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## NEWS FROM THE IUGS OFFICE

1) **ICSU Unions meeting:** President Roland Oberhaensli and Secretary General Ian Lambert will attend the ICSU Unions meeting from 29-30 April 2013 in Paris. Ian Lambert will chair discussion on ICSU's International Research for Disaster Reduction (IRDR) program - with a view deciding how the ICSU Unions and IRDR can work together to improve the science-policy-practice interface and strengthen the activities.

2) **IUGS dues notices:** Formal letters requesting payment of IUGS dues for 2013 were mailed to all Adhering Organisations in the fourth week of April, together with a summary of the benefits IUGS membership.

3) **New Activities Strategic Implementation Committee (NASIC):** A small new IUGS Committee has been formed. This committee is to scope the proposed new IUGS' initiative: **Resourcing Future Generations**. The composition of the core committee, which will consult with a wider group, is:

- Edmund Nickless, chair
- AnJian Wang, representing China – East Asia
- Ian Lambert, representing Australia – Oceania and IUGS Executive
- John Ludden, representing geological surveys and related geo-organisations generally
- Mauricio Godoy, Vale, representing industry and Latin America
- Pat Leahy, representing North America (Canada, USA and Mexico)
- Felix Toteu, representing Africa and UNESCO

4) **Wrap up of the 34th International Geological Congress:** The final meeting of the 34th IGC Organising Committee is to be held on 24 May 2013 to sign off on the financial outcome and approve the Proceedings report, which summarises all aspects of the Congress and provides valuable information for organizers of future IGCs. A fund is being established to support young Australasian geoscientists wishing to travel internationally to enhance their careers.

### 5) **The future of IUGS publications – your chance to comment**

The IUGS Publications Committee has been asked to review the nature and content of IUGS publications and to make recommendations on possible future improvements to the Executive Committee. **You are invited to make comments and suggestions. These should be sent to directly Brian Marker (Chairman of the Publications Committee) by the end of May 2013 at [brian@amarker.freemove.co.uk](mailto:brian@amarker.freemove.co.uk)**

IUGS Publications include:

#### **1. Episodes**

“Episodes” is the IUGS’ flagship publication. It is currently published online and in print. Printing and distribution of paper copies is a major cost to IUGS. One proposal is to terminate hard copy printing and remain only online. The content of Episodes is also under review. It is important to maintain the present high scientific quality. But how can content be improved? Some suggestions: invited keynote papers from eminent geoscientists, articles on Geoparks; more National Committee and geological survey reports; and more papers of interest to industry. What do you think?

#### **2. IUGS books**

Potential editors of IUGS books are reminded that IUGS has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Geological Society (London) that book ideas should be first offered to the Society for agreement

to publish. Numbers of books offered for publication in recent years has been falling. More are invited. How can you help?

### **3. IUGS website**

You are invited to submit views on how the IUGS website ([www.iugs.org](http://www.iugs.org)) might be improved in terms of its appearance, content and ease of use. Any ideas?

### **4. IUGS E-Bulletin**

The monthly E-Bulletin covers news and events from the IUGS Office and community noting recent publications, newsletters, highlights in UNESCO's "World of Science", relevant websites, forthcoming conferences, workshops and short courses and links to other geoscience organisations. Should it do more? Is it too long or too short? Is a monthly release sufficient or would it be better once every 2 months?

The content and quality of the E-bulletin depends on the information provided by the adhering and affiliate organisations. Thus, we rely on your continuous contribution and support with useful material.

### **5. Brochures, leaflets and posters**

Such products have been prepared from time to time mainly for circulation or presentation at major conferences. The existing material is now out of date (see IUGS website for latest version pdf copies). But which of these still have a useful function? How should they be delivered? Should some of these be online only rather than printed for personal print on demand? To what extent could they be used at smaller events such as Commission and IGCP meetings?

### **6. Social media e.g. Linked In, Twitter, FaceBook etc -**

Should IUGS make more use of social media? If so, which of these media should be used and why? What sort of material should be provided? How often would you expect updates and notifications?

## **NEWS FROM IUGS ADHERING & AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

- **INQUA "Long-term recharge of large groundwater basins (G@GPS - Africa)" project funded by ICSU** - IUGS is one of the main supporters of a large project by INQUA on "Long-term recharge of large groundwater basins (G@GPS - Africa)", which received ICSU support in March 2013. The aim of this project is to develop methods to understand recent and past recharge in large data-poor groundwater basins. The Maputo Groundwater Basin in Mozambique is to be used as a case study. It is an aim to develop manuals that are applicable in other SADC countries and studies of data-poor aquifers elsewhere in the world. Information on the project can be obtained at: <http://www.icsu.org/what-we-do/projects-activities/icsu-grants-programme/>
- Election IUSS Division and Commission Officers 2014-2018: information about the call for nomination can be found at:

[http://www.iuss.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=9](http://www.iuss.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=9) (IUSS Alert 94, April)

## RECENT INFORMATION ON PUBLICATIONS:

### 1) Newsletters & E-Journals:

- The International Council for Science (ICSU) Newsletter can be accessed through: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/insight>
- The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) E-Journal can be accessed through: <http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals/>
- The Société Algérienne de Géophysique (SAGA) Newsletter can be accessed through: [www.sag.dz](http://www.sag.dz)
- The International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) E-bulletin can be accessed through: <http://www.igbp.net/>
- The Mineral Research & Exploration Bulletin (Turkey) can be accessed through: <http://www.mta.gov.tr/v2.0/eng/all-bulletins.php?id=145> - down
- The UN SPIDER e-bulletin since January 2013 can be accessed through: <http://www.un-spider.org/about/updates/un-spider-updates-january-2013>
- The European Federation of Geologists GeoNews can be accessed through <http://www.eurogeologists.de/>
- The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGeo) Newsletter can be accessed through <http://www.progeo.se/>

### 2) Magazines

- EARTH magazine online can be accessed through: <http://www.earthmagazine.org/>

### 3) Books

The newest edition of the Directory of Geoscience Departments is now available for purchase in print and as an eBook. As a cornerstone reference publication of the American Geosciences Institute, the 48th edition of the Directory of Geoscience Departments is an invaluable resource for those working in the geosciences, those who must identify experts with specialties in various geoscience fields, or students investigating potential programs to apply to. The new edition lists 2282 academic departments and programs from around the world, including 1046 departments from the United States. Of those reported in the 48th edition, 395 U.S. departments identified themselves as 2-year institutions. The printed version of the book is available directly from AGI (<http://bit.ly/YzO7AF>) or from Amazon.com (<http://amzn.to/WS4glH>) for \$35.00 (\$28.00 for AGI Member Society Members only through the AGI website). The eBook version is available worldwide for the Kindle (<http://amzn.to/Zn9e5n>), Nook (<http://bit.ly/13qoJ4U>) and on the iBookstore for the iPad and iPhone (<http://bit.ly/YzNFm5>).

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **IGC 35 - South Africa 2016: News from the Local Organising Committee**

The IGC 35 will be held in the Cape Town International Convention Centre (the CTICC) from 27 August to 4 September 2016. Early this year, the 35<sup>th</sup> IGC was promoted at the 24<sup>th</sup> Colloquium of African Geology (CAG24), which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 8 to 14 January 2013. A talk entitled “**It is time for Africa: The 35<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress, South Africa, Cape Town 2016**” was given by Prof Viljoen, Chair of the organising committee as part of the plenary program. So far “**Geoheritage in Africa**” was identified as one of the main focus of the 35<sup>th</sup> IGC. During the CAG24 meeting, it was announced that a flagship publication on this topic is intended for release at the 35<sup>th</sup> IGC. This announcement was well received by the Geoscience community. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2013, the Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA) will host its annual Geoforum conference in Johannesburg during which there will be an official launch of the 35<sup>th</sup> IGC.

- **Other meetings and conferences**

All forthcoming events are listed on the IUGS website (<http://www.iugs.org>) and will remain published until the event concludes. 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>

The IUGS website lists more "geo" related events than any other website devoted to such information. Analysis of the IUGS website statistics indicates that the "IUGS Calendar" section is one of the most frequently visited elements 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 email your meeting/conferences posting requests/information directly to the IUGS Secretariat at [iugs.beijing@gmail.com](mailto:iugs.beijing@gmail.com), or to the IUGS Webmaster at: [pbobrows@NRCan.gc.ca](mailto:pbobrows@NRCan.gc.ca) to be listed on the website of the IUGS.**

## **NEED TO CONTACT A GEOSCIENCE ORGANIZATION SOMEWHERE AROUND THE WORLD?**

The Directory of Geoscience Organizations of the World produced by the Geological Survey of Japan includes web links to national geological surveys as well as state and provincial geological surveys at: <http://www.gsj.jp/information/gsj-link/dir/index.html>

The geology.com website with news and information about geology and earth science also lists geological organizations and agencies: <http://geology.com/groups.html>

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