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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. Albania now a regular member of IUGG

The Academy of Sciences, the IUGG Adhering Body for Albania, became a member in 1997 but had remained in Associate Status because there was no possibility to pay the annual dues. However, Dr. Eduard Sulstarova, President of the National Committee for IUGG for Albania, recently announced that they were ready to begin the payment of dues, now received. We are pleased to welcome Albania as a new voting member of IUGG. Scientists from Albania are now eligible to hold office in IUGG and all of our Associations.

2. Meeting Report from the IAHS Scientific Assembly in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil

The International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) held its Scientific Assembly "Freshwater : Sustainability within Uncertainty" at Foz do Iguacu (Brazil) from April 3 to April 9, 2005. This Assembly, jointly organized with the ABRH (Associação Brasileira de Recursos Hídricos), was attended by 459 people from 56 countries. Generous funding from UNESCO, WMO and IAEA enabled the Organizing Committee to support the participation of about 50 scientists from countries in need.

During this Assembly the Presidency of the Association was transferred from Prof. Kuni Takeuchi (Japan) to Dr. Arthur Askew (Australia). The International Hydrology Prize 2005 was presented to Prof. Gert Schulz from Germany for his contribution to Hydrology during his whole career. The Tison Award, rewarding a young hydrologist for an outstanding paper published by IAHS Press, was presented to Dr. Francis Chiew (Australia) for 2004 and to Dr. F. Sheng Yue (China) for 2005.

Seven Symposia were held on the following topics : Sediment Budgets; Sustainable Water Management Solutions for Large Cities; Groundwater Resources Sustainability Indicators; Dynamics and Biogeochemistry of River Corridors and Wetlands; Contribution from Glaciers

and Snow Cover to Runoff from Mountains; Regional Hydrologic Impacts of Climatic Variability and Change; and Prediction in Ungauged Basins. Seven workshops were organized on Hydrology 2020: What shall we target now?; Hydrological Basis of Dam Safety with Respect to Floods; Andean Glaciology; Model Parameter Estimation (MOPEX-5); Transferring Hydrological Data Across Scales; Land-use and Water Quality Relationships in Ungauged Basins; and Isotope Tracers and Remote Sensing Techniques for Assessing Water Cycle Variability. Six proceedings volumes were pre-published by IAHS Press.

Article contributed by P. Hubert, IAHS Secretary General

3. Possible problems with June 2005 E-Journal distribution

The internet servers at the office of the Secretariat experienced problems during late May and early June. If you did not receive the June 1 edition of the IUGG E-Journal, it can be downloaded from the IUGG website (www.IUGG.org). All past issues of the E-Journal are archived under Publications. Or, if you send a message to secretariat@iugg.org, we will be glad to resend it to you. The Table of Contents of the June issue was 1. Meeting Report from the IAVCEI Assembly in Pucón, Chile 2. FAGS becomes CAGS 3. IGY+50 Developments 4. ICSU News 5. IUGG-related meetings occurring during June - August 2005

4. 2003 Tsunami Symposium Proceedings

The Proceedings of the 2003 Tsunami Symposium at the Sapporo General Assembly are now in print (Springer Publishing Company). As requested by the Chair of the IASPEI/IAVCEI/IAPSO Tsunami Commission, Dr. Kenji Satake, IUGG purchased 73 copies for the Tsunami Warning Centers in the Pacific. They will be distributed at a meeting of the TWCs during the IASPEI Assembly in Chile in October.

5. IGY+50 Developments

electronic Geophysical Year (eGY)

A Virtual Observatory (VO) Working Group has been established that will begin by collecting definitions, concepts, and scopes of VOs, performing a VO inventory/census, and coordinating VOs and other IGY+50 efforts such as IHY, IPY, and the International Year of Planet Earth. The Chair is Peter Fox (HAO/ESSL/NCAR, Boulder Colorado USA); co-chairs are Vladimir Papitashvili (University of Michigan and NSF Polar Programs) and D. Aaron Roberts (NASA/GSFC, Greenbelt Maryland USA). The VO Working Group will coordinate closely with the other eGY Working Groups on Best Practices; Knowledge Discovery; and Education/Outreach.

6. Announcement regarding the Executive Secretary for IASC

The present Executive Secretary of the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) is retiring by 1 January 2000 and applicants for his successor are being sought. The office of the Secretariat is located in Stockholm, Sweden, in conjunction with the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat. Qualifications include considerable knowledge of international Arctic research, insight in Arctic problems and policy issues, and relevant experience in science management and administration. Information about IASC is available at www.iasc.no and a full job description can be obtained from iasc@iasc.no. Applications are due by 8 July 2005.

7. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during July - September 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 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 7 - July 8, 2005

ISPRS WGVIII/2: Hazard, Disasters and Public Health; Cagliari, Italy; Workshop on Remote Sensing and Environmental Hazard

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

July 20 - July 22, 2005

IPY; Boulder CO, USA; International Polar Year (IPY) Workshop on Poles Together: Coordinating IPY Outreach and Education

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

August 24 - August 27, 2005

NUPRS; Port Harcourt, Nigeria; Nigerian Union of Planetary Sciences (NUPRS) International Conference on Early Warning for Tsunamis in the Gulf of Guinea

September 5 - September 7, 2005

IAHS; 12th South African National Hydrology Symposium: Managing Water for People and the Environment

September 6 - September 10, 2005

ICSU/IUGS; Como, Italy; Dark Nature: Rapid Natural Changes and Human Responses - Final Conference Session on Paleoseismology, Seismic Hazard, and the INQUA Scale Project

September 7 - September 9, 2005

ISPRS; Trier, Germany; 1st International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geomatics in the Assessment and Monitoring of Land Degradation and Desertification

September 7 - September 10, 2005

IAHS; Menton, France; 6th EWRA International Conference: Sharing a common vision for our water resources

September 8 - September 14, 2005

IASPEI; Erice Sicily, Italy; 9th International Workshop on Numerical Modeling of Mantle Convection and Lithospheric Dynamics

September 9 - September 11, 2005

IUGG; Perugia, Italy; IUGG Executive Committee meeting

September 11 - September 17, 2005

NATO; Resort Village Borovetz, Bulgaria; HEarthquake Monitoring and Seismic Hazard Mitigation in Balkan Countries

September 12 - September 13, 2005

IUGG; Perugia, Italy; 2007 General Assembly Scientific Programme Committee meeting

September 12 - September 15, 2005

FIG; Qingdao, China; 12th International Symposium on Deformation Measurement

September 12 - September 16, 2005

ECAM; Utrecht, The Netherlands; 5th Meeting of the European Meteorological Society

September 14 - September 16, 2005

CODATA; Berlin, Germany; ISGI 2005 - International CODATA Symposium on Generalization of Information

September 14 - September 19, 2005

IAHS; Belgrade and Kotor, Serbia; Water Resources and Environmental Problems in Karst - Cvijic 2005

September 17 - September 23, 2005

IAHS; Guangzhou and Three Gorges, China; International Conference on Reservoir Operation and River Management (ICROM)

September 19 - September 25, 2005

IAHS; Irkutsk, Russia; 2nd International Conference on Fundamental Problems of Investigation and Use of Water Resources

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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