

## **E-Bulletin of the International Union of Geological Sciences (No. 38, April 2009)**

### **EARTH DAY**

April 22nd is Earth Day an annual event for people around the world to celebrate the earth and renew our commitment to building a safer, healthier and cleaner world for all. See <<http://www.earthportal.org/forum/?p=737>>.

### **SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP ON GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION IN AFRICA**

Kristine Asch has reported that the Geoscience Information in Africa (GIRAF) Workshop held 16-20 March 2009 was a particularly constructive and successful event with 94 attendees. It achieved all its aims and created the GIRAF Agreement with 15 points about how to continue into the future through the pan-African geoinformation network. For more information contact <Kristine.Asch@bgr.de> or see their website: <<http://www.giraf2009.org>>

### **NEW IUGS ADHERING ORGANIZATION**

Now geologists from 121 countries/ regions are represented in IUGS Council. Council has ratified, as per Statutes and Byelaws, the Independent Commission for Mines and Minerals of Kosovo (ICMM) as an Adhering Organization. The Executive is actively working to improve interaction with all its Adhering Organizations in order to address as efficiently as possible all earth science issues of relevance to society.

### **PUBLICATIONS, JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS**

--Episodes: the Journal of International Geoscience. Publication of Episodes is now moving from China to India - Current Issue Vol. 31, No.4, December 2008. For contents and back issues see:< <http://www.episodes.org>> .

--The latest edition of The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) Electronic Journal Volume 9 No. 4 (1 April 2009) is available at <<http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals>>

--The Earth Portal website provides a comprehensive resource for timely, objective, science-based information about the environment. The Earth Portal has three components: The Encyclopaedia of Earth, The Earth Forum, and The Earth News (a weekly newsletter that you can receive free of charge <<http://www.earthportal.org/news>> . View the UNESCO World Heritage Centre e-newsletters --World Heritage Information at: <<http://whc.unesco.org/en/newsletter>> .

### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

For a listing of forthcoming geoscience meetings, conferences, and workshops of interest check the Calendar section of the IUGS website: <<http://www.iugs.org/Calendar.html>>.

June 9-12, 2009: SCOPE 13th General Assembly, London, UK. SCOPE's 13th General Assembly will mark its 40th anniversary of ICSU\_SCOPE the Scientific Committee On Problems of the Environment. A General Assembly combines business meetings, a re-evaluation of the current scientific programme, election of its Executive Committee, planning for future efforts, and a Scientific Symposium on 12 June 2009, "Finance, Food and Energy Crises: Consequences for the Environment and Land Use Change?", This symposium aims to make a rapid, critical and opportune appraisal and review of how the current problems affect our environmental priorities and what they will mean for land use and land cover, and thus for future trends in climate. See <<http://www.icsu-scope.org>>.

June 14-19, 2009. SGEM2009 The 9th International Multidisciplinary Scientific GEO-Conference & EXPO "Modern Management of Mine Producing, Geology and Environmental Protection", Albena Complex, (near Varna city), Bulgaria. Abstracts EXTENDED to 20 April. See <<http://www.sgem.org>>.

June 23-26, 2009. 11th International Paleolimnology Symposium, Guadalajara, Mexico: Abstracts accepted until 20 May. <<http://www.geofisica.unam.mx/paleolimnologia>>.

July 6-10, 2009. Colloquium on "Danger, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment to Reduce Disasters", The Convention Palace, Havana City, Cuba. The Colloquium will take place within the VII International Convention Environment and Development. See <<http://www.cubambiente.com>> or <<http://www.gulfbase.org/event/view.php?eid=7icoead>>

July 9-13, 2009. MAEGS 16 - Meeting of Association of European Geological Societies, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The theme will be Geology for society: education and cultural heritage. See: <<http://bioge.ubbcluj.ro/maegs16>>.

August 10-14, 2009. 2009 International Symposium on Endemic Diseases and Geological Environment (ISEDGE), Changchun city, Jilin Province, China. The conference will provide a platform for scientists and researchers in medical geology, environmental geochemistry, environmental health sciences, and endemic diseases, to communicate the latest developments in the related fields in geological environment and health. Sponsors include CGS, UNICEF, IUGS-GEM, IAH, and NSFC. Abstract submission: deadline April 10. See: <[http://www.cigem.gov.cn/en\\_readnews.asp?newsid=17874](http://www.cigem.gov.cn/en_readnews.asp?newsid=17874)>.

August 23-28, 2009. IAMG 2009, International Association for Mathematical Geosciences Conference, Stanford University, California, USA. Special sessions on multi-scale modeling, modeling sedimentary processes, frontiers in geostatistics, and other themes in Mathematical Geosciences. See: <<http://iamg09.stanford.edu>>.

September 14-22, 2009. 3rd International Earth Science Olympiad 2009 (IESO 2009), National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei. This is an event of competition and cooperation in Earth science for young students worldwide, organized to increase public awareness and promote Earth science education. IESO is an important activity of IGEO (International Geoscience Education Organization). The IESO 2009 Local Organizing Committee invites your country to send a team with at least one mentor and two secondary students to participate in this exciting event. The Ministry of Education and National Science Council has been fully committed to funding the third IESO. The local organizer will cover all the local expenses including accommodations, local transportation, field trips to the Chi-Chi earthquake site, tours and etc., but not the international airfares. More information and online registration see: <<http://www.ieso2009.tw/main/home/home.html>>. For any additional inquiries please contact the Chairman, IESO 2009 Local Organizing Committee, Chun-Yen Chang <[changcy@ntnu.edu.tw](mailto:changcy@ntnu.edu.tw)>

October 12-16, 2009. 3rd Hemispheric Conference on Medical Geology (3rd HCMedGeo) at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Montevideo, Uruguay. Send abstracts to <[abstract@geologiamedica.com](mailto:abstract@geologiamedica.com)> (Deadline: May 15, 2009). For queries email [centeno@afip.osd.mil](mailto:centeno@afip.osd.mil) and/or [tonycent@comcast.net](mailto:tonycent@comcast.net), with a copy to [nmanay@fq.edu.uy](mailto:nmanay@fq.edu.uy). For information on the program, excursions, participants, etc see: <<http://www.geologiamedica.com>>.

October 25-28, 2009. First World Young Earth Scientists (Y.E.S.) Congress 2009, Beijing, China. Theme --The Young Earth Scientists for Society. This Congress will discuss the main topics of the IYPE: health, climate, groundwater, ocean, soils, deep Earth, megacities, hazards, resources, and life. It is aimed at young representatives from geological associations and institutions, young leaders in politics, and delegates from administrative bodies to meet at the congress to establish a worldwide network between future leaders and policy makers and future earth science advisors. See: <<http://www.yescongress2009.org>>.

October 26-31, 2009. International conference on GEOSCIENCE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT (GeoDev). Dhaka, Bangladesh. Jointly organized by AGID (Association of Geoscientists for International Development), BGS (Bangladesh Geological Society), GSB (Geological Survey of Bangladesh), and IGEO (International Geoscience Education Organization). The Registration Form and Abstracts for GeoDev due 31 May 2009. See: <[http://www.sociedadgeologica.org.mx/files/First\\_Announcement.doc](http://www.sociedadgeologica.org.mx/files/First_Announcement.doc)>.

November 22-26, 2009. XII Chilean Geological Congress, Santiago, Chile. The Geology Department of the University of Chile invites you to participate in the Congress to be held in the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. The deadline for abstract submission is 30th April 2009. Contact Sociedad Geologica <[info@sociedadgeologica.cl](mailto:info@sociedadgeologica.cl)> or see <<http://www.congresogeologico2009.cl/public/?/#>>.

October 18-23, 2009. The VIII International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (8 ISEG), Ouro Preto City, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Jointly with the XII Brazilian Geochemical Congress (12 CBGq). The XII CBGq/VIII ISEG is a forum for discussion and scientific experience exchange in all congress topics. See: <<http://www.12cbgq.ufop.br/12cbgq/presentation.htm>>

With best regards,

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