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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. About this issue of the IUGG Electronic Journal

This April issue of the IUGG E-Journal follows 3 weeks from the 23 March issue. The May issue will appear on 11 May. These unusual issue dates are necessary to accommodate the events leading up the General Assembly.

2. Perugia General Assembly

The Scientific Programme Committee had a successful meeting in Perugia March 26-27. The messages regarding travel assistance will be sent within the next week so that all registration and accommodation requests can be made by 30 April. It is IMPORTANT that registration formalities are completed on line at the General Assembly website (www.iugg2007perugia.it) before 30 April in order to pay the reduced amount. After 30 April, the cost of registration will increase, and the Local Organizing Committee will no longer be able to assist with room reservations.

Following are a list of special events that will take place during the General Assembly, in chronological order. These now include plenary sessions of the Associations and Union Commissions, and special meetings of inter-Union bodies. Rooms have been assigned for each event – they will be posted on the IUGG web site soon.

Monday 2 July; 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Union Lecture in the Aula Magna (University of Perugia); Robert Corell, Harvard University, USA, will speak on "Our Changing Climate: A Global Policy Issue."

Monday 2 July; 2 – 3:30 p.m. IAG Council of Delegates

Monday 2 July; 4 – 6 p.m. first IAGA Conference of Delegates

Monday 2 July; 6:30 – 10 p.m. General Assembly Welcoming Ceremony

Tuesday 3 July; 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. IAMAS Conference of Delegates

Tuesday 3 July; 6 – 7 p.m. SEDI Business meeting

Wednesday 4 July; 8:30 – 10 a.m. IAPSO Conference of Delegates

Wednesday 4 July; 10:00 a.m. IAPSO Special Event: The Prince Albert I lecture "From Swallow floats to autonomous observing networks", Prof. Russ Davis, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Wednesday 4 July; 3:30 – 5 p.m. IAG Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 4 July; IAPSO dinner

Thursday 5 July; 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Union Lecture in the Aula Magna (University of Perugia); Maria Zuber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, will speak on "Inside the terrestrial planets"

Thursday 5 July; 7 – 9 p.m. IAMAS Special Event: Our Understanding Of Climate Change; report of the findings of the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Thursday 5 July; 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. EMSEV Working Group meeting

Friday 6 July; 10 – 12 a.m. second IAGA Conference of Delegates

Friday 6 July 12 – 1:45 p.m. GeoRisk Commission Business Meeting

Saturday 7 July; Launch of the Electronic Geophysical Year (eGY) and Celebration of the IGY+50 Anniversary

2 – 3:15 p.m. Geosciences in Africa; 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. IGY+50 and eGY exhibits and demonstrations; 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Official Launching of the eGY

Sunday 8 July; SCOSTEP General Council Meeting (at Hotel Gio)

Sunday 8 July; 2 – 6 p.m. Cryospheric Sciences Union Commission meeting

Sunday 8 July; 6 – 8 p.m. International Lithosphere Programme Bureau meeting

Monday 9 July; 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. IASPEI Conference of delegates (Opening plenary)

Monday 9 July; 6 – 8 p.m. IAG Plenary meeting

Monday 9 July; 6 – 7:30 p.m. IAHS First Plenary meeting

Monday 9 July; 7 – 9 p.m. IAMAS Special Event: The Assessment Of The Effect Of Pollution On Precipitation

Tuesday 10 July; 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Union Lecture; Claudio Faccenna, Universita di Roma Tre, Italy, will speak on "Subduction and Mantle Convection in the Mediterranean"

Tuesday 10 July; 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. IAG Closing Plenary

Tuesday 10 July; 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. IAMAS Conference of Delegates

Tuesday 10 July; 6 – 7:30 p.m. Young Scientists Panel Discussion

Wednesday 11 July; 6 – 7:30 p.m. IAHS-PUB Plenary

Wednesday 11 July; 6 – 7:30 p.m. UCCS/IACS Plenary

Thursday 12 July; 6 – 8 p.m. CMG Business Meeting

Thursday 12 July; 6 – 7:30 p.m. IAHS Second Plenary meeting; 8 p.m. banquet

Thursday 12 July; 8 – 10 p.m. IASPEI dinner

Thursday 12 July; 5 – 6 p.m. IAVCEI General Membership meeting; 8 – 10 pm IAVCEI dinner

Friday 13 July; 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Union Lecture in the Aula Magna, Kenji Satake, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan, will speak on "Lessons from the 2004 Sumatra-Andaman earthquake and the Asian tsunami"

Friday 13 July; 4 – 5 p.m. Closing Ceremony. Meet the new IUGG officers for 2007-2011 and receive the invitation for the 2011 (XXV) IUGG General Assembly

3. Final Slate of IUGG Officers

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.

4. Awards and Honors

IAPSO Vice-President Dr. Lawrence Mysak, Director of the Earth System Modeling Group in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, McGill University, received a Prix du Qu'bec, the Marie Victorin Prize in Natural Science in Engineering.

5. IUGG-related meetings occurring during April – July 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.

April 12 – 13

eGY; Potsdam, Germany; First European Electronic Geophysical Year Workshop

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)

July 2 – 13

IUGG; Perugia, Italy; XXIV General Assembly

July 21 – 22

ICSU/IGOS/IUGG/UNESCO; Kampala, Uganda; Workshop on Natural and Human-induced Hazards and Disasters in Africa and Conference on the East African Rift System (EARS-07)

July 29 - August 6

INQUA; Cairns, Australia; 17th Congress of the International Union for Quaternary Research

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