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33 IGC Congress

The Science Committee invites all Geoscientists to participate in developing the programme of the 33rd IGC. Please read carefully through our suggestions for Topical, Special and General Symposia and add new suggestions on our Pre-registration and Questionnaire form: <http://www.33igc.org/>

IUGS businesses at the 33 IGC Congress

- A. We invite all our adhering bodies to propose candidates for the next IUGS Executive Committee, which will be elected by the International Council at the 33rd IUGS Congress in Oslo in August 2008. A letter will be sent to all national IUGS leaders in April, with information regarding the rules for nominations. We will in particular encourage parts of the world that have not been represented in the Executive Committee for a long time to try to identify good candidates from their region.
- B. The 34th IGC Congress in 2012 will be held in Brisbane, Australia. At the IGC Congress in Oslo the venue of the 35th IGC Congress will be discussed and possibly decided. We invite the IUGS Committees all over the world to submit an invitation for this 35th IGC 2016 Congress. To organise an IGC Congress is a major task, and we would encourage groups of countries to collaborate and to present a united bid. Please note that the IUGS Executive Committee does not influence the decision for IGC Congress venue. It is entirely up to the International Council (where the Executive Committee has no right to vote) to decide where it will take place, based on the bids that are presented at the Congress.

Geological World Heritage Sites

We invite the IUGS national committees, commissions and task groups to propose names for a list of specialists, who may be asked for advice when proposals for Geological World Heritage Sites are evaluated. Please send the name(s) of candidates, a short CV and a short list of relevant qualifications to the IUGS Secretariat: iugs.secretariat@ngu.no

IGCP

Under the new IGCP the number of project proposals for 2007 is twice the number submitted for 2005. Although a part of the increase may reflect that there were no invitations for new proposals in 2006, we find the high number to be very encouraging for the future of the IGCP. It indicates that the international geosciences community has reacted positively to the change of the IGCP project guidelines and the move towards more society relevant projects.

IUGS Thematic Books

As a part of the IUGS 50 year celebration in 2011, it is planned to produce a series of thematic books, each of them dealing with one central geological phenomena (e.g. a themes like volcanoes, tsunamis, extension, earth quakes, rapid global changes, origin of life). We invite IUGS Commissions, Task Groups, Initiatives, the IUGS Adhering Organizations and Affiliated Bodies to suggest topics and to become actively involved in the development of such books. Please feel free to send ideas and proposals to me: sylvi.haldorsen@umb.no

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