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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. Announcement of IUGG General Assembly Union Lecturers

IUGG President Uri Shamir has selected the 4 Union Lecturers for the 2007 General Assembly in Perugia, Italy. These lecturers, and the dates of each presentation, are as follows.

Dr. Robert Corell; Senior Policy Fellow, American Meteorology Society; Monday, 2 July Prof. Maria Zuber; Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Thursday 5 July Prof. Claudio Faccenna; Geological Sciences, University of Rome; Tuesday 10 July Dr. Kenji Satake; National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Geological Survey of Japan; Friday 13 July.

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### 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](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. For further information, contact Dr. Gregersen or the IUGG Secretariat.

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### 3. New International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management

Professor Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, past-President of IAHS (2001-2005) and Vice-Chair of the IUGG Union Commission on Geophysical Risk and Sustainability, has been appointed as the Founding Director of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM), inaugurated under the

auspices of UNESCO on 6 March 2006. The Centre is an outcome of the Third World Water Forum in Kyoto in 2002 and is hosted by the Public Works Research Institute in Tsukuba, Japan. The goal of the Centre is to provide practicable strategies to localities, regions, and nations to manage the risk of water-related disasters including floods, drought, landslide, debris flow, storm surge, tsunamis, and water contamination. For example, ICHARM will develop inundation models and distribute them to countries to help forecast and mitigate damage, and will train researchers from developing countries to create flood-hazard maps. The ICHARM Newsletter No.1 is posted on their website: [www.icharm.pwri.go.jp](http://www.icharm.pwri.go.jp).

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#### **4. News from SCOSTEP/CAWSES**

The ICSU Scientific Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP) held a Bureau meeting on 5 March 2006 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in association with the STP-11 Symposium. At that time, it was announced that Joe Allen was retiring as Scientific Secretary, and that Gang Lu, a research scientist with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) will take over from Joe and locate the Secretariat at NCAR in Boulder, Colorado (USA). It was further announced Susan Avery, Interim Provost of the University of Colorado, will become the Co-chair of the SCOSTEP international program on Climate and Weather of the Sun-Earth System (CAWSES) on 1 April. She will share the duties of the Chair with Sunanda Basu, who has been instrumental in initiating this five-year program and has chaired it since 2004, until August 1 when Sunanda will retire and Susan will become the Chair. The next meeting of the SCOSTEP Bureau will take place in conjunction with the IUGG General Assembly in Perugia, Italy, 2-13 July 2007. For additional information about CAWSES and its 5 scientific themes, please read their March newsletter posted on the website [www.bu.edu/cawses](http://www.bu.edu/cawses).

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#### **5. Recent Advances toward an International Year of Planet Earth**

Dr. Eduardo F.J. deMulder reports that steady progress is being made toward The Year, which was proclaimed for 2008 by the UN General Assembly. 2008 is the central year of a triennium that will begin in January 2007 and end in December 2008. Fund-raising is in progress to support the Science and Outreach programmes that are already in place. For additional information, visit the website [www.yearofplanetearth.org](http://www.yearofplanetearth.org).

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#### **6. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during May - July 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.

##### ***May 14 - May 18, 2006***

IAVCEI; Guangzhou, China; Continental Basalt Volcanism

##### ***May 15 - May 19, 2006***

IASPEI; Trieste, Italy; Workshop on the Conduct of Seismic Hazard Analyses for Critical Facilities

##### ***May 21 - May 24, 2006***

IAHS; Golden, Colorado, USA; MODFLOW and More 2006: Managing Ground-Water Systems

##### ***May 22 - May 24, 2006***

IAG; Baden, Austria; 3rd IAG Symposium on Geodesy for Geotechnical and Structural Engineering  
**May 23 - May 26, 2006**

AGU; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; Spring Joint Assembly  
**May 23 - May 26, 2006**

IAHS; Ohrid, Macedonia; BALWOIS Conference on Water Observation and Information Systems for Decision Support  
**May 29 - June 2, 2006**

IAG; Wuhan University, China; VI Hotine-Marussi Symposium of Theoretical and Computational Geodesy: Challenge and Role of Modern Geodesy  
**May 30 - June 3, 2006**

IAHS; Dijon, France; Anniversary Conference on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of IAH and the 150th Anniversary of Darcy's Law  
**June 1 - June 2, 2006**

Potsdam, Germany; OECD Global Science Forum: Workshop on Earthquake Science and its Contribution to Society  
**June 4 - June 8, 2006**

IUGG/CMG; Sea of Galilee, Israel; Coupling in Earth Systems: Solids, Fluids, Life  
**June 6 - June 8, 2006**

IAG; Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; International Workshop on Height Systems, Geoid and Gravity of the Asia-Pacific  
**June 6 - June 9, 2006**

WCRP; Paris, France; Understanding Sea-level Rise and Variability  
**June 8 - June 10, 2006**

IASPEI; Tucson, Arizona, USA; 2006 IRIS Workshop  
**June 8 - June 10, 2006**

IAHS; Guangzhou, China; Hydrological Sciences for Managing Water Resources in the Asian Developing World  
**June 14 - June 16, 2006**

EMSEV; Toulouse, France; Дѣмѣтер International Workshop  
**June 16, 2006**

IAGA; Tihany, Hungary; 50th Jubilee of the Tihany Geophysical Observatory  
**June 17 - June 21, 2006**

IASPEI; Castle of Trest, Czech Republic; Seismic Anisotropy and Geodynamics of the Lithosphere-Asthenosphere System  
**June 19 - June 23, 2006**

IAG; Copenhagen, Denmark; IGeS Geoid School 2006; The Determination and Use of the Geoid

***June 19 - June 24, 2006***

IAGA; Belsk, Poland; XII IAGA Workshop

***June 30 - July 1, 2006***

IAHS; Paris, France; 8th IAHS-UNESCO KOVACS Colloquium: Frontiers in Flood Research

***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 25 - August 3, 2006***

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

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