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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. Welcome to Bolivia, a returning member of IUGG

By vote by correspondence of the regular members of the IUGG, Bolivia has been accepted as a new member of IUGG in Associate status. Bolivia had previously been a member of IUGG from 1960 to 2000, and we welcome their return. The Adhering Body is the Academia Nacional de Ciencias de Bolivia, and the President of the National Committee is Dr. Jos  Luis Teller a-Geiger. The Vice-President is Estela Minaya, and the Secretary General is Dr. Rudolfo Ayala. We look forward to new collaborations and new friendships.

2. Call for Delegates to the 2007 IUGG General Assembly

In a formal letter posted on 9 May 2006 to all IUGG Adhering Bodies, a request was made for the name of the official delegate to the IUGG Council meetings in Perugia, Italy, in July 2007. This person must be accredited by means of a signed letter (fax and e-mail are not acceptable) from the IUGG Adhering Organisation. This person will be admitted to the Council meeting and may participate in Council business. Delegates from Adhering Bodies in Observer status (that is, dues not paid through 2006), may participate in Council Business but may not vote on issues requiring a ballot, including elections of officers and approval of the budget. Because of a change in IUGG By-laws (By-law 11) enacted at the 2003 General Assembly, IUGG Members in Associate status may send one representative to the Council meetings as a Listener, Listeners are not permitted to engage in discussions or vote on IUGG business. Previously, Associate members were not represented at Council meetings.

The Adhering Organizations are asked to send these letters so that they arrive at the IUGG Office by 28 February 2007. In order to expedite the Council meetings, documents regarding items of business will be sent directly to the delegates for consideration in advance of the General Assembly.

3. ICSU announces formation of a Planning Group on Natural Hazards

At the ICSU General Assembly in China in October 2005, a decision was taken to plan for a new ICSU initiative on Natural and Human-induced Hazards and Disasters. A call for nominations for members

was issued, and IUGG as well as many of the GeoUnions submitted a number of names for the Planning Group. Tom Beer, Stephen Sparks, and Harsh Gupta as liaison from the ICSU Committee on Scientific Planning and Research (CSPR), were selected to represent the GeoUnions on the committee. Their work will begin in June.

4. IUGG representative to Science for Health and Well Being Steering Committee

SHWB is an initiative of the ICSU Unions that been under development since 2002. It expects to marshal expertise from the natural, social, behavioral, and engineering sciences to attain new insights into the research and policies that affect people while being mindful of the obvious and intimate links to environmental systems. IUGG has been one of the several Unions, under the leadership of the International Union of Biological Sciences, which has supported this initiative. A Steering Committee is being formed to take this initiative forward, and Dr. Claire Horwell, Director of the International Volcanic Health Hazard Network, has agreed to be the IUGG representative to the Steering Committee. We look forward to being an active partner in this truly inter-disciplinary effort.

5. IUGG representative to the Consultative Committee for Time and Frequency

Dr. Claude Boucher, Ministere de la Recherche, Direction de la Technologie, Department Espace et Aeronautique, France, will represent IUGG at the 17th meeting of the CCTF from 15-15 September, at BIPM in Sevres, France. IUGG is grateful for his continuing service.

6. IAGA liaison to the Union Commission on Mathematical Geophysics

Professor Matthias Holschneider, Universitt Potsdam, Institut fr Mathematik, Germany, has kindly accepted to be the IAGA liaison to the Union Commission on Mathematical Geophysics (CMG). Other Association liaisons include Martin Vermeer (IAG), M. Daniel Schertzer (IAHS), and A. Neri and Oded Navon (IAVCEI). The CMG 2006 meeting, Coupling in Earth Systems: Solids, Fluids, Life, will be held June 4-8 at the Sea of Galilee, Israel.

7. ICSU supports IAG's GGOS for IGOS-P membership

The Integrated Global Observing Strategy (IGOS) is an over-arching strategy for conducting observations relating to climate and atmosphere, oceans and coasts, the land surface and the Earth's interior. Based on existing international global observing programmes, IGOS seeks to improve observing capacity and deliver observations in a cost-effective and timely fashion. IGOS has developed six initial prototype projects as follows:

1. Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment
2. Upper Air Measurements
3. Long-Term Continuity Of Ozone Measurements
4. Global Observation Of Forest Cover
5. Long-Term Ocean Biology Measurements
6. Disaster Management Support

Resolution 3 of the 2003 (Sapporo) IUGG Council supported the establishment of the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) by the International Association of Geodesy (IAG). GGOS, based on the IAG Services, provides the metrological basis for many monitoring and observing programmes in the

field of Earth sciences. The IUGG Resolution and fact that GGOS is already well established within GEO (IAG is a GEO participating organization) encouraged ICSU to recommend that GGOS should become a member of the IGOS Partnership (IGOS-P). A new theme, Dynamic Earth, will likely be developed.

8. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during June - August 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.

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 14 - June 17, 2006

IAG; Riga, Latvia; EUREF Symposium 2006 Riga

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 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 Paolo, 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

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