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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

We again want to remind you that that the deadline for nominations of candidates for the next IUGS Executive Committee is November 30, 2007. Information about the nomination procedure is found on the IUGS Website: http://www.iugs.org/Nominations-Letter_AB.pdf

EPISODES

Dr. Yang, the editor of the IUGS journal Episodes is pleased to announce that the Impact Factor of Episodes leapt to a record high level of 2.35 for 2006! We congratulate the Episodes editorial board with this excellent result. If you do not regularly read the journal, we strongly recommend that you read Episodes Vol 30, issue 3, which was released in September. More information is found on the website <http://www.episodes.org/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN 2008

For a more complete list, please look up the IUGS website: <http://www.iugs.org/> and click “Calendar” in the menu to the left

22 - 24 September, Italy

GeoMod2008

Place: Florence

Theme: Geological modelling (both analog and numerical)

Website: <http://www.geomod2008.org> <<http://www.geomod2008.org/>>

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1 - 5 October, Croatia

ProGeo Vth International Symposium on Conservation of the Geological Heritage

Place: Rab Island

Deadline for preliminary registrations is January 15, 2008

Website: www.progeo-croatia.hr

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4-6 November, Tunisia

22nd Colloquium of African Geology & 13th Conference of the Geological Society of Africa

Theme: Knowledge, Solidarity and Development

Place: Tunis

For further information about the meeting and related field trips, please contact the CAG22

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH UPDATE October 2007

<http://yearofplanetearth.org/>

During the third quarter of 2007 the total number of IYPE National Committee increased to 48 nations. In addition, there is one conjoint IYPE Regional Committee (for East and Southeast Asia).

Preparations for the Global IYPE Launch Event at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, on 12 and 13 February are in an advanced stage. We expect a maximum of 1000 invited guests, including some 300 young students from all parts of the world. In many countries the Student Contest has started. Rules and guidelines for the Contest are posted on the website. Keynote speakers have been selected for three Sessions: 'Population growth and Climate Change: challenges for Planet Earth', 'Earth resources: threat or treat?' and Geohazards: minimizing risk, maximizing awareness'. Leading politicians have agreed to participate and several keynote speakers have confirmed their participation.

Preparations for a second continent-wide IYPE Launch event, on 22 and 23 May, 2008 in Arusha, Tanzania, are in full swing. A preliminary Programme is available and a fundraising campaign has started. TOTAL promised to support the GLE in Paris with 140,000 USD and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs has offered to support the participation of 22 students from developing countries. The Polish government, through State Secretary (and State Geologist) Mariusz Jedrysek, announced its support of the IYPE to the amount of 140,000 USD.

Two new International Partners, the Geological Survey of Italy (APAT) and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), joined the IYPE, thus bringing the total number to 12.

The Science Programme Committee has evaluated 38 Expressions of Interest. Through the Secretariat, the Outreach Programme Committee received 37 Expressions of Interest. The website is now under conversion to a web portal.

The American Geological Institute (AGI) will, beginning with the November issue of Geotimes include the IYPE logo in all issues during the triennium. In addition, the AGI Executive Director will prepare an editorial focusing on the importance of IYPE as part of the January issue. AGI will also work with the U.S. National IYPE Committee to support any activities they have planned.

Nature will come with a new Journal: Nature Geoscience by January 2008 and Nature will produce a special supplement dedicated to the IYPE also in January. In February 2008, 100,000 copies of a special IYPE book will be issued and spread all around the world. In most of the nations, activities for IYPE will really take off early 2008, making it The Greatest Geo-Show on Earth!

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