

34TH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS (IGC) 5-10 AUGUST 2012, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

The Third Circular has been released and can be downloaded from the IGC website front page at <http://www.34igc.org/> or download the pdf direct from http://www.34igc.org/FileLibrary/34igc_third_circular_v5.pdf.

The Third Circular represents a major milestone in the organisation of the 34th IGC and includes important information that delegates will need to plan and arrange their participation at the 34th IGC in Brisbane:

- Early bird registration
- Updates to the scientific program, including confirmed plenary and keynote speakers
- Detailed information of the field trips
- A reminder about abstract submission
- Details of workshops and short courses
- Accommodation options
- Accompanying persons program
- Trade Exhibition opportunities in the GeoExpo

You can register directly by visiting the "Register now" link, or via the website at <http://www.34igc.org/>.

The IGC website, together with the Third Circular, has everything you need to know about the IGC, from international visas, to latest news, etc. The Fourth Circular will be released in November/December, 2011.

MEETING OF THE IGCC

On November 6-7, 2011, the International Geological Congress Committee (IGCC) held a meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. The Agenda included, among other items, the status of the 34th IGC (Brisbane, 2012) and the 35th (Cape Town, 2016) preparations, consideration of bids received for the 36th IGC (2020), and a draft version of the revised Statutes of IGC.

BIDS FOR THE 36TH IGC

Following an invitation circulated (see e-Bulletin # 62) by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and the International Geological Congress Committee (IGCC) to bid for the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC), which will be held in 2020, three outlines of proposals were received by October 30, 2011. The proposals were submitted by: Canada, India and Spain and possible venues proposed are Vancouver, Hyderabad, Mysore or Delhi, and San Sebastian. The three final proposals are to be received by 30 April 2012.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE IUGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2012-2016 TERM

In compliance with the IUGS statutes and Bye-Laws, in April 2011 the Nominating Committee invited all the IUGS Adhering and Affiliate Organizations and Commissions to submit proposals for candidates for each office within the IUGS Executive Committee for its next term 2012-2016. Elections of nominated candidates will take place during the IUGS meeting at the 34th International Geological Congress in Brisbane, Australia, in August 2012. Candidates may also be nominated by the Nominating Committee. If you wish to propose a candidate to be nominated by the Nominating Committee please contact the IUGS Secretariat (email: IUGS@usgs.gov) and request a copy of the nomination form, and information regarding the rules for nominations for the election of officers. The Nominating Committee in particular encourages 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.

INVITATION TO HOST THE IUGS SECRETARIAT

The IUGS President has circulated a request to all IUGS Adhering Members seeking their consideration of the possibility of hosting the IUGS Permanent Secretariat in their country. The IUGS Secretariat is the central hub for all correspondence to, from, and within IUGS, and its major functions are related to communications, administrative, and secretarial tasks for the IUGS Executive Committee and Council. For the past three years the IUGS Secretariat has been hosted by the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, USA, under an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. National Committee. According to the agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey their support to the IUGS Secretariat will be terminated by the end of 2012 and another organization will have the opportunity to host the Secretariat. Since the Secretariat should be relocated before the end of 2012 and since the transfer of all the files, archives, etc., will take several weeks, a decision on the new home should be made by August 2012 at the latest. The deadline for reception of proposals from Adhering Members is 30 April 2012. For enquiries email: IUGS@usgs.gov

UPDATE ON THE IUGS INITIATIVE ON FORENSIC GEOLOGY (IFG)

Herewith a brief update on progress of this new IUGS Initiative that was approved by the IUGS in February 2011.

On 18-19 September 2011 the IUGS-IFG and 19 of its newly formed Committee Members became formally established and launched at an inaugural meeting in Rome, Italy. That meeting enabled the aims and objectives of the IFG Working Group to become established, and the future working plan to be formalized.

In 2012, the IUGS-IFG aims to hold forensic geology sessions and/or give presentations at the:

- 34th International Geological Congress (IGC2012) in Brisbane, Australia (August 2012), and it is also organising forensic training with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) at that time;
- Geological Association of Canada (GAC), Annual Meeting, St. John, Newfoundland, (May 2012)
- International Conferences on Criminal and Environmental Soil Forensic, The Hague, Netherlands (August 2012).
- If you would like to join, or get further information on, the IUGS-IFG, see:
<http://forensicgeologyinternational.org/>

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IUGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

The next meeting of the IUGS EC will be held in San Sebastian, Spain on February 14 – 17, 2012, thanks to the kind support of the Spanish Geological Survey (IGME), the city of San Sebastian and the Guipuskoa Diputation. On February 13 the ceremony for insertion of the Lutetian GSSP will be held at Gorrondatxe, near Bilbao.

IGCP 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

UNESCO and IUGS invite you to join them on 22 February 2012 for a festive celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris with talks, debates, round tables, and cultural events about the relevance and future of Earth Science for Society. Information on the celebration Draft Program can be downloaded at: <http://www.unesco.org/new/igcp40>. If you plan to attend please RSVP by e-mail to: igcp40@unesco.org

40 YEARS OF WORLD HERITAGE 1972-2012

In 2012 UNESCO celebrates the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention which was adopted on 16 November 1972. In the 40 years since then 936 sites have been inscribed on the World Heritage List and 188 countries have committed to preserving this heritage for future generations. Visit UNESCO's new 40th anniversary website (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/40years>) for specific stories of how the World Heritage Convention has made a difference in protecting the world's most valuable cultural and natural sites, and to see the calendar of the anniversary events taking place around the world. The final 40th anniversary celebration event will be hosted by Japan at a 3-day event in Kyoto on 6-8 November 2012, where the outcomes of the different workshops and studies will be presented that will feed the reflection on the future of the Convention.

THE EARTH SCIENCE MATTERS FOUNDATION

The Earth Science Matters Foundation is an outcome of the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE), proclaimed by the United Nations for 2008 and operational in the period 2007 until mid 2010. The Earth Science Matters Foundation was formed at the request of many of the 80 National and Regional IYPE Committees who have been particularly successful in promoting the contribution made by the Earth sciences to Society during the IYPE Triennium.

Through its subtitle: "Bringing knowledge of the Earth to everyone", the Earth Science Matters Foundation aims to spread such knowledge beyond the professional Earth scientific communities to a wider audience, including politicians, decision-makers, funding organisations, students and to the public at large. This will be realised through publications, events, projects, the media and a variety of other communication tools. National Committees play a crucial role in such outreach campaigns and International Partners provide the institutional and financial basis for the Foundation. The Earth Science Matters Foundation is searching for cooperation with other, well-established, Earth science organisations to realise their ambitions and they invite the geoscientific community join in their activities. For more information visit the Foundation website at: <http://www.earthsciencematters.org>.

COSPAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

A final reminder that the deadline for the ICSU Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) Awards Nominations is 30 November 2011. The COSPAR Award honors a scientist who has made outstanding contributions to space science. All scientists working in any field covered by COSPAR are eligible for this award. If your organisation is entitled to submit an Award Nomination to assist in identify outstanding candidates from the international space research community then your participation in the process would be greatly appreciated. For information about the awards see the COSPAR website at: <http://cosparhq.cnes.fr/Awards/awards.htm> or email the COSPAR Secretariat at: cospar@cosparhq.cnes.fr

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GEOLOGY ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHING A STUDENT TRAVEL FUND

The next International Medical Geology Association (IMGA) conference will be in the Washington D.C. in the fall of 2013. The IMGS expects that most of the top medical geologists from North America and around the world will be in attendance as well as representatives from the U.S. EPA, NIH, CDC, WHO, World Bank, USAID, National Science Foundation, PAHO, etc. The conference will allow young medical geology students the rare opportunity to hear the best and to be heard by the best. We anticipate that many students from around the world will be requesting financial assistance to attend this important meeting. Therefore the IMGA is setting up a Student Travel Fund that will be used to defray the costs of attending the conference for deserving students. The IMGA is seeking contributions to this worthwhile fund in which 100% of your contributions will go to assist students in attending the conference and your name will appear in a conference brochure as a benefactor. See the IMGA website at <http://www.medicalgeology.org/index.htm>. For additional information contact Karin BJORKLUND email: Karin.Calluna@gmail.com

VACANCY: ICSU CORPORATE SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

ICSU is seeking an experienced Corporate Science Communications Officer located in Paris, France, for an 18-month period, starting in January 2012, or as soon as possible. While the working language of ICSU is English, a good knowledge of French (and other languages) would be advantageous. The starting salary will be dependent on the experience and qualifications of the candidate. The closing date for applications is 10 December 2011. Applications (preferably in one combined PDF file) should be sent via email to recruitment@icsu.org with "Corporate Science Communications Office" in the subject line, and addressed to Professor Deliang CHEN, ICSU Executive Director. For more details see: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/jobs-at-icsu/science-communications-officer>

NEED TO CONTACT A GEOSCIENCE ORGANIZATION SOMEWHERE AROUND THE WORLD?

See the website of the Directory of Geoscience Organizations of the World: <http://www.gsj.jp/Intl/Dir/a.htm>
Maintained by the Geological Survey of Japan. For additions, corrections, or updates email: intl@gsj.jp

RECENT INFORMATION ON PUBLICATIONS, JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS

CCOP E-News - The Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP) produces the CCOP E-News that can be downloaded from their website (<http://www.ccop.or.th/>) in PDF format. To download go to: http://www.ccop.or.th/download/e-news/CCOP_e-news_vol1no1.pdf

CPCEMR - The Circum-Pacific Council for Energy and Mineral Resources website is at: <http://www.circum-pacificcouncil.org>

EFG - The European Federation of Geologists (EFG) newsletter GeoNews can be downloaded from: <http://www.eurogeologists.eu/index.php?page=175> To automatically receive the issues of the Newsletter, please register at: <http://www.eurogeosurveys.org/newsletters-subscription.html>

EGS - EuroGeoSurveys a consortium of 32 European Geological Surveys which aims to address European geoscience for society. See their EuroGeoSurveys Newsletters at: <http://eurogeosurveys.org/newsletters.html>. To automatically receive the issues of the Newsletter, you can register online at: <http://www.eurogeosurveys.org/newsletters-subscription.html>

GEOETHICS - The latest copies of the "Geoethics News" newsletter can be downloading from the Geoethics website at: http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics_Planetary_Protection/

GSAf - The Geological Society of Africa (GSAf) Newsletters can be downloaded from the Home page of the Society at: <http://www.geologicalsocietyofafrica.org>

GWP - For the Global Water Partnership (GWP) Monthly Newsletter "NewsFlow" go to: <http://gwpforum.us1.listmanage.com/subscribe?u=2e4d7bb2bd4f7590eb7d7929e&id=8e059efa29>

IAG - The International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG) publishes its newsletter at 3 month intervals. The Newsletters can be downloaded at: <http://www.geomorph.org/pb/pbnew.html>

IAH - The International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) publishes Groundwater eNews every 2 months. See their website at: http://www.iah.org/news_enevs.asp. Current issue at: http://www.iah.org/news_enevs_popup.asp?id=43

ICSU - the International Council for Science (ICSU) newsletter "ICSU Insight" will keep you up to date with ICSU global and regional activities, latest publications, and events. View the newsletter at: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/insight/newsletters-2011/insight-april-2011>. Visit the ICSU website at: <http://www.icsu.org/>

IFA - The International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA) has produced a Fertilizer Glossary that is now available on-line in five languages: English, French, German, Spanish and Chinese. There are more than 150 terms and expressions related to fertilizer use, soil science, fertilizer manufacture and analysis, and application machinery and methods. See it at: <http://www.fertilizer.org/ifa/HomePage/LIBRARY/Glossary-of-fertilizer-terms>

IGBP - The International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) website is at: <http://www.igbp.kva.se/> and their News archive is at: http://www.igbp.kva.se/?view=news_archive

IMGA - The International Medical Geology Association (IMGA) newsletter can be downloaded from their website at: http://www.medicalgeology.org/pages/publications/page_Publications.htm

IUGG - The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) latest electronic E-Journal is on their website at: <http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals/> NOTE the 18 July edition lists the IUGG Bureau members and Association Presidents and Secretaries General for 2011-2015

IUGS - To download back issues of the IUGS Episodes magazine see: <http://www.episodes.co.in/www/backissues.htm>. Also E-Bulletins of the IUGS issued since October 2002 can be found at: <http://iugs.org/index.php?page=e-bulletins>

IUSS - The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) Bulletin can be downloaded in high and low resolution PDF from <http://www.iuss.org> The monthly IUSS Alert newsletter can be accessed via the same page

ProGEO News - the newsletter of the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage can be downloaded from: <http://www.progeo.se/>

SCAR - The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) is a committee of the International Council for Science (ICSU) charged with the initiation, promotion, and co-ordination, of scientific research in Antarctica. SCAR also provides international, independent scientific advice to the Antarctic Treaty system and other bodies. To download the recent issues of the SCAR Newsletters go to: <http://www.scar.org/news/newsletters/issues2011/>. Their recently released "Antarctic Science and Policy Advice in a Changing World: SCAR Strategic Plan 2011-2016" can be downloaded from: <http://www.scar.org/strategicplan2011/>

SGA - Newsletters of The Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits (SGA) available at: <http://www.e-sga.org>

YES - The Young Earth-Scientists YES Network Newsletters at: <http://www.networkyes.org/index.php/news/>

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

NOTE the listings of forthcoming meetings shown below will normally be included in an IUGS E-Bulletin only once and then they will appear on the IUGS website. The IUGS website (www.iugs.org) lists more "geo" related events than any other website devoted to such information. An analysis of the IUGS 2010 website statistics indicates that the "IUGS Calendar" section is the most frequently visited element of our website with regular hits from over 160 countries. The IUGS is pleased to continue this service to help promote all "geo" related events. Please send your meeting posting requests directly to the IUGS Secretary General at pbobrows@nrcan.gc.ca. To see the IUGS listing of forthcoming geoscience meetings, conferences, and workshops, go to the Calendar section of the IUGS website at: <http://iugs.org/index.php?page=calendar&phpMyAdmin=2c9f06db78f0953a55b10dcfdc5907f6>

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December 6-7, 2011. GeoPower Europe: 6-7 December 2011. Milan, Italy. The Official Conference of the European Geothermal Energy Council. Conference theme "Driving evolution and growth in European geothermal energy". For details on the conference and the speakers see the website at: <http://www2.greenpowerconferences.co.uk/GE1112IT>

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January 17-20, 2012. 10th Anniversary Meeting, The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL). Kyoto, Japan. Symposia on landslides & floods, and the working group meeting to examine the draft of ICL strategic plan for 2012-2021.

February 20-24, 2012. 4th International Maar Conference (4IMC). Auckland, New Zealand. A multidisciplinary congress on monogenetic volcanism. Full details on the website at: <http://www.4imc.org.nz>

February 22, 2012. 40th Anniversary of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) celebrations. UNESCO Headquarters, Paris. Get the Draft Program at: http://iugs.org/uploads/40th_IGCP_E_Draft_Programme%5B1%5D.pdf

May 12-15, 2012. 5th International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks, Unzen Volcanic Area Global Geopark, Japan. Abstract submission, Registration, Field Excursions, and Hotel information are now on the conference website at: <http://www.geoparks2012.com/>. For information contact Chika MIURA email: c-miura@unzen-geopark.jp

June 2-8, 2012. 11th Annual International Symposium on Landslides and the 2nd North American Symposium on Landslides. Banff Springs Hotel, in Banff, Alberta, Canada. The theme of the symposium "Landslides and Engineered Slopes: Protecting Society through Improved Understanding". Organised by The Canadian Geotechnical Society, the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, and the Joint Technical Committee on Landslides and Engineered Slopes. More details on the website: <http://www.ISL-NASL2012.ca>

July 13-25, 2012. XXXII SCAR, Open Science Conference and XXIV COMNAP AGM. Portland, Oregon, USA. Theme "Antarctic Science and Policy Advice in a Changing World". Conference abstract submission is now open with a closing date of 15 February 2012. Submit abstracts via the conference web at: <http://scar2012.geol.pdx.edu/>

July 22-26, IAHS-IAPSO-IASPEI Joint Assembly: "Knowledge for the Future" . Göteborg, Sweden. Check the websites at <http://www.iugg.org> and <http://www.goteborg.com/meetings> for posted information.

August 5-10, 2012. 34th International Geological Congress (IGC) in Brisbane, Australia. The primary IUGS conference that is held every 4 years. See the information above, and visit the Congress website at: <http://www.34igc.org/>

August 15-17, 2012. The 10th Symposium on Engineering Geology and the Environment. Villa Carlos Paz City, Cordoba Province, Argentina. Organized by: The Asociación Argentina de Geología Aplicada a la Ingeniería (ASAGAI), Argentina National Group of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG). Download the flier from: http://www.iaeg.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=106:10th-symposium-on-engineering-geology-and-the-environment&catid=44:announcements&Itemid=88. Contact email address for enquiries: simposio@asagai.org.ar

November 6-8, 2012. UNESCO World Heritage Convention 40th Anniversary Celebration. Kyoto, Japan. This final 40th anniversary celebration event will focus on the outcomes of the different workshops and studies undertaken during the celebrations and will reflect on the future of the Convention. For details of the celebration events check the special UNESCO 40th anniversary website at: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/40years>

November 12-15, 2012. Latin American Congress on Organic Geochemistry (ALAGO), Santa Marta, Colombia. Enquiries to the ALAGO President Carlos Bandeira Email: carlosbandeira@petrobras.com.br

November 20-21, 2012. International Mine Management 2012 Conference (IMM 2012). Melbourne, Australia. Organised under the management of The Minerals Institute (AusIMM). The call for papers has been issued, deadline for submission 20 February 2011. Conference details on the web at: <http://ausimm.com.au/imm2012/>

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January 8-14, 2013. 24th Colloquium of African Geology (CAG24), 14th Congress of Geological Society of Africa (GSAf 14), 40th Anniversary of the Geological Society of Africa (1973-2013). Theme "40 Years of GSAf (1973-2013): Earth Sciences Solutions to African Development Challenges" will be conducted at the United Nations Economic Commission Conference Center (UNECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Ethiopian Geosciences and Mineral Engineering Association (EGMEA) will organize this joint conference and will distribute the first circular shortly. Details will be posted on the websites at: <http://www.geologicalsocietyofafrica.org/> and <http://www.egmea.org/>

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