an International Polar Year in 2007-2008. Although details are still emerging, IPY 2007-2008 is envisioned to be a multidisciplinary international campaign of coordinated polar observations and analysis. Its goals include galvanizing new and innovative observations and research, building on and enhancing existing programs and initiatives, attracting and developing the next generation of polar scientists and science leaders, and creating an exciting range of education and outreach activities that engage the public. Strong endorsements have been received from the International Council for Science (ICSU), the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, the International Arctic Science Committee, the Arctic Ocean Studies Board, the European Polar Board, the US Polar Research Board, and, most recently, the World Meteorological Organization. The IPY Planning Group, whose membership encompasses 13 countries, was established by ICSU in May 2003. The Chair is Chris Rapley (British Antarctic Survey) and Vice-Chair is Robin Bell (Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University). Michael Kuhn, Chair of the IUGG Committee for IGY+50, is the IUGG liaison.

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4. IAHS's International Hydrology Prize and Tison Award for 2003

The International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) awarded their International Hydrology Prize for 2003 to Dr. Alan Gustard (Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Wallingford, U.K.) for his invaluable contribution to science through worldwide FRIEND (Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data) projects. The Prize is given annually on an individual basis in recognition of an outstanding contribution to hydrology. The IAHS Tison Award aims to promote excellence in research by young hydrologists. The Award is granted for an outstanding paper published by IAHS in a period of two years previous to the deadline for nominations. Five co-authors received the 2003 award, presented at the IUGG General Assembly in Sapporo, Japan. They were Drs. T. Oki, Y. Agata, S. Kanae, T. Suruhashi, and D. Yang for their 2001 paper "Global assessment of current water resources using total runoff integrating pathways" in Vol. 46 of The Hydrological Sciences Journal. Nominations for the 2004 International Hydrology Prize and the Tison award are invited. Please send them to the IAHS Secretary General (iahs@ensmp.fr) by 31 December 2003.

5. Corrections and updates to the IUGG Yearbook now due

Corrections and updates to the information contained in the IUGG Yearbook are now being finalized in preparation for the 2004 Yearbook. Please contact the IUGG Secretariat by November 28 (secretariat@iugg.org) with additions and corrections.

6. IUGG-related meetings occurring during November 2003 - January 2004

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]. Specific information about these meetings can be found there. Individual Associations also list more meetings on their web sites appropriate to their disciplines.

- November 3 - 6 IAHS, Moscow, Russia, Extreme Hydrological Events: Theory, Modelling, and Prediction
- November 6 - 7 IUGG/EMSEV, Athens, Greece, Workshop on Earthquake Prediction

- November 7 - 11 China Geophysical Society, Beijing, China, 6th China International Geoelectromagnetic Workshop
- November 10 - 15 IAGA, Moscow, Russia, Russian School on Electromagnetic Sounding of the Earth
- November 16 - 19 START (IGBP, IGBP, IHDP), Trieste, Italy, 1st International Young Scientists Global Change Conference
- November 17 19 IAHS, Paris, France, Prediction in Ungauged Basins (PUB) Workshop: Space Data and Multiple Scales in Hydrology
- December 3 - 6 IAHS/IHP, Rome, Italy, International Symposium on The Basis of Civilization - Water Science?
- December 8 - 12 AGU, San Francisco, USA, AGU Fall Meeting

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