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Council meetings at the 33rd IGC, Oslo 2008

We invite you to prepare for the following items for the 33rd IGC in Oslo 2008, which will be discussed and decided by the International Council:

A. Election of the next IUGS Executive Committee

As many of you know members of the new IUGS Executive Committee will be elected at the 33rd IGC in 2008. A call for proposals of candidates for EC positions is during these days sent to all IUGS Member Organisations. The Nomination Committee will, based on the proposals they have received, nominate candidates for the positions as President, Secretary General, Treasurer, 2 Vice Presidents and 4 Councillors. Among the factors of importance during the nomination process will be the candidates' qualifications, regional representation, the variety of geological expertise and gender. It is important that the nomination committee receives as many proposals for good candidates from all different parts of the world as possible. We will, therefore urge the IUGS Member Committees as soon as possible to start the process to propose candidates for the IUGS Executive Committee. The nomination committee aim at a nomination of more than one person for each of the positions if possible.

B. New IUGS Commissions

New scientific IUGS Commissions can be proposed at the 33rd IGC in Oslo, where they have to be approved by the International Council. We welcome proposals and plans from present subcommissions or from other interested groups of scientists for new Commissions. The theme of a Commission should be broad and of general importance for the geological communities such as for instance appropriate themes for new Commissions, like for instance "Geoscience and Climate Change", "GeoHazard" or "Extinction". In order to come up with good plans before August 2008, we would encourage you who to start the planning of a new Commissions as soon as possible.

34th IGC 2008

A MOU has been signed between IUGS and the Organizers of the 2012 IGC in Brisbane. The planning of the 2012 Congress is well on track.

35th IGC 2016

During the 33rd IGC in Oslo in 2008 the bids for a 35th IGC in 2016 will be presented. We will ask that individual countries or groups of countries already now start to discuss the possibility to host the 2016 IGC. It is important that the planning process starts early and that as detailed plans as possible are presented in Oslo in August 2008.

The Year of the Planet Earth (IYPE) News

- The new United States National IYPE Committee is chaired by the Executive Director of the Geological Society of America, Dr. Jack Hess.
- The number of active IYPE countries (i.e. those with a National Committee formally established) has now grown to 43. In addition, there is one Regional Committee.
- Two large geo organisations have become IYPE partners, these are American Geophysical Union AGU and the Geological Survey of Japan AIST.

- Africa's IYPE Launch will be held in Arusha(Tanzania) on 22-23 May 2008.
- The second IYPE Board meeting (BM2) will be held on 20 and 21 June 2007, in Paris

Upcoming meetings

Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan Society of Petroleum Geologists and Azerbaijan Chapter of EAGE will hold the I International Student Scientific Conference on 4-5 April, 2008. The main topics of the Conference are geophysical data processing and interpretation, exploration of oil and gas fields, ecological problems of oil and gas exploration and production and etc.

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South Africa

The Conservation Committee of the Geological Society of South Africa presents a workshop on geoparks, geological and mining conservation and tourism development in South Africa Friday 22nd June 2007, The Auditorium, Council for Geoscience, Silverton, Pretoria.

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We welcome information about upmeetings of the IUGS Commissions and Task Groups and IGCP. We would also be happy to include news related to IYPE, Geoparks and Geoheritage Sites.

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