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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 (<http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals/>). Please forward this message to those who will benefit from the information. Your comments are welcome.

Editorial note. The first IUGG Electronic Journal was published in February 2001. Since then Dr. Joann Joselyn has been the Editor of the Journal. I express my sincere thanks to JoAnn for her excellent work and wish her all the best. JoAnn, you have been the only Diamond on the Crown of IUGG. Thanks a lot! - *Alik Ismail-Zadeh.*



*Closing Ceremony of the XXIV IUGG General Assembly, 13 July, Perugia, Italy
From right: Dr. Tom Beer, Dr. Uri Shamir, Dr. JoAnn Joselyn, and Dr. Aksel Hansen*

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1. Transition of the IUGG Secretariat from Boulder (USA) to Karlsruhe (Germany)

For 1999 to 2007 the office of the IUGG Secretary General was hosted by the University of Colorado at Boulder within CIRES – the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, and was financially supported by a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation in cooperation with the Board on International Scientific Organizations within the National Research Council of the National Academies. The grant permitted the hire of part-time assistants who helped to manage the database, correspond with the Member Adhering Bodies and IUGG officers, and prepare reports and mailings.

The IUGG Secretariat is now moving to Karlsruhe. The Geophysical Institute of Karlsruhe University kindly provides a room for the IUGG Secretariat and helps with some of the logistics.

JoAnn Joselyn, the past Secretary-General, is helping the new IUGG Secretary General during this transition period. On behalf of the IUGG we thank JoAnn very much for her great service to the Union. Also, we thank Katina Rogers, the Assistant Secretary-General, who agreed to assist the IUGG Secretary General till April 30, 2008.

2. IUGG web page updates and transition of the web site to another host

The IUGG web page has been updated including (i) the presentation of the new Union Association, International Association of Cryospheric Sciences, (ii) new officers of the Union and Associations, (iii) Union Resolutions etc. The web-site is still undergoing other relevant updates.

During the last few years, the IUGG web-site was maintained by the University of Colorado at Boulder. We thank very much Kathy Zellers, IUGG web-master, for timely updates of the IUGG web-page which is an important part of IUGG outreach and communication activity.

From early September 2007, the IUGG web site will be hosted by the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. New IUGG web-master is Dr. Dmitry Krupsky.

3. National Reports are posted on the IUGG web site

National Reports from the following countries are now posted on the IUGG web page (<http://www.IUGG.org/members/nationalreports>): Argentina, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, South Africa, Spain, and Turkey. In addition, France prepared its National Report on a CD, which has been distributed to all IUGG bodies and members. Excellent printed reports were prepared by Germany, India, and Slovak Republic. IUGG appreciates the time and energy required to assemble these reports that showcase the IUGG-related research being done within the respective countries, and provide points of contact for collaboration. Please view these reports and either print out copies as needed or request a printed copy directly from the individual National Committees.

All IUGG National Committees are encouraged to prepare Internet sites that provide such appropriate information and to maintain them throughout the new quadrennium. The addresses of these sites will be provided in the IUGG Yearbook and will be posted on the IUGG web page.

4. International Year of Planet Earth– Global Launch Event and Students Contest

IUGG is a Founding Partner of the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE).

The official IYPE Global Launch Event will be held 12-13 February 2008 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris and will be chaired by Director-General K. Matsuura. There will be four debates (Resources, Hazards, Soils & Cities, and System Earth). About 700 guests including 350 students award-winning students will be invited to attend the Event.

All 18-22 year-old students are invited to submit an essay, poem, or other personal contribution to one of the 10 themes of the IYPE to their National Committees, or, if no such committee exists yet, to the IYPE Secretariat at NGU in Norway, before November 15, 2007. The National IYPE Committees will select the best (max. 5) works and collect the funds to cover the travel of the award-winning students to Paris. Rules and guidelines can be downloaded from <http://www.esfs.org/studentcontest.html>.

5. IUGG-related meetings occurring during September - November 2007

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

- September 2-7, IASPEI, Carry-le-Rouet, France, International Workshop on Numerical Modeling of Mantle Convection and Lithospheric Dynamics
- September 3-6, IAHS, Helsinki, Finland, Third International Conference on Climate and Water (www.environment.fi/syke/cw3)
- September 9-13, IAHS, Copenhagen, Denmark, ModelCARE2007 International Conference on Calibration and Reliability in Groundwater Modelling: Credibility of Modelling (www.polytec.dk/modelcare2007/)
- September 9-16, IASPEI/IAVCEI, Fosshotel Nesbuo, Iceland, ESC Working Group Annual Workshop Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- September 12-14, IAHS/UNESCO, Paris, France, International Symposium on New Directions in Urban Water Management (symposiumuwm2007@unesco.org)
- September 16-19, eGY Suzdal, Vladimr Region, Russia, International Conference on the 50th Anniversary of IGY and the Electronic Geophysical Year
- September 17-23, IAHS, Guangzhou and Three Gorges, China, 2nd Int'l Conf on GIS/RS in Hydrology, Water Resources and Environment and 2nd Intl Symposium on Flood Forecasting and Management with GIS and Remote Sensing (www.hydroinfor.sysu.edu.cn)

- September 27-30, EMSEV Freiberg, Germany, 4th International Symposium on Three-Dimensional Electromagnetics: New Horizons (www.geophysik.tu-freiberg.de/3dem4)
 - October 1-13, IASPEI/GeoRisk Commission, Abdus Salam Intl Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy, 9th Workshop on Nonlinear Dynamics and Earthquake Prediction.
 - October 2-4, IAG, Toulouse, France, Scientific and Fundamental Aspects of the Galileo Programme (www.congrex.nl/07a06/)
 - October 9-11, DLR Oberpaffenhofen/Munich, Germany, PV 2007 International Conference Ensuring the Long-term Preservation and Value Adding to Scientific and Technical Data
 - October 23-27, CAWSES, Kyoto, Japan, International CAWSES Symposium (www.bu.edu/cawses)
 - October 25-29, IAHS, Fremantle, Western Australia GQ2007: Securing Groundwater Quality in Urban and Industrial Environments
 - November 6-7, EMSEV, Bandung, Indonesia, IWSEP2007 International Workshop on Seismo Electromagnetic Phenomena: Recent Progress
 - November 19-24, IAVCEI, Shimabara, Japan, Cities on Volcanoes 5
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