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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. General Assembly Third Circular to be released soon

The XXIV IUGG General Assembly will be held in Perugia, Italy from 2-13 July 2007. The Third Circular will be released soon on the web site (www.iugg2007perugia.it) and will be mailed to all of those who have pre-registered. The registration form and hotel booking form in the Third Circular can be filed electronically or by post. The early registration fee will be accepted until 30 April so that the Perugia Local Organizing Committee can better plan for the expected attendance. After that, the fees will increase. The Abstract and Travel Grant submission forms are due in Perugia by 31 January 2007. (If abstracts and grant forms are being sent by post, they must be mailed by 15 January).

2. Delegate Certifications needed for General Assembly

Official notification of the XXIV IUGG General Assembly was sent to all Adhering Bodies on 9 May 2006. The letter asked that all Adhering Bodies to send the name of their delegate to the IUGG Council meetings to the IUGG Secretariat by 28 February 2007. This deadline ensures that the Council Delegates will receive the Council Meeting Agendas and other important information such as the venue of the meetings. To date, the following Adhering Bodies have sent the letter appointing their delegate to the Council:

Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, India, Israel, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, and New Zealand.

Many more letters are needed. Please do not neglect this important duty, which will provide your delegate with the credentials and information needed to vote.

In addition, all Adhering Bodies should issue credentials for their delegates to the Association business meetings. Those should be sent to the individual Association Secretaries General as soon as possible.

3. Nominations received for the IUGG Finance Committee

Given below is the list of nominations for the IUGG Bureau and the Finance Committee as agreed upon by the Nominating Committee. For each position either one or two candidates have been nominated, as required by the By-Laws (10b). The positions and the nominated candidates are:

President: Tom Beer (Australia)

Vice-President: Harsh K. Gupta (India), and David Kerridge (U.K.)

Treasurer: Aksel W. Hansen (Denmark)

Secretary General: Alik Ismail-Zadeh (Germany)

Bureau Members

Position #1 Yun-Tai Chen (China)

Position #2 Ali Tealeb (Egypt)

Position #3 David Jackson (U.S.A.)

Finance Committee

Position #1 Jan Krynski (Poland)

Position #2 Kyoshi Suyehiro (Japan)

Position #3 open

Position #4 open

The Curriculum Vitae of the candidates will be posted on the IUGG Web site. During the next four months, new candidates for each office will be added to the list given above if they meet the general requirements for IUGG officers, and are supported by at least three presidents or equivalent officers of National Committees of Member Adhering Bodies.

New candidates must signify their acceptance of the nomination and must prepare a resume outlining their position, research interests, and activities related to the Union. The deadline for adding nominations is 31 March 2007. The resulting final list of nominations will be completed and distributed by 30 April 2007. The By-Laws provide for re-nominations following the close of the first Council Meeting at the General Assembly.

If you have any question concerning the nomination procedure, please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Suren Gregersen, at sg@geus.dk

4. 2008 will be the Year of Science and Technology for Africa

The African Union (AU) is planning to declare 2008 to be the year of S &T for Africa. If this proposition is endorsed by the African Heads of State and Governments in January 2008, it will coincide with the UN-declared Year of Planet Earth, the ICSU General Assembly in Mozambique, the climax of the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) and the International Polar Year (IPY), and the final year of the electronic Geophysical Year (eGY).

5. IGY + 50, and eGY kick-off events and showcase demonstrations

Preparations are currently underway to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year and the kick-off for the Electronic Geophysical Year on July 1st, 2007, in Perugia, Italy. Exhibitions of IGY posters and movies, as well as public lectures and eGY showcase demonstrations are being planned. Anyone wishing to contribute ideas for the festivities should contact Emily CoBabe-Ammann (ecobabe@lasp.colorado.edu).

eGY showcase demonstrations will illustrate the value of web-based systems for providing ready

access to data, information, analysis capability, visualisation, and other services. Adaptations of systems to meet the needs of the Education sector will be included. The aim is to illustrate the potential of such systems, encourage participation and release of data, and help build the foundations of wider interoperability. The showcase demonstrations will be held at the Fall AGU meeting, and on subsequent occasions during the course of eGY (July 2007 - December 2008). Anyone who wishes to get involved, or who has a system to be demonstrated, or who would like to build such a system should contact: Peter Fox (pfox@ucar.edu) and Emily CoBabe-Ammann (ecobabe@lasp.colorado.edu).

6. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during December 2006 – February 2007

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.

December 7 - 10, 2006

IAHS; St. Moritz, Switzerland; 7th International Workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas: Extreme Precipitation, Multisource Data Measurement and Uncertainty

December 11 - 15, 2006

AGU; San Francisco, California, USA; AGU Fall Meeting

December 18 - 20, 2006

IASPEI; Roorkee, India; The 13th Symposium on Earthquake Engineering (13SEE-06)

January 14 - 18, 2007

AMS; San Antonio, Texas, USA; 87th Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society

February 7 – 10, 2007

IAHS; Coimbatore, India; 3rd International Groundwater Conference (IGC-2007): Water, Environment and Agriculture – Present Problems and Future Challenges

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