

## **Volume 5 No. 7 (July 1, 2005)**

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. Albania now a regular member of IUGG**

The Academy of Sciences, the IUGG Adhering Body for Albania, became a member in 1997 but had remained in Associate Status because there was no possibility to pay the annual dues. However, Dr. Eduard Sulstarova, President of the National Committee for IUGG for Albania, recently announced that they were ready to begin the payment of dues, now received. We are pleased to welcome Albania as a new voting member of IUGG. Scientists from Albania are now eligible to hold office in IUGG and all of our Associations.

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### **2. Meeting Report from the IAHS Scientific Assembly in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil**

The International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) held its Scientific Assembly "Freshwater : Sustainability within Uncertainty" at Foz do Iguacu (Brazil) from April 3 to April 9, 2005. This Assembly, jointly organized with the ABRH (Associação Brasileira de Recursos Hidricos), was attended by 459 people from 56 countries. Generous funding from UNESCO, WMO and IAEA enabled the Organizing Committee to support the participation of about 50 scientists from countries in need.

During this Assembly the Presidency of the Association was transferred from Prof. Kuni Takeuchi (Japan) to Dr. Arthur Askew (Australia). The International Hydrology Prize 2005 was presented to Prof. Gert Schulz from Germany for his contribution to Hydrology during his whole career. The Tison Award, rewarding a young hydrologist for an outstanding paper published by IAHS Press, was presented to Dr. Francis Chiew (Australia) for 2004 and to Dr. F. Sheng Yue (China) for 2005.

Seven Symposia were held on the following topics : Sediment Budgets; Sustainable Water Management Solutions for Large Cities; Groundwater Resources Sustainability Indicators; Dynamics and Biogeochemistry of River Corridors and Wetlands; Contribution from Glaciers and Snow Cover to Runoff from Mountains; Regional Hydrologic Impacts of Climatic Variability and Change; and Prediction in Ungauged Basins. Seven workshops were organized on Hydrology 2020: What shall we target now?; Hydrological Basis of Dam Safety with Respect to Floods; Andean Glaciology; Model Parameter Estimation (MOPEX-5); Transferring Hydrological Data Across Scales; Land-use and Water Quality Relationships in Ungauged Basins; and Isotope Tracers and Remote Sensing Techniques for Assessing Water Cycle Variability. Six proceedings volumes were pre-published by IAHS Press.

### **3. Possible problems with June 2005 E-Journal distribution**

The internet servers at the office of the Secretariat experienced problems during late May and early June. If you did not receive the June 1 edition of the IUGG E-Journal, it can be downloaded from the IUGG website ([www.IUGG.org](http://www.IUGG.org)). All past issues of the E-Journal are archived under Publications. Or, if you send a message to [secretariat@iugg.org](mailto:secretariat@iugg.org), we will be glad to resend it to you. The Table of Contents of the June issue was 1. Meeting Report from the IAVCEI Assembly in Pucón, Chile 2. FAGS becomes CAGS 3. IGY+50 Developments 4. ICSU News 5. IUGG-related meetings occurring during June - August 2005

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### **4. 2003 Tsunami Symposium Proceedings**

The Proceedings of the 2003 Tsunami Symposium at the Sapporo General Assembly are now in print (Springer Publishing Company). As requested by the Chair of the IASPEI/IAVCEI/ IAPSO Tsunami Commission, Dr. Kenji Satake, IUGG purchased 73 copies for the Tsunami Warning Centers in the Pacific. They will be distributed at a meeting of the TWCs during the IASPEI Assembly in Chile in October.

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### **5. IGY+50 Developments**

*electronic Geophysical Year (eGY)*

A Virtual Observatory (VO) Working Group has been established that will begin by collecting definitions, concepts, and scopes of VOs, performing a VO inventory/census, and coordinating VOs and other IGY+50 efforts such as IHY, IPY, and the International Year of Planet Earth. The Chair is Peter Fox (HAO/ESSL/NCAR, Boulder Colorado USA); co-chairs are Vladimir Papitashvili (University of Michigan and NSF Polar Programs) and D. Aaron Roberts (NASA/GSFC, Greenbelt Maryland USA). The VO Working Group will coordinate closely with the other eGY Working Groups on Best Practices; Knowledge Discovery; and Education/Outreach.

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### **6. Announcement regarding the Executive Secretary for IASC**

The present Executive Secretary of the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) is retiring by 1 January 2000 and applicants for his successor are being sought. The office of the Secretariat is located in Stockholm, Sweden, in conjunction with the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat. Qualifications include considerable knowledge of international Arctic research, insight in Arctic problems and policy issues, and relevant experience in science management and administration. Information about IASC is available at [www.iasc.no](http://www.iasc.no) and a full job description can be obtained from [iasc@iasc.no](mailto:iasc@iasc.no). Applications are due by 8 July 2005.

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### **7. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during July - September 2005**

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](http://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.

***June 27 - July 1, 2005***

CAWSES; Monte Porzio Catone, Rome, Italy; Solar Variability and Earth Climate

***July 3 - July 6, 2005***

IUGG/UNESCO/AGU/EMI; Baku, Azerbaijan; International Workshop on Recent Geodynamics, Georisk and Sustainable Development in the Black Sea to Caspian Region

***July 7 - July 8, 2005***

ISPRS WGVIII/2: Hazard, Disasters and Public Health; Cagliari, Italy; Workshop on Remote Sensing and Environmental Hazard

***July 9 - July 16, 2005***

ICC; A Coruña, Spain; ICC2005 Conference

***July 18 - July 29, 2005***

IAGA; Toulouse, France; 10th Scientific Assembly; [www.iugg.org/IAGA](http://www.iugg.org/IAGA)

***July 20 - July 22, 2005***

IPY; Boulder CO, USA; International Polar Year (IPY) Workshop on Poles Together: Coordinating IPY Outreach and Education

***August 2 - August 11, 2005***

IAMAS; Beijing, China; Scientific Assembly

***August 10 - August 12, 2005***

IGBP; Beijing, China; 2nd PAGES (Past Global Changes) Open Science Meeting

***August 21 - August 27, 2005***

IAHS; Stockholm, Sweden; World Water Week, Seminar on: Prediction in Ungauged Basins (PUB): Data, Science and Policy

***August 22 - August 25, 2005***

IAG/IAPSO/IABO; Cairns, Australia; Joint Scientific Assembly

***August 23 - August 25, 2005***

EMSEV/Indonesian Institute of Sciences; Sumatra Island, Indonesia; Workshop on the earthquake and tsunami in Padang

***August 24 - August 27, 2005***

NUPRS; Port Harcourt, Nigeria; Nigerian Union of Planetary Sciences (NUPRS) International Conference on Early Warning for Tsunamis in the Gulf of Guinea

***September 5 - September 7, 2005***

IAHS; 12th South African National Hydrology Symposium: Managing Water for People and the Environment

***September 6 - September 10, 2005***

ICSU/IUGS; Como, Italy; Dark Nature: Rapid Natural Changes and Human Responses - Final Conference Session on Paleoseismology, Seismic Hazard, and the INQUA Scale Project

***September 7 - September 9, 2005***

ISPRS; Trier, Germany; 1st International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geomatics in the Assessment and Monitoring of Land Degradation and Desertification

***September 7 - September 10, 2005***

IAHS; Menton, France; 6th EWRA International Conference: Sharing a common vision for our water resources

***September 8 - September 14, 2005***

IASPEI; Erice Sicily, Italy; 9th International Workshop on Numerical Modeling of Mantle Convection and Lithospheric Dynamics

***September 9 - September 11, 2005***

IUGG; Perugia, Italy; IUGG Executive Committee meeting

***September 11 - September 17, 2005***

NATO; Resort Village Borovetz, Bulgaria; HEarthquake Monitoring and Seismic Hazard Mitigation in Balkan Countries

***September 12 - September 13, 2005***

IUGG; Perugia, Italy; 2007 General Assembly Scientific Programme Committee meeting

***September 12 - September 15, 2005***

FIG; Qingdao, China; 12th International Symposium on Deformation Measurement

***September 12 - September 16, 2005***

ECAM; Utrecht, The Netherlands; 5th Meeting of the European Meteorological Society

***September 14 - September 16, 2005***

CODATA; Berlin, Germany; ISGI 2005 - International CODATA Symposium on Generalization of Information

***September 14 - September 19, 2005***

IAHS; Belgrade and Kotor, Serbia; Water Resources and Environmental Problems in Karst - Cvijic 2005

***September 17 - September 23, 2005***

IAHS; Guangzhou and Three Gorges, China; International Conference on Reservoir Operation and River Management (ICROM)

***September 19 - September 25, 2005***

IAHS; Irkutsk, Russia; 2nd International Conference on Fundamental Problems of Investigation and Use of Water Resources

*Advance attention is directed to the IASPEI Association Assembly in 2005:*

***October 2 - 8, 2005***

IASPEI; Santiago, Chile; [www.igm.cl/iaspei/iaspei.htm](http://www.igm.cl/iaspei/iaspei.htm);

During the week following, a training course will be organized by the University of Chile to provide postgraduate students and young researchers from South America an opportunity for advanced

instruction in seismological topics.

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