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**34TH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS 5-10 AUGUST 2012, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA**

The Third Circular will be released in the next 2 weeks and will be available for download at [www.34igc.org](http://www.34igc.org).

This Third Circular announces important information that delegates will need to plan and arrange their participation at the 34th IGC in Brisbane:

- The full schedule of registration fees is released in this circular and delegates may now register using the online registration system at [www.34igc.org](http://www.34igc.org);
- Accommodation rates and arrangements are also released in this circular and delegates can now reserve their accommodation in Brisbane when they complete their registration forms;
- Expanded field trip information is now available, including the full dates of each tour. Tour bookings are now also available.

Major progress has been made with the scientific program with the announcement of the plenary speakers in this circular as well as information on professional development workshops and short courses and an updated scientific program.

The Fourth Circular is scheduled for release in November/December, 2011.

**34TH IGC MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, UNESCO**

The theme of the 34th International Geological Congress, Unearthing our Past and Future - Resourcing Tomorrow, strikes at the heart of our relationship with the earth: the very evolution of human life and the development of human cultures into the future. The United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is proud to demonstrate our support for this important endeavor by granting our patronage to the 34th IGC. We are convinced of the critical relevance of earth sciences for society, from mitigating the risks of geohazards to planning the sustainable use of resources for energy and innovation. UNESCO and IUGS look forward to celebrating the 40th anniversary of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) in Brisbane, Australia.

Dr. Gretchen Kalonji – Assistant Director for Natural Sciences Programs

**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](mailto:iugs@usgs.gov)) and request a copy of the nomination form, and information regarding the rules for nominations for the election of officers. The deadline for submission of nominations to the IUGS Secretariat is 30 September 2011. The Nominating Committee in particular encourages candidates from parts of the world that have not been recently represented on the Executive Committee.

**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. Please contact the IUGS Secretariat ([iugs@usgs.gov](mailto:iugs@usgs.gov)) for additional information.

## **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>

## **RECENT INFORMATION ON PUBLICATIONS, JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS**

CPC - 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/](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>. Their fifth newsletter has just been published.

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>

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>

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](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/public/publications/page\\_Publications.htm](http://www.medicalgeology.org/pages/public/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](http://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](mailto: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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October 9-12, 2011. Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA  
The 2011 GSA Annual Meeting & Exposition will have the meeting theme: "Archean to Anthropocene; the past is the key to the future". GSA is offering 217 Topical Sessions for you to choose from as well as 43 field trips. View the meeting program at: <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2011/program.htm> Register for the meeting at: <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2011/reg.htm>

October 23-27, 2011. Forum GeoReg. Theme "Regional geosciences of France and neighbouring countries". Villeneuve d'Ascq, France. The GeoReg Forum is dedicated to all geosciences of the regions of France and the neighbouring countries (Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom and beyond). Its prime objective is to revitalize the regional geosciences of France and neighbouring countries, by fruitfully convening experts from academia, industrial-commercial national agencies (BRGM, IFREMER, etc.), private and public applied geoscience companies, industrial companies, museums, scientific-technical-industrial and artistic cultural centres, and associations of both professionals and amateurs. Details at: <http://geosystemes.univ-lille1.fr/sgn.php?page=forum>

October 24-26, 2011, GEO-Carbon Conference: Carbon in a Changing World, Rome, Italy.

Jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Coordination Action on Carbon Observation Systems (COCOS), the aim is to contribute to GEO through the set-up of a GEOSS for carbon. International experts will present both the latest scientific developments in understanding the global carbon cycle and an overview of the building and implementation of a Global Carbon Observing System for land, oceans and atmosphere. The conference is open to the relevant international community. Participants are kindly invited to register on the link: <http://dwms.fao.org/geo-carbon/>

November 9-13, 2011. International Congress of Geotourism, Arouca Geopark, at the Monastery of Arouca, Portugal. For details, and to view the First Circular, go to the website at: <http://www.geoparquearouca.com/geotourism2011/index.php?p=icg&l=en>

November 14-18, 2011. The Regional Geographic conference (UGI 2011) of the International Geographic Union (IGU) will be held at the Military School in Santiago, Chile. Conference theme: "United and Integrated with the World". See the Second Call for Papers and conference brochure on the website at: <http://www.ugi2011.cl/index.html>

December 5-9, 2011. The American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting. San Francisco, USA. The AGU Fall Meeting is the largest worldwide conference in the geophysical sciences, attracting nearly 20,000 Earth and space scientists, educators, students, and policy makers. This meeting showcases current scientific theory focused on discoveries that will benefit humanity and ensure a sustainable future for our planet. See the website at: <http://sites.agu.org/fallmeeting/>

## -----2012-----

January, 20-21, 2012. International Conference on "Multidisciplinary Approaches in Applied Geology", Kolhapur, Maharashtra State, India. Organised by the Department of Geology, Gopal Krishna Gokhale College, Kolhapur. Conference Themes: 1. Geological aspects and natural resource management. 2. Geological studies for disaster management. 3. Environmental pollution and EIA in relation to Geological studies. 4. Geological aspects in relation to biodiversity and agriculture and 5. Geology of Wet lands, Geological aspects of land use planning and waste land management. Contact: Secretariat c/o Prof. J.B.Pishte (pishte52@gmail.com), or Dr Mrs. Manjiri Desai-More (E-mails:manjiridesaimore@rediff.com), or email gkg.geology@gmail.com. Phone: Prof. Pishte +91 9960326042

May 12-15, 2012. 5th International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks - GEOPARKS 2012. Unzen Volcanic Area Global Geopark, Japan. Hosted by The Council for Promotion of Unzen Volcano Area Global Geopark, and the Global Geoparks Network (GGN). Co-hosted by: Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN); Japanese Geoparks Network (JGN); and the Japan Geopark Committee (JGC). The official language of the conference is English. More information at: <http://www.geoparks2012.com/>

June 25-29, 2012. Tenth International Conference on Permafrost. Salekhard, Russia. Organised by The International Permafrost Association this is the premier meeting for permafrost research and is held every four years. It will report on results from permafrost research in the Arctic, Antarctic, and mountain regions. The 2nd Circular has now been released – see <http://www.ticop2012.org/>

July 15-21, 2012. 9th International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG), Aveiro, Portugal. Jointly organized by the University of Aveiro GeoBioTec Research Center and the CESAM Associated Laboratory. This event is also supported by the International Association of Geochemistry (IAGC), the Society of Environmental Geochemistry and Health (SEGH) and the International Medical Geology Association (IMGA). The event will ensure an international leading forum for scientists, consultants and public managers, working on the broad area of environmental geochemistry and health. It will cover a range of scientific fields, such as geochemistry, biology, engineering, geology, hydrology, epidemiology, chemistry, medicine, Submissions open until 30 November 2011. The symposium offers awards to young

scientists for the Best Poster presentations. See: <http://9iseg.web.ua.pt/web/index.php> and <http://www.segh.net/events/international-symposium-environmental-geochemistry/>

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

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January 8-14, 2013. The 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.et/>

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