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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 in 2007

The plans for the XXIV IUGG General Assembly in Perugia, Italy are well underway. The dates are July 2-13, 2007, and a web site has been opened at www.IUGG2007Perugia.it. The first circular is in preparation, and will be ready later this year.

2. New Leadership of SCL/ILP

The current status and future plans of the Scientific Committee for the Lithosphere (SCL) and its International Lithosphere Programme (ILP) were discussed at a special meeting convened in Paris on February 7. IUGG President Uri Shamir and IUGS President Ed de Mulder, with the support of their respective Executive Bureaus, agreed to appoint Prof. Sierd Cloetingh (Faculty of Earth and Life Sciences, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) to be President of ILP for the years 2004-2006. The secretariat of ILP is to be housed at the GFZ Institute in Potsdam, Germany, and a Secretary General for ILP is to be appointed from the GFZ staff.

3. 2003 ICSU Grant Report

The IUGG International Association for Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA) received an award of \$35,000 from the International Council of Science (ICSU) in 2003 for their proposal "Rescue of old analogue magnetograms by converting to digital images." The project's outcome is that 177 station-years of 64,650 of old and historic magnetograms from 9 Russian, two Indian, and one German magnetic observatory are now converted to digital images, available at apollo.wdcb.ru/historic and swdcft49.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/film. The stations chosen were selected from a pre-IGY Catalog of Analogue Geomagnetic Data compiled from the time period 1841-1960, and the most rare magnetograms (those existing in one copy only) were digitized first. The magnetogram conversion technique was developed by a team at Kyoto University, Japan.

The hardware purchased with the project support is now available for the staff at the World Data Centres in India, Russia, and Japan for the follow-on conversion of analogue magnetograms into digital images in their routine work, as well as for specific rescue projects.

Contributed by Dr. Vladimir Papitashvili, Principal Investigator

4. New publications from IAHS

The IAHS (International Association of Hydrological Sciences) Press has just announced 3 new publications. For further information about these publications including contents and price, please contact Mrs. Jill Gash (jilly@iahs.demon.co.uk).

World Catalogue of Maximum Observed Floods (IAHS publ. 284) compiled by Reg Herschy. This is a revised edition of the 1984 Catalogue prepared by JA Rodier and M Roche.

Erosion and Sediment Transport Measurement in Rivers: Technological and Methodological Advances (IAHS publ. 283) edited by J Bogen, T Fergus, and DE Walling.

Erosion Prediction in Ungauged Basins (PUBs): Integrating Methods and Techniques (IAHS Publ. 279) edited by DH de Boer, W Froehlich, T Mizuyama, and A Pietroniro.

5. In Memoriam

We are sorry to report that Christian Le Provost (France) died unexpectedly on 29 February 2004 of a heart attack. He was an acclaimed tide modeler, and the former President of the IAPSO Commission on Mean Sea Level and Tides.

6. IUGG-related meetings occurring during April-June 2004

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

April 13-17, 2004

IUTAM, Muizenberg, Cape Town, South Africa, Workshop on Capacity Building in the Mathematical Sciences

April 20-23, 2004

IAG, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, Chandler Wobble Workshop

April 25-30, 2004

EGU, Nice, France, EGU 1st General Assembly

May 16-20, 2004

EGU, Guayaquil, Ecuador, 1st A von Humboldt International Conference on the El Niño phenomenon and its global impact

May 17-21, 2004

AGU/CGU, Montreal, Canada, Joint meeting of the American and Canadian Geophysical Unions

May 25-29, 2004

IAHS, Ohrid, FY Repub. Macedonia, Conference on Water Observation & Information System for Decision Support (BALWOIS)

May 27-June 2, 2004 has changed to May 9-14, 2005

SCOSTEP, Taipei, Taiwan, China, 11th International Symposium on Equatorial Aeronomy

June 1-8, 2004

IAMAS, Kos, Greece, Quadrennial Ozone Symposium of the International Ozone Commission

June 4-5, 2004

IAHS/UNESCO, Paris, France, 7th Kovacs Colloquium / 7ème Colloque Kovacs Scales in Hydrology and Water Management Echelles en hydrologie et gestion de l'eau

June 9-11, 2004

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June 14-25, 2004

IASPEI, Golden, Colorado, USA, Summer School on Mathematical Geophysics and Uncertainty in Earth Models

June 16-18, 2004

IUGG/CMG, New York, NY, USA, CMG2004: 25th IUGG Conference on Mathematical Geophysics

June 20-23, 2004

Oulu, Finland, 1st International Symposium on Space Climate: Direct & Indirect Measurements of Long-Term Solar Activity

June 21-24, 2004

IAVCEI, Alexandria, Virginia, USA, Volcanic Ash and Other Airborne Hazardous Materials

June 21-25, 2004

CLIVAR, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, 1st International CLIVAR Science Conference

June 30-July 3, 2004

IASPEI, Mizunami, Gifu, Japan, International Workshop on Active Monitoring in the Solid Earth Geophysics

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