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NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE IUGS PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The IUGS Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the new Chairman of the IUGS Publications Committee is Dr. Fred Spilhaus the former long-serving Executive Director of the American Geophysical Union. The role of the Committee for Publications is to review the publication policy of the Union and of its Commissions, giving particular attention to the IUGS journal Episodes. The role shall include advising on publication standards, methods and techniques in the presentation of geological results.

SURVEY ON COMMUNICATING ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCE

The "Communicating Environmental Geoscience" Working Group of the IUGS Commission "Geoscience for Environmental Management" (GEM) (<<http://www.mun.ca/canqua/ceg/>>) is surveying environmental geoscientists on their attitude to and experience of communicating their results to public, policy makers, and others. The objective of the survey is to determine attitudes of environmental geoscientists towards communication and public engagement, as a compliment to similar surveys of scientists in general. Previous surveys have been country-specific, so the aim is to make this survey as international in scope as possible. The GEM Commission Working Group believe the results will be of interest to many working in environmental geoscience and plan to publish the results of the survey in a refereed paper. The survey contains 39 questions, most of which require only short answers, but there is also the opportunity to provide more extended answers if you choose. The survey should take 20-30 minutes to complete. You can take the survey online in either English or Spanish versions:

English <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MlcLa8yth99Gfqj_2fChKnsg_3d_3d>

Spanish <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yvNigB6HK8fwZ4umjODNzQ_3d_3d>

FIRST WORLD YOUNG EARTH-SCIENTISTS CONGRESS 2009, BEIJING 25-28 OCTOBER.

The YES Congress was discussed in detail in the previous Newsletter (No 43 of August 2009). In observance of the United Nations proclamation of the triennium 2007-2009 as the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE), the Young Earth-Scientist Network, under the patronage of UNESCO, is organizing the First World Congress which is focused on young (under the age of 35) earth scientists, and earth science professionals. The Congress is a flagship project of IYPE and will be held at the China University of Geosciences in Beijing (CUGB), China from 25 to 28th October 2009. The objective of the Congress is to connect young earth-scientists, young political leaders, representatives of organizations and associations across the world to create innovative approaches towards long-term sustainability and restoration of earth systems, and to build long-term bridges between the scientific community and future decision-makers. For details see <<http://www.yescongress2009.org/RoundtableDetails/Roundtables.html>>. For those unable to travel to the YES Congress, it offers the ability for individuals to participate in the YES Congress Roundtables via a web-interface as "Virtual Participants". In order to participate in the YES Congress Roundtables as a virtual participant, please register here: <http://www.yescongress2009.org/index.php?option=com_chronocontact&chronoformname=roundtable_registration>

Full details about the Y.E.S. Congress, including updates, excursion details, hotel etc. can be found at: <<http://www.yescongress2009.org>>

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 online: <http://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>>.

--ProGEO The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage publishes a quarterly newsletter ProGEO NEWS available online at <<http://www.progeo.se/index.html>>.

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

--The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) of the USA hosts an ongoing series of events and educational courses. For information visit their website at <<http://www.ngwa.org/DEVELOPMENT/index.aspx>>

-- A new book "PaleoParks - The protection and conservation of fossil sites worldwide" by Jere H. LIPPS & Bruno R.C. GRANIER (Special Editors). This book is available free of charge see: <http://paleopolis.rediris.es/cg/uk-bookmarks.html#CG2009_BOOK_03>

--The Geological Society of North Africa September Newsletter is now available. Download Newsletters at: <<http://www.geologicalsocietyofafrica.org/news/newsletter/>>. Anyone who would like to be sent this online newsletter should email Dr. Abdelkader Saadallah at: kader@saadgeo.com. Geological Society of Africa <<http://www.geologicalsocietyofafrica.org/>>

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>>

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October 19-23, 2009. The International Mine Water Conference, CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria, South Africa. Jointly hosted by the Water Institute of Southern Africa's Mine Water Division, and the International Mine Water Association, this Conference will enable persons throughout the world who have an interest in mine water management to learn first-hand how these 21st century challenges are being tackled. Conference web at:

<<http://www.wisa.org.za/minewater2009.htm>>. Final program papers, excursions etc at:
<http://www.wisa.org.za/MWC%20Final%20ann_1.pdf>

October 18-21, 2009. Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Portland, Oregon USA. Theme "From Volcanoes to Vineyards: Living with Dynamic Landscapes" Note this meeting will include an exhibit booth organised jointly by the IUGS and the 34th IGC. For details about the GSA meeting see: <<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2009/>>.

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 Symposium 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). For more information see:
<<http://www.geoscied.org/GeoDevFirstAnnouncement.doc>>

November 2-3, 2009. Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Organic Chemicals in Ground Water: Prevention, Detection, and Remediation Conference. Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California, USA. This NGWA conference addresses ground water and petroleum product contamination.
<http://www.ngwa.org/DEVELOPMENT/conferences/details/0911025040_mk.aspx>

November 12-15, 2009. GEOKARST 2009 International symposium on Geology, Natural Resources and Hazards in Karst Regions. Hanoi, Vietnam. This symposium is dedicated to better understanding the geology, natural resources, natural and anthropogenic hazards, in karst areas as well as wise use and sustainable management of karst areas. Sponsors include: UNESCO, Hanoi University of Mining and Geology, Vietnam; International Research Center on Karst, China; University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Austria; University of Roma "La Sapienza", Italy; International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Austria. Submission of extended abstracts closes 15 September 2009: Details at:
<<http://www.humg.edu.vn/geokarst/>> 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. The Geological Society of South Africa. See:
<<http://www.kruger-associates.com/groundwaterconference2009/home/default.asp>>

November 20-22, 2009. The Planet Earth Lisbon Event 2009 (PELE2009). Hosted by the Portuguese Government, will be a major event in Lisbon, to commemorate the end of the IYPE triennium, and to launch new initiatives for the next decade building on the IYPE legacy. All IYPE International Partners will be invited to participate in the meeting with the IYPE leadership and to expose their products in a special exhibition. See
<<http://www.planetearthlisbon2009.org/>>

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. See: <<http://www.uniovi.es/mia09/indexing.html>>

December 3-4, 2009. 2nd International Workshop on Sinkhole Phenomena. Auditorium, ISPRA-Geological Survey of Italy, V. Curtatone 7, 00185. Rome, Italy. This workshop is free to attend and is open to all earth science related researchers. Online registration is necessary by 30 November 2009. Go to: <http://www.isprambiente.it/site/en-GB/Archive/Events/Documents/090520_sinkhole.html>

December 10-13, 2009. National Ground Water Association (NGWA) Ground Water Expo and Annual Meeting. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd. New Orleans, Louisiana. USA. The NGWA Expo, a conference as well as a trade show, brings together professionals from all sectors of the ground water industry in one location to explore new solutions to new challenges. Web: <<http://www.ngwa.org/2009expo/index.aspx>>

December 14-18, 2009. The Annual Fall meeting of The American Geophysical Union (AGU). to be held at the Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California, USA. See item under the IYPE -UPDATE above. More information at: <www.agu.org/meetings/>

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February 4-7, 2010. 6th International Dyke Conference. held at Department of Geology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India. Theme: "Dyke swarms: Keys for Geodynamic Interpretation". For more information see: <<http://idc6.igpetbhu.com>>. Contact person: Dr. Rajesh K. Srivastava, Professor of Geology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi 221 005, India, 6idc2010@gmail.com, or rajeshgeolbhu@gmail.com.

April 6-9, 2010. 13th Quadrennial IAGOD (International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits) Symposium "Giant ore deposits down-under". Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia. Includes pre- and post conference fieldtrips. Details at:<<http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/IAGOD2010>>

April 11-15, 2010. National Ground Water Association (NGWA) Ground Water Summit and 2010 Ground Water Protection Council Spring Meeting. The Westin Tabor Center, 672 Lawrence Street, Denver, Colorado, USA. This year's annual event with the theme "Groundwater for a Thirsty World," will focus on groundwater's role as a global resource. <<http://www.ngwa.org/summit2010/index.aspx>>

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). For Circulars see: <<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/>> or see: <<http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/index.aspx>>

May 21-23, 2010. Society for Sedimentary Geology (SEPM) Field Conference on "Microbial Mats in Siliciclastic Sediments from the Archean to Present" Denver, Colorado, and Dinosaur Ridge, Denver, USA. Abstract submissions start 1 September 2009 and closes 1 December 2009. Visit the website at: <http://www.sepm.org/activities/researchconferences/microbial/microbial_home.htm> Convenors: Nora Noffke <nnoffke@odu.edu> and Henry Chafetz <hchafetz@uh.edu>).

May 26-29, 2010. 15th Congress of the Geologists of Serbia with international participation. Belgrade, Serbia. Organised by the Serbian Geological Society, the Faculty of Mining and Geology, and the Association of Geological Engineers and Technicians. The Congress events will include plenary sessions, oral and poster sessions, panel discussions, special sessions and field trips. Deadline for Congress Application 1 November 2009, and for abstract submissions 1 December 2009. For information see: <<http://www.nsgd.org/>> and <<http://www.nsgd.org/15Congress2010/English.htm>>

June 3-6, 2010. International Geobiology Conference 2010 (IGC2010). China University of Geosciences, Wuhan, China. Sponsors include: ICS, IPA, IGCP507, IGCP555, IGCP572, NSFC etc. Abstract submission deadline 10 December 2009. Full details at: <<http://www.geobiology.net.cn/2010meeting>>

June 13-18, 2010. Goldschmidt 2010 -"Earth, Energy, and the Environment". Knoxville, Tennessee, USA. The Goldschmidt Conference is the premier international meeting for geochemistry; Full details at: <<http://www.goldschmidt2010.org/index>>

July 1-14, 2010. INHIGEO Symposium 35 – Madrid-Almadén, SPAIN. The International Commission on the History of Geological Sciences Annual Conference. Theme: History of Research in Mineral Resources. The conference language will be English. Scientific Sessions 5-10 July, 2010. First Circular is now available at <www.sedpgym.org/inhigeo2010> or <www.colegiominas.com/download/fichero_portada/sgpym.doc>. First response deadline is 30 October 2009. Abstract deadline 30 April 2010. Conference Secretary: José Eugenio Ortiz Menéndez, email: joseeugenio.ortiz@upm.es (<<http://www.inhigeo.org>>)

July 10-18, 2010. The 8th International Conference of INZA on the Occurrence, Properties and Utilization of the Natural Zeolite "Zeolite 2010", Sofia, Bulgaria (including field-trip). See: <<http://www.zeolite2010.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.19wcsc.org.au/>

August 30-September 3 2010. 6th Quadrennial Conference of the International Geoscience Educators Organisation (IGEO) Johannesburg, South Africa. See: <<http://web.wits.ac.za/NewsRoom/Conferences/GeoSciEd>>

August 29-September 4, 2010. SEISMIX 2010. The 14th International Symposium on Deep Seismic Profiling of the Continents and their Margins. Cairns, Australia. Major sponsors - Geological Society of Australia, Geoscience Australia, and IGCP 559, Research School of Earth Sciences, Australian National University. Contact <Seismix10@ga.gov.au>. For further information see: <<http://www.earthscrust.org/earthscrust/seismix2010.htm>>

August 30-September 2, 2010. STRATI 2010 The 4th French Congress of Stratigraphy. Paris 6 (UPMC), France. (The main official language will be English). This international event will be hosted by the University Pierre and Marie Curie. Website (under construction) at <<http://paleopolis.rediris.es/STRATI2010/>>. Additional information available at <<http://strati-info.blogspot.com/2009/02/strati-2010-4-eme-congres-francais-de.html>>and <<http://www.univ-brest.fr/geosciences/CFS/>>.

September 23-26, 2010. 19th Congress of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA 2010). Thessaloniki, Greece. More information, including the Second Circular can be obtained at: <<http://www.cbga2010.org>>. For questions email: info@cbga2010.org

September 30-October 9, 2010. Society of Economic Geologists 2010 Conference (SEG2010). Keystone Resort, Colorado, USA. "The Challenge of Finding New Mineral Resources: Global Metallogeny, Innovative Exploration, and New Discoveries." Pre-and post field trips and short courses planned. Contacts / abstract dates etc <<http://www.seg2010.org/>>

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August 1-5, 2011. 10th International Congress for Applied Mineralogy (ICAM 2011). Trondheim, Norway. Please regularly check for updates and register your address on the ICAM mailing list at < www.icam2011.org> Contact: Maarten.Broekmans@ngu.no

August 22-26, 2011. 25th International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS 2011). Rovaniemi, Finland. Jointly organized by the Geology section of the Finnish Association of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, the Geological Survey of Finland, the Institute of Geosciences-University of Oulu, the Association of Applied Geochemists (AAG), and with support from professionals in the mineral exploration industry. Deadline for abstracts 31 March 2011. Full details at: <<http://www.iags2011.fi/>>

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