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**IUGS Nominating Committee**

On behalf of the IUGS Nominating Committee and following their deliberations and evaluations of all submitted nominations, Dr. Robin Brett (Chair) formally tabled the proposed slate of individuals for the IUGS Executive Committee positions for the new term of office (2004-2008). Voting and ratification will take place on the occasion of the 32<sup>nd</sup> IGC in Florence, Italy. The proposed candidates include:

- President – Dr. Cornelis (Nok) Frick (South Africa)
- Secretary General – Dr. Peter Bobrowsky (Canada)
- Treasurer – Prof. Antonio Brambati (Italy)
- Vice President – Prof. Eldridge Moores (United States)
- Vice President – Prof. Zhang Hongren (China)
- Councillor (2004-2008) – Prof. Ryo Matsumoto (Japan)
- Councillor (2004-2008) – Dr. Gabriele Schneider (Namibia)
- Councillor (2006-2010) – Prof. Mikhail Fedonkin (Russia)
- Councillor (2006-2010) – Dr. Marta Mantovani (Brazil)
- Past President – Prof. Eduardo de Mulder (Netherlands)
- Councillor (2002-2006) – Prof. Jean-Paul Cadet (continuing) (France)
- Councillor (2002-2006) – Prof. Alberto Riccardi (continuing) (Argentina)

Members of Council may propose additional nominations for any office directly to the President of IUGS if supported in writing by five representatives to the Council, plus accompanied by curriculum vitae and an assurance of the candidate's willingness to hold office as well as if submitted at least one month in advance of the election, scheduled for August 20-25, 2004. Such nominations shall be circulated immediately to the Council by the Secretary General. Nominations cannot be made from the floor. In proposing additional candidates for the offices of President, Secretary General and Treasurer, financial support for attending Bureau and other meetings and, especially for the office of Secretary General, for secretarial services, should be secured in writing.

### **International Clearinghouse for Geologic Map Databases and Standards**

A new Web site has just been developed to help researchers and agencies find, at a single place, basic information about the geologic map database development plans of the world's geological survey agencies. The site, hosted at <http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/intdb> also provides information about the scientific and technical standards these agencies are using or developing. Before the Clearinghouse site was developed, discussions were held at technical sessions and with representatives of the IUGS's Commission for the Management and Application of Geoscience Information and of the International Association for Mathematical Geology (IAMG). Both organizations have endorsed the Clearinghouse. This site was built because all agencies are grappling with the same set of issues and problems (e.g., limited funding and personnel, rapidly evolving technology, high customer expectations for online map databases), and each can benefit by the exchange of information. You are invited to visit the Clearinghouse and to help make it useful by contributing information!

### **Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits (SGA) Young Scientist Award**

The SGA Young Scientist Award is offered biennially to a young scientist who contributed significantly to the understanding of mineral deposits. The award consists of a citation, prize money (currently EUR 1500) and travel to the Biennial meeting for the presentation, and is open to all persons working in economic geology. The SGA Young Scientist Award is awarded for research in economic geology published before the author's 35th birthday. The awardee must be less than 37 years of age on January 1 of the year in which the award is presented. Any Society member in good standing may nominate candidates for the award. The next award will be presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> SGA Biennial Meeting in August 2005 in Beijing, China. For more information please contact Jan Pasava at [pasava@cgu.cz](mailto:pasava@cgu.cz).

### **IUGS and IGC Delegates**

All national committees are invited to immediately submit their full list of individuals' names that will be representing their respective countries delegates to the International Geological Congress (IGC). Delegate lists are required for both the IUGS and IGC Council meetings being held during the 32<sup>nd</sup> IGC Congress in Florence, Italy. Clearly indicate Head and Alternate Delegates to the IUGS Council meetings and submit their name and email address to the IUGS Secretariat: Hanne Refsdal at [iugs.secretariat@ngu.no](mailto:iugs.secretariat@ngu.no). The IGC Council Delegation list (number of Delegates corresponding to the category of the country's membership in IUGS should be submitted to the Scientific Secretariat of the 32<sup>nd</sup> IGC: [casaitalia@geo.unifi.it](mailto:casaitalia@geo.unifi.it) with a copy to Ernesto Abbate at [abbate@geo.unifi.it](mailto:abbate@geo.unifi.it).

### **International Association of Hydrogeologists eNews**

The International Association of Hydrogeologists provides 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/016.html>

### **IUGS James M. Harrison Award of Achievement**

The IUGS Executive is extremely pleased to announce the creation of a new and unique award representing outstanding, exceptional and prolonged service by individuals (all officers of the IUGS Executive Committee and other IUGS bodies are not eligible) to the goals and mission of the Union. The award bears the name of the late Dr. James M. Harrison, formerly of the Geological Survey of Canada, who was one of the “founding fathers” of IUGS and who served from 1961 through 1964 as its first President. This year, the award will be officially bestowed upon two worthy recipients by the outgoing IUGS President, Dr. Ed de Mulder, during an official ceremony at the 32<sup>nd</sup> IGC in Florence, Italy.

### **International Year of Planet Earth**

Political support is rapidly growing for an UN-proclaimed International Year of Planet Earth for the year 2006. In addition to Argentina, Russia, Jordan, Italy, Brazil and China, the governments of India and Mexico have also provided their support to this initiative. These eight countries collectively comprise about half of the world population. The international geosciences are well represented through IUGG (International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics), IGU (International Geographical Union), IUSS (International Union of Soil Sciences) and SCL-ILP (Scientific Committee on the Lithosphere – International Lithosphere Programme), which are Full Partners in the International Year. For more information on the Year, please consult the website at [www.esfs.org](http://www.esfs.org)

### **New IUGS Brochure**

As the old IUGS brochure ran out of print and many changes have taken place over the past few years (including IUGS’ logo), a new brochure providing basic information on the Union is now in print. The new brochure will be widely available during the 32<sup>nd</sup> IGC in Florence.

### **Annual Report 2003**

IUGS started to produce Annual Reports in 2001 that have been very well received by the international geoscience community. The 2002 Annual Report was made available in electronic format only ([www.iugs.org](http://www.iugs.org)), but the 2003 Report will also be published in hard copy and freely distributed during the 32<sup>nd</sup> IGC.

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