

IUGS ELECTRONIC BULLETIN #1 (October 2002)

Dear Colleagues

The International Union of Geological Sciences will now be issuing brief and regular updates regarding Union related activities as email correspondence in the form of IUGS E-Bulletins. We invite recipients to distribute this information freely and widely. Further we encourage Affiliated Organizations and National Committees of the Union to contribute relevant information to the E-Bulletin. HTML versions of the E-Bulletins will be available at the Union website:

<http://www.iugs.org/>

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New IUGS Secretary General

Many individuals now know that Professor Attilio Boriani regrettably resigned from his position as Secretary General of IUGS given his appointment and commitment as Chairman of the upcoming 32nd International Geological Congress. General elections by Union members resulted in the successful appointment of Dr. Werner Janoschek as the new Secretary General of IUGS. In a positive show of support, the Government of Austria has also hired geologist Dr. Hugh Rice (hrice@cc.geolba.ac.at) to assist the Secretary General. Please direct all future Union related correspondence directly to the following:

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New IUGS Treasurer

Past IUGS Treasurer Dr. Werner Janoschek was forced to resign given his new appointment as IUGS Secretary General. The IUGS Nominating Committee invited nominations for the position of Treasurer from all eligible National Bodies

this past spring. Following extensive deliberations a candidate has been formally recommended to the IUGS Executive Council. A formal announcement of the new Treasurer is pending and will be made following official ratification by the Executive Committee in February 2003.

32nd International Geological Congress Update

The 32nd IGC will be held August 20-28, 2004 in Florence, Italy. Organization and activity progress for this event is proceeding extremely well. The First Circular for this Congress is available (<http://www.32igc.org/default1.htm>), and the Second Circular will be distributed in April 2003. As the sponsor of this important world congress on earth sciences, IUGS encourages all geoscientists to attend and participate in this upcoming event.

International Association of Hydrogeology eNews

The International Association of Hydrogeology is providing an electronic update of its activities with its "eNews" every 2 months. Those individuals interested in the activities of IAH are encouraged to view their latest electronic release at: <http://www.iah.org/News/eNews/008.html>

International Palaeontological Association has New President

Effective immediately, the International Palaeontological Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. Rosalie Maddocks as the new President.

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IUGS President at Annual Meeting of GSA 2002

IUGS President Prof. Ed de Mulder will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver, Colorado, USA October 27-30, 2002 to meet with earth scientists and to participate in a number of IUGS Affiliated Organization council meetings. If you plan to be in Denver for the GSA meeting please visit the IUGS/IGC Display Booth for an opportunity to discuss geosciences with Prof. De Mulder.

International Association of Geomorphologists in Mexico

The International Association of Geomorphologists and the Mexican Society of Geomorphology are organizing a Regional Conference on Geomorphology entitled Geomorphic Hazards: towards the prevention of disasters. October 27th - November 2nd, 2003 in Mexico City. For more information about IAG and the 1st circular for the meeting next year visit the IAG website: (<http://www.geomorph.org/main.html>).

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