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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 Celebrates 75 Years

The International Council for Science, formerly known as the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), was created on 11 July 1931. IUGG was one of the original Unions of ICSU and has continued to participate in its programmes. A number of activities are being undertaken to celebrate this 75th Anniversary. A new brochure and a set of posters have been created and can be seen and downloaded from the ICSU website: www.icsu.org. On 4 July, the French Académie des Sciences is organizing an afternoon of science lectures relating to ICSU programmes and strategic priorities. Finally, an ICSU congress for young scientists – "Strengthening International Science for the Benefit of Society" is being planned for late 2006 or early 2007. IUGG will be asked to sponsor a young scientist to attend this event. IUGG congratulates ICSU on 75 years of "strengthening international science for the benefit of society."

2. Reminder: Nominations for IUGG Officers and the Finance Committee are open

An important matter for the IUGG Council at its meeting in Perugia, Italy, in 2007 will be the election of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and 3 Members), and the 4 members of the Finance Committee. The Nominations Committee has the task of collecting the nominations and preparing the ballot, following the rules regarding nominations and elections for these positions (IUGG By-Laws, Section 10). The members of the Nominations Committee are as follows:

Chair: Dr. Søren Gregersen (Denmark) sg@geus.dk

Members: Prof. Attia Ashour (Egypt), Prof. Robert Duce (USA), and Prof. Seiya Uyeda (Japan).

Instructions regarding the procedures to be used to submit nominations in accordance with IUGG Statute 11 and By-law 10 are posted on the IUGG Web site and have been mailed to all IUGG officers and Adhering Bodies. The first deadline for nominations is 30 September 2006. For further information, contact Dr. Gregersen or the IUGG Secretariat.

3. In Remembrance

In the past few months, several Associations have reported the death of eminent scientists as listed below. Full obituaries appear on the Association web sites. We gratefully remember the life and work of these friends and colleagues.

Dr. Paul Serson (IAGA – Canada)

Dr. Luiz Muniz Baretto (IAGA – Brazil)

Prof. Yoram Kaufman (IAMAS – USA)

Prof. Yury Tyupkin (IASPEI - Russia)

4. Honors and Awards

Professor W. James Shuttleworth, Director of the University of Arizona (USA) Center for Sustainability of semi-Arid Hydrology and Riparian Areas (SAHRA) has been awarded the prestigious International Hydrology Prize, given annually by the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS), UNESCO, and WMO. Professor Shuttleworth was nominated "for his innovative, international leadership over more than thirty years, contributing to the growth of hydrology into a major discipline of Earth System Science."

The International Association of Geodesy (IAG) has awarded their 2005 Young Author Award to **Roland Pail** (Austria) for his paper "A parametric study on the impact of satellite attitude errors on GOCE gravity field recovery" (Journal of Geodesy, Vol. 79, No. 4-5, pp. 231-241, 2005). Mr. Pail studied geophysics at the University of Vienna, finishing his diploma thesis in 1995. IAG reports that he has already been the project manager of diverse national projects and is a member of several IAG study groups.

Dr. Deon E. Terblanche and his team from the South African Weather Service have been awarded the first Prize for Excellence in Advancing the Science and Practice of Weather Modification. This Prize, established in 2003 by the Department of Atmospheric Studies of the Ministry for Presidential Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, aims to stimulate efforts to advance knowledge in this field with a view to satisfying the need for water in the many water-scarce regions of the world. Dr. Terblanche recently represented IUGG and IAMAS at the 14th Session of the WMO Commission for Atmospheric Sciences.

The AGU recently announced their 2006 class of Fellows. Among those honored were **Paola Malanotte-Rizzoli**, Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee for the 2007 IUGG General Assembly, and **Raymond Pierrehumbert**, a Vice-Chair of the Union Commission on Mathematical Geophysics.

5. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during July – September 2006

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.

July 3 - 7, 2006

IAHS; Dundee, Scotland; Sediment Dynamics and the Hydromorphology of Fluvial Systems

July 8 - 15, 2006

IASPEI; Davos, Switzerland; International Disaster Reduction Conference

July 9 - 14, 2006

IUGG/SEDI; Prague, Czech Republic; 10th Symposium of SEDI

July 9 - 15, 2006

IUSS; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; 18th World Congress of Soil Science

July 10 - 14, 2006

AOGS; Singapore; 3rd Annual Meeting

July 15 - 19, 2006

ESOF; Munich, Germany; Euroscience Open Forum: ESOF 2006

July 16 - 23, 2006

COSPAR; Beijing, China; 36th COSPAR Scientific Assembly

July 17 - 19, 2006

SCAR; Hobart, Australia; XXIX SCAR Meeting

July 21 - 22, 2006

IAG; Beijing, China; International workshop on quality improvement and coast-land applications of satellite altimetry

July 25 - August 3, 2006

ESA/FFG; Alpbach/Tirol, Austria; Summer School Alpbach 2006: Monitoring of Natural Hazards from Space

August 14 - 25, 2006

IAU; Prague, Czech Republic; IAU XXVI General Assembly

August 21 - 25, 2006

WCRP/UCCS; Cambridge, England; International Symposium on Cryospheric Indicators of Global Climate Change

August 23 - 27, 2006

IUGG/IAG; Jakarta, Indonesia; First Indonesian Geospatial Technology Exhibition

August 27 - September 1, 2006

IASPEI; Sao Paulo, Brazil; The IRIS Workshop on Managing Waveform Data and Related Metadata for Seismic Networks

August 28 - September 1, 2006

IAG; Istanbul, Turkey; 1st International Symposium of International Gravity Field Service (IGFS)

August 30 - September 1, 2006

IASPEI; Grenoble, France; ESG 2006 Symposium

September 1 - 7, 2006

ISPRS/VIII; Haifa, Israel; Remote Sensing for a Sustainable Future

September 2 - 6, 2006

IASPEI; Smolenice Castle, Slovakia; Workshop on Numerical Modeling of Earthquake Source Dynamics (NMESD)

September 4 - 6, 2006

UN/ISDR; Davos, Switzerland; International Disaster Reduction Conference (IDRC 2006)

September 4 - 6, 2006

EMS/ECAC; Ljubljana, Slovenia; 6th Annual meeting of the European Meteorological Society and the 6th European Conference on Applied Climatology

September 4 - 6, 2006

Indonesia Center of Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation; Yogyakarta, Indonesia; Workshop on Merapi and Merapi Type Volcanoes in the world with their phenomena, and Volcano International Gathering 2006

September 4 - 7, 2006

IAG; Nice, France; XIII Assembly of the Wegener Project

September 4 - 8, 2006

IAGA/ICMA/CAWSES; Sodankyla, Finland; Workshop on Long-Term Changes and Trends in the Atmosphere

September 4 - 8, 2006

IAHS; Nice, France; 7th International Conference on Hydroinformatics

September 4 - 8, 2006

IASPEI; Geneva, Switzerland; First European Conference of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology

September 11 - 14, 2006

IAHS; Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic; International Multidisciplinary Conference on Hydrology and Ecology: The Groundwater/Ecology Connection

September 14 - 17, 2006

IAEG, EGGSL; Nottingham, United Kingdom; 10th Congress of the International Association of Engineering Geology and the Environment

September 17 - 23, 2006

IAGA; El Vendrell, Catalonia, Spain; 18th Electromagnetic Induction Workshop

September 18 - 22, 2006

IAGA/IAMAS; Varena, Bulgaria; 3rd IAGA/ICMA Workshop on Vertical coupling in the Atmosphere-Ionosphere System

September 20 - 22, 2006

IAHS; Prague, Czech Republic; BIOHYDROLOGY 2006: impact of biological factors on soil hydrology

September 20 - 23, 2006

IAHS; Belvaux, Luxembourg; ERB200: Uncertainties in the Monitoring-Conceptualization-Modeling Sequence of Catchment Research

September 21 - 23, 2006

IAHS; Neuchatel, Switzerland; 8th Conference on Limestone Hydrogeology

September 24 - 29, 2006

IASPEI; Hayama, Japan; 12th International Symposium on Deep Seismic Profiling of the Continents and their Margins

September 25 - 26, 2006

ISPRS; Goa, India; Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques for Monitoring and Prediction of Disasters

September 25 - October 7, 2006

IASPEI; Trieste, Italy; 8th Workshop on 3D Modelling of Seismic Waves Generation, Propagation and their Inversion

September 26 - 28, 2006

IAHS; Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany; 3rd International Symposium on Integrated Water Resources Management

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