

IUGS E-BULLETIN #3

This third IUGS E-Bulletin provides you with a brief update of recent activities within the IUGS family as they have occurred during the past few months. We encourage all our activity leaders, members and Affiliated Organizations to contribute relevant information to the E-Bulletin. As always this E-Bulletin and all previous bulletins are available at <http://www.iugs.org>. Please visit the website regularly for the most up-to-date listing of IUGS related activities.

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New IUGS Treasurer

IUGS is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Treasurer. – Prof. Antonio Brambati (University of Trieste, Italy) officially assumed the post of Treasurer during the 52nd Executive Meeting this past February. Prof. Brambati has had a very successful career as a marine sedimentologist around the globe and brings with him many years of experience in his role of managing the Union's financial affairs. Prof. Brambati can be contacted at brambati@univ.trieste.it. For more information please check our web site.

IUGS Annual Report for 2001

To complement the Annual Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, E-Bulletins, *Episodes* journal and regularly updated Union website, IUGS is now producing a formal summary of business activities as an Annual Report. The Annual Report for 2001 was published late last year and was released in early 2003. Preparations are underway for the release of the Annual Report for 2002 in the next few months. To obtain a copy of this document, please contact the IUGS Secretariat at Hanne.Refsdal@ngu.no.

New IGCP Projects for 2003

A total of 14 new IGCP projects were approved this year by IUGS-UNESCO bringing the number of active projects to 42. Topics ranging from Monsoon Evolution in Asia, Sustainable Use of Platinum Group Elements, Environmental Catastrophes and Middle Paleozoic Vertebrate Biogeography, Paleogeography and Climate characterize the diversity of subjects added to the research list. See <http://www.unesco.org/science/earthsciences/igcp/>

New IUGS Publishing House

IUGS is pleased to announce that it has formally signed an MOU with the Geological Society of London (GSL) regarding publication of future non-serial Union publications. The GSL is a respected, successful and efficient publishing house with a long history of producing and disseminating key geoscience related works. All IUGS Commissions and activities funded by IUGS will now (*either: have the possibility to publish or: are kindly invited to publish*) their work with this prestigious publishing house. This association will prove mutually beneficial to both IUGS and GSL. For more information regarding the MOU, IUGS publications and future IUGS related publishing please contact Dr. Anthony Berger (Chair IUGS Publications Committee) at aberger@uvic.ca.

IUGS President visits the Egyptian National Committee

IUGS President Ed de Mulder attended the 5th Conference on the Geology of the Middle East in Cairo where he announced the upcoming International Year of the Planet Earth to the audience of +300. There he met with the Egyptian National Committee to discuss their intended bid for IGC 2008.

52nd IUGS Executive Meeting in Namibia

The 52nd IUGS Executive Meeting was held in Windhoek, Namibia from February 19-March 1, 2003. The meeting was organized and sponsored by Dr. Gabi Schneider (Geological Survey of Namibia) and included an informative and incredible 3-day field trip to the diamond mines of southwest Namibia, courtesy of NAMDEB Ltd. A full report of the meeting activities is now under preparation and will soon be available on the web.

Bureau Meeting of IUGS in Nice, 10 April 2003

(I will send a short paragraph this afternoon)

IUGS Information Booth

A joint information booth of IUGS and the 32nd IGC has been prepared and for the first time presented at the GSA Meeting 2002 in Denver, USA. This booth was displayed again from 6–11 April 2003 at the EGS-AGU-EUG (Joint Assembly of the European Geophysical Society, American Geophysical Union, and European Union of Geosciences) in Nice, France. The rate of visitors was excellent and therefore it was decided to continue with this activity. The booth will be making its next appearance - at GeoSciEdIV (International Geoscience Education Congress) 10-14 August, 2003 in Calgary, Alberta and then again at the AAPG International Conference & Exhibition 21 – 24 September 2003, Barcelona, Spain.

March Episodes Now Available

The March issue of Episodes is now available (Volume 26, No.1). Articles on the Cu Salobo ore deposit of Brazil, the Silurian-Devonian boundary at Konk and Archaeological sites in the Gulf of Cambay, India complement many new conference reports, book reviews, IGCP Project progress reports and profiles of two of our affiliated organizations: IAMG and GSA. Many more details about this issue are available on our

website or get a complete copy of the journal from the Episodes Editor: Prof. Zhang Hongren episodes@public2.bta.net.cn ;

April IAH eNews

The April 2003 issue of the International Association of Hydrogeologists Groundwater eNews is now available at <http://www.iah.org/News/eNews/011.html>. For more information about this organization please contact cwatson@iah.org.

IAG Newsletter #19 (4/2002)

The electronic issue of the International Association of Geomorphologists Newsletter Number 19 (3/2002) is now available at <http://www.geomorph.org/>. For more information about this organization please contact the Secretary General at loczyd@tk.pte.hu.

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