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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. New nominations for IUGG Officers due by 31 March

Given below is the list of nominations for the IUGG Bureau and the Finance Committee as submitted 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: Juan Vilas (Argentina)

Position #4: Czango Baag (Korea)*

The Curriculum Vitae of the candidates are posted on the IUGG [web site](#).

New candidates for each office can 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.

*On 20 February 2007, a new nomination was received for the previously open position on the Finance Committee. That nomination is Prof. Czango Baag (Korea). His CV has been added to the [website](#).

For questions concerning the nomination procedure, please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Suren Gregersen, at sg@geus.dk.

2. Council Agenda Books mailed on 28 February

The IUGG Statutes and By-laws require that the Council Agenda and supporting materials be sent to the Adhering Bodies and their Delegates four months in advance. This was done as required, and in addition, a pdf file of the Council Agenda Book was posted on the IUGG Website under [General Assemblies, 2007](#). While the Council meetings themselves are open only to Adhering Body Delegates, Listeners designated by Adhering Bodies in Associate Status, the IUGG Executive Committee and Finance Committee, and guests invited by the President, the record of IUGG business is open to all. A report of the decisions of the Council, including the officers elected for the 2007-2011 term, will be presented at the General Assembly Closing Ceremony on 13 July at 4 pm.

3. IAVCEI Field Trips added to the General Assembly website

IAVCEI has arranged a number of special field trips, which will be conducted only if enough persons register. The details about these trips is posted on the General Assembly website, at the bottom of the section for Field Trips and Excursions. Most are several days (3-5 days); some are pre-Assembly and some are post-Assembly. Please contact the leaders of the trips for additional information.

Volcanic activity at Mount Etna

Pyroclastic products of the quaternary age in central Italy: Ignimbritic deposits and related calderas

Calderas types and Ignimbrite types

Volcanic History of Nisyros Island (Greece)

Facies and depositional mechanisms of the Aeolian pyroclasts and lavas as a tool for the evaluation of volcanic hazard

Monte Vulture Volcano (Basilicata) and the Umbria and Latium Italian extrusive carbonatites

Neapolitan volcanoes: Vesuvius and Campi Flegrei

Volcanic and plutonic association in the Miocene-Pliocene Tuscan Magmatic Province Plutonism and Volcanism in the Tuscan Magmatic Province (Central Italy)

Phreatomagmatic volcanic field in a Mio/Pliocene fluvio-lacustrine basin: Pannonian Basin (in Hungary)

4. A UCCS Field Trip not yet on the Perugia website

The JMS027 conveners are organizing a post assembly excursion "to the big Italian glaciers Forni (upper Valtellina) and Miage (Mont Blanc massif)" July 14 - 17, 2007. Contacts: claudio.smiraglia@unimi.it and guglielmina.diolaiuti@unimi.it

5. Cultural Events at the Perugia General Assembly

The Perugia Local Organizing Committee is organizing many mayor side events. Amongst these there is an extraordinary exhibition about Leonardo Da Vinci and history of cartography in collaboration with the Italian Army Geographical Institute. This event will be held in the wonderful location of S. Giuliana Monastery.

We are now cooperating with the organizers of the Umbria Jazz Festival to put our efforts together in order to make your evenings the most enjoyable with reserved accesses to the concerts.

And finally, please announce that we are also proposing many initiatives in collaboration with the mayor cultural associations and museums such as free entrance tickets and special guided tours to let you fully enjoy all the several resources that our land offers.

6. Awards and Honors

Dr. Harsh Gupta, IUGG Bureau member and General President of the Indian Science Congress, presented an address to the 94th Science Congress at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India. His theme, and that of the Congress, was Planet Earth.

Dr. Gufran Beig (Indian Institute of tropical Meteorology, Pune), vice-chair of the IAGA working group II.F, was conferred with the "Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award-2006" which is considered to be the highest scientific honour of India. The award was bestowed by the honorable Prime Minister of India for Dr. Beig's outstanding contributions on the assessment of mesospheric temperature trends.

Prof. Gurbax Lakhina (Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai), member of the IAGA Executive Committee, received the K. R. Ramanathan Medal (2005) in December 2006 during the 72nd Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). Following Prof. Lakhina's award lecture, the Medal was conferred by the President of INSA.

7. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during March – May 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.

March 5 – 9

EGU; Lima, Peru; 2nd Alexander von Humboldt Conference: The Role of Geophysics in Natural Disaster Prevention

March 13 – 14

eGY; Boulder, Colorado, USA; electronic Geophysical Year Planning Meeting

March 20 – 23

IAVCEI; Havana, Cuba; International Workshop on Volcanism and Tectonics

March 20 – 25

IAVCEI; San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mĭxico; El Chichyn Volcano: 25 years later

April 15 – 20

EGU; Vienna, Austria; European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2007

April 22 – 27

IAVCEI; Academia Sinica, Taipei; Evolution, Transfer, and Release of Magmas and Volcanic Gases

May 14 – 16

IASPEI; Tehran, Iran; 5th International Conference on Seismology and Earthquake Prediction, Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering (SEE5)

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