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This short, informal newsletter is intended to keep IUGG Member National Committees informed about the activities of the IUGG Associations, and actions of the IUGG Secretariat. Past issues are posted on the IUGG Web site. Please forward this message to those who will benefit from the information. Your comments are welcome.

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1. Announcement of IUGG General Assembly Union Lecturers

IUGG President Uri Shamir has selected the 4 Union Lecturers for the 2007 General Assembly in Perugia, Italy. These lecturers, and the dates of each presentation, are as follows.

Dr. Robert Corell; Senior Policy Fellow, American Meteorology Society; Monday, 2 July
Prof. Maria Zuber; Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Thursday 5 July
Prof. Claudio Faccenna; Geological Sciences, University of Rome; Tuesday 10 July
Dr. Kenji Satake; National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Geological Survey of Japan; Friday 13 July.

2. Reminder: Nominations for IUGG Officers and the Finance Committee are open

An important matter for the IUGG Council at its meeting in Perugia, Italy, in 2007 will be the election of officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and 3 Members), and the 4 members of the Finance Committee. The Nominations Committee has the task of collecting the nominations and preparing the ballot, following the rules regarding nominations and elections for these positions (IUGG By-Laws, Section 10). The members of the Nominations Committee are as follows:

Chair: Dr. Søren Gregersen (Denmark) sg@geus.dk **Members:** Prof. Attia Ashour (Egypt), Prof. Robert Duce (USA), and Prof.

Seiya Uyeda (Japan)

Instructions regarding the procedures to be used to submit nominations in accordance with IUGG Statute 11 and By-law 10 are posted on the IUGG Web site and have been mailed to all IUGG officers and Adhering Bodies. The first deadline for nominations is 30 September 2006. For further information, contact Dr. Gregersen or the IUGG Secretariat.

3. New International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management

Professor Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, past-President of IAHS (2001-2005) and Vice-Chair of the IUGG Union Commission on Geophysical Risk and Sustainability, has been appointed as the Founding Director of the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM), inaugurated under the auspices of UNESCO on 6 March 2006. The Centre is an outcome of the Third World Water Forum in Kyoto in 2002 and is hosted by the Public Works Research Institute in Tsukuba, Japan. The goal of the Centre is to provide practicable strategies to localities, regions, and nations to manage the risk of water-related disasters including floods, drought, landslide, debris flow, storm surge, tsunamis, and water contamination. For example, ICHARM will develop inundation models and distribute them to countries to help forecast and mitigate damage, and will train researchers from developing countries to create flood-hazard maps. The ICHARM Newsletter No.1 is posted on their website: www.icharm.pwri.go.jp.

4. News from SCOSTEP/CAWSES

The ICSU Scientific Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP) held a Bureau meeting on 5 March 2006 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in association with the STP-11 Symposium. At that time, it was announced that Joe Allen was retiring as Scientific Secretary, and that Gang Lu, a research scientist with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) will take over from Joe and locate the Secretariat at NCAR in Boulder, Colorado (USA). It was further announced Susan Avery, Interim Provost of the University of Colorado, will become the Co-chair of the SCOSTEP international program on Climate and Weather of the Sun-Earth System (CAWSES) on 1 April. She will share the duties of the Chair with Sunanda Basu, who has been instrumental in initiating this five-year program and has chaired it since 2004, until August 1 when Sunanda will retire and Susan will become the Chair. The next meeting of the SCOSTEP Bureau will take place in conjunction with the IUGG General Assembly in Perugia, Italy, 2-13 July 2007. For additional information about CAWSES and its 5 scientific themes, please read their March newsletter posted on the website www.bu.edu/cawses.

5. Recent Advances toward an International Year of Planet Earth

Dr. Eduardo F.J. deMulder reports that steady progress is being made toward The Year, which was proclaimed for 2008 by the UN General Assembly. 2008 is the central year of a triennium that will begin in January 2007 and end in December 2008. Fund-raising is in progress to support the Science and Outreach programmes that are already in place. For additional information, visit the website www.yearofplanetearth.org.

6. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during May - July 2006

A [calendar of meetings](#) of interest to IUGG disciplines (especially those organized or sponsored by IUGG Associations) is posted on the IUGG Web Site [www.iugg.org]. Specific information about these meetings, including web links, can be found there. Individual Associations also list more meetings on their web sites appropriate to their disciplines.

May 14 - May 18, 2006

IAVCEI; Guangzhou, China; Continental Basalt Volcanism

May 15 - May 19, 2006

IASPEI; Trieste, Italy; Workshop on the Conduct of Seismic Hazard Analyses for Critical Facilities

May 21 - May 24, 2006

IAHS; Golden, Colorado, USA; MODFLOW and More 2006: Managing Ground-Water Systems

May 22 - May 24, 2006

IAG; Baden, Austria; 3rd IAG Symposium on Geodesy for Geotechnical and Structural Engineering

May 23 - May 26, 2006

AGU; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; Spring Joint Assembly

May 23 - May 26, 2006

IAHS; Ohrid, Macedonia; BALWOIS Conference on Water Observation and Information Systems for Decision Support

May 29 - June 2, 2006

IAG; Wuhan University, China; VI Hotine-Marussi Symposium of Theoretical and Computational Geodesy: Challenge and Role of Modern Geodesy

May 30 - June 3, 2006

IAHS; Dijon, France; Anniversary Conference on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of IAH and the 150th Anniversary of Darcy's Law

June 1 - June 2, 2006

Potsdam, Germany; OECD Global Science Forum: Workshop on Earthquake Science and its Contribution to Society

June 4 - June 8, 2006

IUGG/CMG; Sea of Galilee, Israel; Coupling in Earth Systems: Solids, Fluids, Life

June 6 - June 8, 2006

IAG; Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; International Workshop on Height Systems, Geoid and Gravity of the Asia-Pacific

June 6 - June 9, 2006

WCRP; Paris, France; Understanding Sea-level Rise and Variability

June 8 - June 10, 2006

IASPEI; Tucson, Arizona, USA; 2006 IRIS Workshop

June 8 - June 10, 2006

IAHS; Guangzhou, China; Hydrological Sciences for Managing Water Resources in the Asian Developing World

June 14 - June 16, 2006

EMSEV; Toulouse, France; Dymiter International Workshop

June 16, 2006

IAGA; Tihany, Hungary; 50th Jubilee of the Tihany Geophysical Observatory

June 17 - June 21, 2006

IASPEI; Castle of Trest, Czech Republic; Seismic Anisotropy and Geodynamics of the Lithosphere-Asthenosphere System

June 19 - June 23, 2006

IAG; Copenhagen, Denmark; IGeS Geoid School 2006; The Determination and Use of the Geoid

June 19 - June 24, 2006

IAGA; Belsk, Poland; XII IAGA Workshop

June 30 - July 1, 2006

IAHS; Paris, France; 8th IAHS-UNESCO KOVACS Colloquium: Frontiers in Flood Research

July 3 - 7, 2006

IAHS; Dundee, Scotland; Sediment Dynamics and the Hydromorphology of Fluvial Systems

July 8 - 15, 2006

IASPEI; Davos, Switzerland; International Disaster Reduction Conference

July 9 - 14, 2006

IUGG/SEDI; Prague, Czech Republic; 10th Symposium of SEDI

July 9 - 15, 2006

IUSS; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; 18th World Congress of Soil Science

July 10 - 14, 2006

AOGS; Singapore; 3rd Annual Meeting

July 15 - 19, 2006

ESOF; Munich, Germany; Euroscience Open Forum: ESOF 2006

July 16 - 23, 2006

COSPAR; Beijing, China; 36th COSPAR Scientific Assembly

July 17 - 19, 2006

SCAR; Hobart, Australia; XXIX SCAR Meeting

July 25 - August 3, 2006

ESA/FFG; Alpbach/Tirol, Austria; Summer School Alpbach 2006: Monitoring of Natural Hazards from Space

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