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<http://www.iugs.org/>

33rd International Congress News <http://www.33igc.org/coco/>

We approach the 33rd IGC and would like to remind you that you can now download the complete programme from the IGC website. This gives you the opportunity to draft a personal agenda before the Congress starts, and make a list of the events you would like to attend.

Places are still available on all one-day field trips, among them the excursion to the first UNESCO European Geopark in Norway (see more details below). Please check <http://www.33igc.org/coco/Layoutpage.aspx?containerid=5006&pageid=5003> for more information about the excursions.

All relevant documents for the IUGS Council meetings can be downloaded from the front page of the IUGS Website: <http://www.iugs.org/>. In this way we have made the information available also for those of you who are not members of the International Council. Here you will find the agenda of the meetings of the International Council together with the appropriate background documents. You will also find a list of candidates for the next IUGS Executive Committee, which may be of interest to many of you. In addition, the website includes reports from the members of the standing Executive Committee, and from the leaders of the IUGS Commissions. This gives you an overview of the tasks we have addressed during the period 2004-2008.

The 35th IGC

The IUGS Executive Committee has received invitations from the following countries to host the 35th IGC in 2016:

- *India*
- *Morocco*
- *South Africa*

The IUGS-IGC Council will determine which of these countries will win the position to host the 35th IGC in 2016 at their meeting on August 10 in Oslo.

Global launch of OneGeology

The groundbreaking OneGeology project will be launched at the 33rd IGC 6 August.

OneGeology presents global geological map data on the internet, ensuring that a vast amount of geological data from around the world is easily accessible.

Download invitation from <http://www.33igc.org/fileshare/PDF/OneGeologyInvite.pdf>

New Medical geology flyer

A new flyer with an overview of the medical geology themed symposia and programme for the 'Water, human health and environment' Theme of the Day is available as a download.

Download flyer from <http://www.33igc.org/fileshare/PDF/MedGeoTOD.pdf>

Join the excursion to the first UNESCO European Geopark in Scandinavia!

Take the opportunity to visit an outstanding part of the geology of southern Norway, close to Oslo. There are still a few places available on Excursion No 21 to Gea Norvegica European Geopark. Enjoy the intersection between geology, local culture and food during boat and bus trips inland and on Norway's sunny coast.

Excursion details can be loaded down from

<http://www.33igc.org/coco/Layoutpage.aspx?containerid=11323&pageid=5045>

Earth Portal <http://www.earthportal.org/>

This is a comprehensive resource for timely, objective, science-based information about the environment. It is a means for the global scientific community to come together to produce the first free, expert-driven, massively scaleable information resource on the environment, and to engage civil society in a public dialogue on the role of environmental issues in human affairs. It contains no commercial advertising and reaches a large global audience.

The Earth Portal has three components:

The *Encyclopedia of Earth*, with over 3,500 articles, is produced and reviewed by 1,000 scholars from 60 countries.

The *Earth Forum* provides commentary from scholars and discussions with the general public.

The *Earth News* offers news stories on environmental issues drawn from many sources.

You can subscribe for electronic weekly Earth Portal newsletter. Please look up the Earth Portal website for instructions.

Global Geopark: <http://www.globalgeopark.org/>

On the Global Geopark website you will find information about geoparks all over the world. It keeps you updated about new parks and includes descriptions regarding already established parks. You can connect to such descriptions via geographic as well as thematic portals. The website also includes information about meetings and you can download a number of online articles from the web.

Information from the Office of the Global Geoparks Network att: Dr. Wu Zhihui

The GGN (Global Geoparks Network) Office sincerely requests all participants in geopark work to constantly deliver information about geoheritage and geopark to them, so that more people can appreciate geoparks through the GGN website (<http://www.globalgeopark.org>).

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As this is the last electronic Bulletin of this inter-congress period, the IUGS Executive Committee takes the opportunity to thank all of you for your collaboration during these past 4 years. We look forward to seeing many of you in Oslo during the 33rd IGC. We wish the participants all the best with the activities during the Congress itself and for all of you we sincerely hope that your own research during the period 2008-2012 will remain successful.

Sincerely,

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(IUGS Vice President)