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CALL FOR PAPERS FOR EPISODES THE IUGS JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL GEOSCIENCE.

As a result of the excellent cooperation and hard work between China and India, the publication operations for Episodes has now been successfully transferred to India. Episodes will now be produced by the Geological Society of India. The new Editor for Episodes, Dr. Mudlappa Jayananda, welcomes short, innovative scientific articles, as well as items dealing with geological sciences and society. To submit your papers, or to make any other enquiries, please contact Dr. Jayananda at email: gsocind@gmail.com

Back issues of "Episodes" are available on line at <http://www.episodes.org/backissues.htm>.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH - IYPE UPDATE

In the first quarter of 2009 two more nations (Sri Lanka and Angola) established their own IYPE National Committees, bringing the total number of countries to 80 (including the IYPE Regional Committee for East and Southeast Asia). National Committees were approached to complete a questionnaire concerning the impact of their activities, and their vision on the future.

The 5th IYPE Board meeting on 26 January 2009 was held in London (hosted by the Geological Society of London). The main focus was on the future of IYPE. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed to:

- 1) Explore options for creating a World Geoscience Forum.
- 2) Explore options for creating a global platform to advocate and represent environmental (geo)science contributions to society.
- 3) Evaluate the impact of the National IYPE Committees in their countries and their ideas for prolonged existence.
- 4) Collect global support for the Young Earth Scientist (Y.E.S.) initiative.
- 5) Explore options for a global and self-supporting outreach initiative on Planet Earth.

The IYPE Science Implementation Teams (SITs) continued their work on the state-of-the-art scientific books, to be published by Springer Verlag as IYPE legacy items. Eight out of the ten science issues have confirmed production and two are still pending. The first books will be published in the 3rd quarter of 2009.

The Lisbon IYPE Event (LIE). Hosted by the Portuguese Government, will be a major event in Lisbon, from 20-22 November, to commemorate the end of the IYPE triennium, and to launch new initiatives for the next decade building on the IYPE legacy. All International Partners will be invited to participate in the meeting with the IYPE leadership and to expose their products in a special exhibition. Fundraising has started and a professional Congress office selected.

For more IYPE activity regularly check the website at <http://www.yearofplanetearth.org/>

NEW IGCP PROJECTS ACCEPTED IN 2009

Tens of thousands of Earth scientists from nearly every nation on Earth have been involved in the IUGS-UNESCO joint activity: The International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) since its launch in 1972. It is a global program of scientific collaboration between working scientists and has developed multidisciplinary projects that have had a lasting impact. Find out more! Contact information and a descriptions of the new projects approved in 2009 may be found at <http://www.unesco.org/science/earth/doc/igcp/NewProject2009.pdf>. A full listing of the 37 Active projects may be found at <http://www.unesco.org/science/earth/doc/igcp/Projects2009.pdf>

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TO IUGS

IUGS is pleased to offer individuals and institutions the opportunity to apply for IUGS Associate Membership. Please contact iugs.secretariat@ngu.no for information as to how you or your organization can become an IUGS Associate Member and its benefits.

PUBLICATIONS, JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS

--The latest edition of The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) Electronic Journal is available at: <http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals>

--The International Association of Hydrologists' "IAH Groundwater eNews" is available at: www.iah.org/news_enews.asp

--The "Earth Science India e-Journal" is now available on the web and can be viewed at <http://www.earthscienceindia.info/>. This open access quarterly e-journal is a not-for-profit website under the umbrella of The Society of Earth Scientists and is devoted to the development of Earth/Environmental Sciences of India.

--The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) has their official journal publication "Erosion Control" available at: <http://www.ieca.org/>.

--UNESCO Global Geoparks Network - keep up to date with current activities at <http://www.globalgeopark.org/publish/portal1/tab59/>

--The Earth Portal <http://www.earthportal.org> website information includes a free weekly newsletter that you can receive at: <http://www.earthportal.org/news/>.

--Earthscan, has a new journal "Environmental Hazards" addressing the full range of extreme geological, hydrological, atmospheric and biological hazard events. For more information see: <http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=37213> For Enquiries email to: journals@earthscan.co.uk

--The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) Bulletin 114 (May 2009) is now available on the website - both in high resolution (13 Mb) and low resolution (5 Mb). See: <http://www.iuss.org/index.htm>

--The latest IGBP NEWSLETTER of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme can be download at: <http://www.igbp.net/page.php?pid=231>

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. 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. Conference Registration & Accommodation open until 14 June 2009. See: <http://www.sgem.org>

June 23-26, 2009. 11th International Paleolimnology Symposium, Guadalajara, Mexico. For details see: <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. Theme "Geology for society: education and cultural heritage" See: <http://bioge.ubbcluj.ro/maegs16>

August 9-19, 2009. The INHIGEO 2009 Annual Meeting, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Theme "Fossils and Fuel". Calgary is one of the major centres of the oil industry in North America and has close proximity to major fossil sites like the Dinosaur Provincial Park and the Burgess Shale. See www.inhigeo.org. For conference registration etc: <http://www.peopleware.net/index.cfm?siteId=158&eventDisp=INHIGEO>.

August 10-14, 2009. 2009 International Symposium on Endemic Diseases and Geological Environment (ISEDGE), Changchun city, Jilin Province, China. Sponsors include CGS, UNICEF, IUGS-GEM, IAH, and NSFC. See: http://www.cigem.gov.cn/en_readnews.asp?newsid=17874

August 23-28, 2009. IAMG 2009, International Association for Mathematical Geology Conference, Stanford University, California, USA. See: <http://iamg09.stanford.edu/>

September 2-6, 2009. 13th Congress RCMNS (Regional Committee on Mediterranean Neogene Stratigraphy), Naples, Italy. The RCMNS is a Subcommission of the Neogene Stratigraphy within the IUGS - ICS. For Congress details see: <http://www.geomare.na.cnr.it/RCMNS.html>

September 14-22, 2009. 3rd International Earth Science Olympiad 2009 (IESO 2009), National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan. IESO is an important activity of IGEO (International Geoscience Education

Organization). More information at: <<http://www.ieso2009.tw/main/home/home.html>>. Online registration <http://www.ieso2009.tw/main/home/1b_registration.html>. For inquiries, please contact Chun-Yen Chang Chairman, IESO 2009 Local Organizing Committee (email: changcy@ntnu.edu.tw.)

September 28 - October 10, 2009 "Advanced School on Non-linear Dynamics & Earthquake Prediction." Trieste, Italy. Online applications only at: <http://cdsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/full_display.php?id=a08182>

October 5-8, 2009. 99th Annual Meeting of the Geologische Vereinigung (GV). Held at the Geoscience Centre GZG, Universität Göttingen, Germany. (NOTE originally scheduled for September 2009 but now changed to the dates shown) Theme "Earth Control on Planetary Life and Environment". For information see: <<http://www.gv-tagung2009.de>>. Queries to Gerhard Wörner email: gwoerne@gwdg.de.

October 5-9, 2009. International Symposium on the Geology of the Black Sea Region, Ankara, Turkey. Abstracts until 30 June 2009. Register through the website at: <<http://www.mta.gov.tr/isgb/>>. Email contacts: isgb@mta.gov.tr or okay@itu.edu.tr

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

October 12-16, 2009. The AGID Working Group for Geoethics are Convenors of the International Section "GEOETHICS" being held at the Mining Příbram Symposium, Příbram, Czech Republic. For more information email Lidmila Nemcova at: lidmila.nemcova@quick.cz. The Geoethics newsletter can be downloaded at <<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/search/search.cfm?q=agid+GeoethicsNews>> Web: www.bgs.ac.uk/agid/

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>>

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 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.geoscienced.org/GeoDevFirstAnnouncement.doc>>

November 12-15, 2009. International symposium on Geology, Natural Resources and Hazards in Karst Regions (GEOKARST 2009). Hanoi, Vietnam. For more information contact Assoc. Prof Pham Quy Nhan. E-mail: phamquynhan@yahoo.com

November 15-18, 2009. IAH-WRC Groundwater 2009 Conference. "Groundwater – Pushing the Limits". Somerset West, South Africa. Organised by the Geological Society of South Africa. See: <<http://www.kruger-associates.com/groundwaterconference2009/home/default.asp>>

November 22-26, 2009. XII Chilean Geological Congress, Santiago, Chile. Contact Sociedad Geologica (info@sociedadgeologica.cl) or see <<http://www.congresogeologico2009.cl/public/?/#>>

December 1-5, 2009. The 6th Symposium on the Atlantic Iberian Margin -MIA 09. Geology Department, Oviedo University, Oviedo, Spain. Deadline for abstract submission 31 July 2009 See: <http://www.uniovi.es/mia09/indexing.html>

April 11-17, 2010. The 5th Conference of the African Association of Women Geoscientists. Grand-Bassam, Cote D'Ivoire. Theme: "Women & Geosciences for Peace" - organised by The African Association of Women Geoscientists (AAWG). Deadline - reply to the 1st Circular by 30 June 2009. To download the First Circular go to: <<http://www.aawg.org/AAWG/spip.php?rubrique20>>.

April 26-28, 2010. 1st International Applied Geological Congress. Department of Geology (IAGC), Faculty of Sciences Islamic Azad University - Mashhad Branch (IAUM) Mashhad-Iran. Theme "New Directions of Investigations in Earth Sciences and Related Subjects". Abstract submission by 15 September 2009. E-mail: info@iagc.ir See <<http://www.iagc.ir>>

April 26-30, 2010. INTERPRAEVENT 2010 International Symposium in Pacific Rim. Taipei, Taiwan. The main topic of the symposium "Natural Disasters Mitigation Including Floods, Storms, Debris flows, Mass movements and Earthquakes etc." Deadline for submission of full-paper manuscript 30 November 2009. Abstracts submitted on the web at: <<http://congress.interpraevent.at/>> For more information see: <<http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/index.aspx>>

July 5-11, 2010. INHIGEO 2010 Annual Meeting. Almadén-Iberian Pyritic Belt, Spain. Theme: "History of Mining and Mineral Resources". Details available by the end of 2009. See <www.inhigeo.org>.

August 1-6, 2010. The 19th World Congress of Soil Science, Brisbane, Australia. Theme "Soil Solutions for a Changing World". Papers must be submitted using the on-line process no later than 31 October 2009. See: <<http://www.19wcso.org.au/>>

With best regards,
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