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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. Meeting Report from the IAVCEI Assembly in Pucón, Chile

The International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (IAVCEI) held their scientific assembly "Volcanism and its Impact on Society" in Pucón, Chile, from November 14 - 19, 2004. Approximately 940 people from 44 countries attended this meeting that was organized by representatives of the Geological Survey of Chile (Sernageomin) including faculty and students of the University of Chile, and sponsored by Sociedad Geologica de Chile and Instituto Geografico Militar (Chile). IAVCEI travel grants helped pay expenses for several young scientists or scientists from developing countries.

Three outstanding volcanologists were awarded with new IAVCEI Honorary Memberships. One was awarded at Sapporo 2003: Prof Shigeo Aramaki (Japan); the other two were given in Pucón: Prof Hans-U. Schmincke (Germany), and Dr Robert Tilling (USA). The Thorarinsson medal was awarded to Wes Hildreth (USA), and two Wager medals to Andy Harris(USA) and Oleg Melnik (Russia). Two new awards were given for the first time in 2004: the Krafft medal to Tom Simkin (USA) and the Young Scientist award to Costanza Bonadonna (Italy).

2. FAGS becomes CAGS

Meetings of both the General Committee and the Council of the Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Data Analysis Services (FAGS) were held in Paris on May 2-3. The meetings were also attended by Carthage Smith, Deputy Executive Director of ICSU, and the Secretaries General of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), Oddbjorn Engvold, and IUGG, Jo Ann Joselyn. Dr. Smith explained that the ICSU Executive Board had decided to propose to the General Assembly that FAGS should no longer be an ICSU Interdisciplinary Body. Assuming that this decision is accepted by the ICSU General Assembly in October, FAGS will become the Council of Astronomical and Geophysical Data Analysis Services (CAGS) while steps are taken to reorganize.

3. IGY+50 Developments

International Polar Year

A workshop "Poles Together: Coordinating IPY Outreach and Education" will be held 20-22 July 2005 in Boulder, Colorado USA. Additional information on the Workshop can be found at the website <http://cybele.colorado.edu/ipyo/IPYOE.pdf>

International Heliophysical Year (IHY)

The IGY GOLD CLUB program is now on line at www.ihy2007.org Persons who took part in the research activities of the International Geophysical Year (1957-58) are asked to register and make available either a recollection or a memento (letter, article, photo, etc.) to historians, librarians, and others investigating and preserving the history of geophysics. In return, they will receive a special "IGY Gold Anniversary" certificate of recognition and a commemorative lapel pin. The Gold Club Program was unveiled at the May American Geophysical Union meeting in New Orleans.

An UN/ESA/NASA Workshop on the IHY will be hosted by the United Arab Emirates University on behalf of the government of the UAE. The workshop will be held 20-23 November 2005 in Abu-Dhabi and Al-Ain. Information about the workshop is available at www.fsc.uaeu.ac.ae/physics/UNESA.htm.

For updates and other information on IHY activities, consult the website.

4. ICSU News

The International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) invite applications for the position of Executive Director of the International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP). IHDP is a non-governmental organization focusing on social and human dimensions of environmental change. The successful candidate for Director will have done international research in a relevant social science discipline and will be knowledgeable in the socio-economic, cultural, behavioural, and institutional dimensions of global environmental change research efforts. The position is located in Bonn, Germany, and applications must be received by 15 June. For detailed information, visit the web page www.ihdp.org.

5. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during June - August 2005

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.

June 1 - June 4, 2005

IAG; Vienna, Austria; EUREF Symposium

June 6 - June 9, 2005

IAHS; The Hague, Netherlands; ModelCARE2005: 5th International Conference on Calibration and Reliability in Groundwater Modeling - From Uncertainty to Decision Making

June 6 - June 10, 2005

UNESCO/IOC; Paris, France; International Ocean Research Conference

June 13 - June 18, 2005

IAGA/IASPEI/IAVCEI; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Geodynamics and Environmental Problems of High-Mountain Regions in the XXI Century

June 20 - June 23, 2005

IAHS; Bergen, Norway; HeadWater2005: 6th International Conference on Hydrology, Ecology, and Water Resources in Headwaters

June 20 - June 24, 2005

AOGS; Singapore, Singapore; AOGS 2005, the Asia Oceania Geosciences Society's 2nd Annual Meeting

June 20 - June 24, 2005

WCRP/GEWEX; Orange County, California, USA; 5th International Scientific Conference on the Global Energy and Water Cycle

June 27 - June 29, 2005

ITC; Chania City, Crete Island, Greece; 22nd IUGG International Tsunami Symposium

June 27 - July 1, 2005

CAWSES; Monte Porzio Catone, Rome, Italy; Solar Variability and Earth Climate

July 3 - July 6, 2005

IUGG/UNESCO/AGU/EMI; Baku, Azerbaijan; International Workshop on Recent Geodynamics, Georisk and Sustainable Development in the Black Sea to Caspian Region

July 9 - July 16, 2005

ICC; A Coruña, Spain; ICC2005 Conference

July 18 - July 29, 2005

IAGA; Toulouse, France; 10th Scientific Assembly; www.iugg.org/IAGA

August 2 - August 11, 2005

IAMAS; Beijing, China; Scientific Assembly

August 10 - August 12, 2005

IGBP; Beijing, China; 2nd PAGES (Past Global Changes) Open Science Meeting

August 21 - August 27, 2005

IAHS; Stockholm, Sweden; World Water Week, Seminar on: Prediction in Ungauged Basins (PUB): Data, Science and Policy

August 22 - August 25, 2005

IAG/IAPSO/IABO; Cairns, Australia; Joint Scientific Assembly

August 23 - August 25, 2005

EMSEV/Indonesian Institute of Sciences; Sumatra Island, Indonesia; Workshop on the earthquake and tsunami in Padang

Advance attention is directed to the IASPEI Association Assembly in 2005:

October 2 - 8, 2005

IASPEI; Santiago, Chile; www.igm.cl/iaspei/iaspei.htm;

During the week following, a training course will be organized by the University of Chile to provide postgraduate students and young researchers from South America an opportunity for advanced instruction in seismological topics.

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