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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. Nominations for IUGG Officers due 30 September

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](mailto: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. Nominations are welcome and needed for all positions. For further information, contact Dr. Gregersen or the IUGG Secretariat.

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### 2. IAHS Abstract Deadline is now 30 September

The deadline for abstract submission for the IAHS Symposia to be held at the IUGG Assembly in Perugia, 3–9 July 2007, is now 30 SEPTEMBER 2006. Please submit your abstracts electronically via the IUGG General Assembly website: [www.iugg2007perugia.it](http://www.iugg2007perugia.it).

First use JOIN/LOG IN to join the web site. Click on LOG IN and a registration form will appear enabling you to provide a username and password. You will receive an email confirming that you have joined successfully. Close the site (LOG OFF). Now, using the username and password you will be able to LOG IN fully to the site. ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION explains the abstract format required SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME enables you to identify the IAHS session you want to submit to, and there you will be able to SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT by providing the relevant details and copy and paste. The IAHS Symposia follow.

The abstracts for these symposia are required early as the accepted papers will be pre-published (except HS1002) in IAHS Red Books.

HS1001 A new focus on groundwater/seawater interactions

HS1002 Surface water/groundwater interactions

HS1003 Hydrology in mountain regions: observations, processes and dynamics

HS2004 Quantification and reduction of predictive uncertainty for sustainable water resources management

HS2005 Water quality and sediment behaviour of the future: predictions for the 21st century

HS3006 Changes in water resource systems: methodologies to maintain water security and ensure integrated management

HS3007 Remote sensing for environmental monitoring and change detection

Full details of these symposia, the ten IAHS workshops and four symposia/workshops organized jointly with UCCS, IAMAS and IGS, are available at the IAHS website: [www.iahs.info](http://www.iahs.info).

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### **3. Report of the GeoUnions meeting**

A meeting of representatives of 3 GeoUnions and IYPE (International Year of Planet Earth) was held in Maputo, Mozambique, on 6 July. Items of discussion included relations among the various Unions and ICSU, GeoUnion science team activities and their integration with IYPE scientific themes, and other administrative issues. The GeoUnions will meet again in April 2007 in Rome in conjunction with the mid-term ICSU Unions meeting.

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### **4. Report from the WCRP meeting**

The 27th Session of the Joint Scientific Committee (JSC) of the World Climate Research Program (WCRP) was held from 6-11 March in Pune, India. The WCRP is jointly sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization, the International Council of Science, and the International Oceanographic Commission. Dr. Michael MacCracken, President of IAMAS, attended as the representative of IUGG/IAMAS and the Scientific Committee on Ocean Research (SCOR). The new Director of the WCRP office in Geneva, Dr. Ann Henderson-Sellers reported that her key challenge was to develop a new strategic plan for 2006-2011, and she named a number of major questions to be addressed such as range of climate sensitivity, ocean acidification, and governmental and public perceptions of climate assessments. WCRP projects include Coordinated Observation and Prediction of the Earth System (COPEs), Climate Variability and Predictability (CLIVAR), Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment (GEWEX), Stratospheric Processes and their Role in Climate (SPARC), Climate and Cryosphere (CliC), as well as a number of others efforts on modelling and observing programs. WCRP was last reviewed in 1995, and a new review is timely.

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### **5. International Consortium on Landslides (ICL)**

The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL; <http://icl.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp>), created in January 2002, is an international non-governmental and non-profit scientific organization supported by UNESCO, WMO, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR), as well as IUGS and a number of other non-governmental and governmental bodies. The Secretariat is located in Kyoto, Japan. In January 2006, a meeting of stakeholders was held that resulted in an action plan to create an International Programme on Landslides (IPL). IUGG has been invited to endorse and participate in this action plan, and the IUGG Commission on Geophysical Risk and Sustainability has

agreed to take up these activities. In particular, Dr. Alik Ismail-Zadeh will attend the first IPL Global Promotion Committee in January 2007, and will serve as the IPL point of contact with IUGG Associations that have activities that relate to landslides and related geohazards.

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## **6. Awards and Honors**

Professor Charles VURUSMARTY of the University of New Hampshire has been appointed to the United States Arctic Research Commission. The Commission, which is composed of seven presidential appointees, is charged with establishing the national policy, priorities, and goals necessary for federal programs in basic and applied scientific research concerning the Arctic. Dr. VURUSMARTY directs the Water Systems Analysis Group and the Complex Systems Research Center at the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space (EOS) at the University of New Hampshire. On behalf of IAHS, he served as Secretary of the International Committee on Atmosphere-Soil-Vegetation Relations from 1994-2000 and as its President from 2000 to 2004. He also convened the IAHS Ad Hoc Group on Global Water Data Sets, which highlighted the numerous and persistent problems with access to critical data sets for global water research and resource assessment. He currently serves as an Associate Editor of the Hydrological Sciences Journal.

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## **7. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during September – November 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](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.

### ***September 2 - 6, 2006***

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

### ***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

***September 28 - 30, 2006***

IAHS; Beijing, China; International Symposium on Flood forecasting and Water Resources Assessment for IAHS-PUB

***October 2 - 6, 2006***

SCOPE; Rome, Italy; 52nd Open Executive Committee Meeting

***October 2 - 6, 2006***

UCCS; Davos, Switzerland; 4th Mars Polar Science and Exploration Conference

***October 4 - 6, 2006***

IAHS; Potsdam, Germany; 1Model Developer's Workshop (SWAT and SWIM)

***October 8 - 12, 2006***

FIG; Munich, Germany; XXIII International FIG World Congress

***October 9 - 13, 2006***

IAG; Munich, Germany; Geodetic reference frames GRF2006

***October 16 - 18, 2006***

IUGG; Melbourne, Australia; IUGG Bureau Meeting

***October 16 - 20, 2006***

IAG, ICC; Jeju, Korea; 2006 International Symposium on GPS/GNSS (12th IAIN World Congress) and the Asia Pacific Space Geodynamics (APSG 2006) Workshop

***October 23 - 25, 2006***

CODATA; Beijing, China; 20th International CODATA Conference: Scientific Data and Knowledge within the Information Society

***November 3 - 11, 2006***

GSDI; Santiago, Chile; Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association (GSDI) 9th International Conference; Spatial Information: Tool for Reducing Poverty

***November 6 - 8, 2006***

IASPEI; Santiago, Chile; International Conference Montessus de Ballore- Centennial of the Valparaiso 1906 Earthquake

***November 6 - 8, 2006***

ESA-ESRIN; Frascati, Italy; 3rd International GOCE User Workshop

***November 7 - 8, 2006***

START; Beijing, China; Young Scientists' Global Change Conference

***November 7 - 10, 2006***

IASPEI; Bangkok, Thailand; 6th General Assembly of Asian Seismological Commission Symposium On the Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation

***November 9 - 12, 2006***

ESSP; Beijing, China; Global Change Open Science Conference on Global Environmental Change: Regional Challenges

***November 20 - 22, 2006***

IAGA/EMSEV; Agra, India; International Workshop on Electromagnetic Studies related to Earthquakes and Volcanoes

***November 27 - December 1, 2006***

IAHS; Havana, Cuba; 5th World FRIEND Conference: Water Resources Variability: Processes, Analysis and Impacts

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