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The IUGS Executive Committee meeting in Vilnius, March 2005
The highlights of the meeting are found on the IUGS web site:
http://www.iugs.org/iugs/news/excom05.htm

The Year of the Planet Earth
An important step taken towards UN proclamation of the International Year of Planet Earth. On April 28th, 2005 the 171st meeting of UNESCO’s Executive Board adopted nem.con. (with no vote against) a Draft Resolution, tabled by the Permanent Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania. This Draft Resolution invites UNESCO’s Director General to support all efforts leading to the United Nations General Assembly to declare 2007 or 2008 the International Year of Planet Earth. In that meeting fourteen nations (Tanzania, Brazil, China, Ukraine, Algeria, Morocco, Russian Federation, Mozambique, Germany, Swaziland, Rwanda, Senegal, Mauritius, and Canada) voiced their full support to this initiative. 34 nations have now explicitly expressed their political support for the International Year of Planet Earth, representing 3.7 billion people, i.e. 58% of the world population. The next step (scheduled for June) will be tabling the Year on the Agenda’s for UNESCO’s General Conference and simultaneously for the UN General Assembly.

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An IUGS-UNESCO (virtual) Task Group consisting of Eduardo de Mulder, Sylvi Haldorsen, Jean-Paul Cadet, Robert Missotten, Margarete Patzak and Sospeter Muhongo will table a series of varying options to the IUGS Executive Committee for a newly defined IGCP sustainable structure.

Forthcoming IGCP meetings (2005 and 2006)

IGCP 455 Effects of basement structural and stratigraphic heritages on volcano behaviour and implications for human activities
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IGCP 458 Triassic/Jurassic Boundary Events
2005: Final meeting in Hungary and Austria in early September, 2005.
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IGCP 463 Upper Cretaceous Oceanic Red Beds
IGCP 494 Dysoxic to Oxic Change in Ocean Sedimentation during the Middle Cretaceous: A Study of the Tethyan Realm
Contact: Xiumian Hu, huxm@nju.edu.cn
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IGCP 467 Triassic Time and Trans-Panthalassan Correlations
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2006:
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Website: paleo.Cortland.edu/IGCP467/circumCFP.pdf
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Website: paleo.Cortland.edu/IGCP467/files/borealICFP.pdf

IGCP 469 Variscan Terrestrial Biotas and Palaeoenvironments
2005:
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http://meguma.earthsciences.dal.ca/napc/napc2005-s.htm
2. “Late Carboniferous biotas of the South Carpathians”, Bucharest University, Hungary, Oct. 7-13th
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2006:
“Late Carboniferous biotas of central Europe”, National Museum, Prague, September 2006
Contact: Stanislav Oplustil eppc2006@natur.cuni.cz
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IGCP 470 The Neoproterozoic Pan-African Belt of Central Africa
2005: Fourth annual meeting, location to be arranged
2006: Fifth annual meeting, location to be arranged
Website: www.igcp470.org/

IGCP 473 GIS Metallogeny of Central Asia
Website: http://www.ukriagod.kiev.ua/start-eng.htm

IGCP 476 Monsoon Evolution and Tectonic-Climate Linkage in Asia
Contact: Dr. Tada ryuji@eps.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp
Website: http://igcp.ees.hokudai.ac.jp/~476/
IGCP 478 Neoproterozoic-Early Palaeozoic Events in SW-Gondwana
2005:
1. "2nd Symposium Neoproterozoic-Early Palaeozoic Events in SW-Gondwana", Geological Survey of Namibia, Windhoek, 2 days in late September-early October (to be determined soon)

2006:
1. "V South American Symposium on Isotope Geology", Hotel San Rafael, Punta del Este, Uruguay, April 24 - 27

Contact: Claudio Gaucher, gaucher@chasque.net
Website with links to all meetings: www.vssagi.com

IGCP 480: Tectonics of Central Asia
2005: "Structural and Tectonic Correlation across the Central Asia Orogenic Collage: Implications for Continental Growth and Intracontinental Deformation", Irkutsk, Russia, June 25 - August 6

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IGCP 482 Geodynamics of the East African Rift System
IGCP 489 Geophysical Characteristics and Evolution of the South-western Branch of the East African Rift System

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IGCP 485 The Boundaries of the West African Craton

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2006: “Cratons, metacratons and mobile belts: Keys from the West African craton boundaries Eburnian versus Pan-African signature, magmatic, tectonic and metallogenic implications”, Bab Ez Zouar Algiers, Algeria (time to be decided)

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IGCP 490 The role of Holocene environmental Catastrophes in human history

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IGCP 491 Middle Palaeozoic Vertebrate Biogeography, Palaeogeography and Climate
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IGCP 497 The Rheic Ocean: Its Origin, Evolution and Correlatives
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IGCP 518 Fluvial sequences as evidence for landscape and climatic evolution in the Late Cenozoic
2005: “Fluvial sequences as evidence for landscape and climatic evolution in the Late Cenozoic”, Harran University, Sanliurfa, Turkey, September 22 – 27.
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Links to the IGCP websites:
www.unesco.org/science/projects_ongoing.html
www.iugs.org/iugs/news/igcp05.htm#508

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