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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. ICSU Grants for 2005

ICSU, with financial support from UNESCO, awards a number of grants annually to support collaborative projects proposed by its members. This "seed-corn funding" (maximum \$100k) is often used to lever funding from other sources and the competition for awards is intense. For 2005, 40 applications were received requesting a total of US \$2,656,658.

However, the budget available under the grants programme for 2005 is US\$350,000, severely reduced from previous years owing to a number of factors. Only 4 proposals could be funded although 3 other proposals are on a "Waiting List" in the event that additional funds can be raised. Four more proposals were highly rated, but cannot be funded due to the lack of funds.

IUGG is pleased to announce that one of our proposals, through the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS), was successful. This proposal, initiated by the 2003 IUGG Council delegate from Vietnam, Prof. Thi Kim Thoa Nguyen, is titled Augmenting Groundwater Resources by Artificial Recharge in S.E. Asia. The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) co-sponsored this winning proposal. It received \$49,500.

In addition, three proposals sponsored or co-sponsored by IUGG are on the "Highly-Rated" list. These are "An Assessment of Aerosol Effects on Precipitation" (written by Roland List of the International Association of Meteorological and Atmospheric Sciences (IAMAS) and cosponsored by WCRP); "Dynamics of Semi-Enclosed Marine Ecosystems: the integrated effects of changes in sediment and nutrient inputs from land" (proposed by SCOPE with strong support from Paola Rizzoli and the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans (IAPSO) and SCOR; and "Development of World Data Center Partner Sites" (proposed by the ICSU Panel on World Data Centers and also co-sponsored by SCOSTEP).

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## 2. ILP Appointments

Prof. Dr. Sierd Cloetingh, President of the re-organized International Lithosphere Programme (ILP) has announced that Prof. Dr. Jörg F.W. Negendank ([neg@gfz-potsdam.de](mailto:neg@gfz-potsdam.de)) has accepted the position of Secretary General. The Secretariat will be at GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam under the direction of Dr. Lauterjung.

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### **3. July ICSU Newsletter On-line**

The July 2004 issue of ICSU Insight is now available through the ICSU website: [www.icsu.org](http://www.icsu.org). Upon opening the website, click on the tab labeled Media Centre; then click on Resource Centre. You will then be able to either print the newsletter or read it in your browser. The sections of the Newsletter are:

Strategic Initiatives  
Capacity Building  
Data and Information  
Environment  
Sustainable Development  
Governance/Policy  
People and Places

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### **4. Call for Comments on IPY 2007-2008 Outline Science Plan**

As part of preparations for the International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008, the ICSU Planning Group is seeking feedback on their Outline Science Plan, which can be found at [www.ipy.org/concept/outline\\_science\\_plan.pdf](http://www.ipy.org/concept/outline_science_plan.pdf). Comments on the Outline Science Plan should be sent to Dr Cynan Ellis-Evans ([jcel@bas.ac.uk](mailto:jcel@bas.ac.uk)) before 30 August 2004. For more information on the International Polar Year 2007-2008 please, visit [www.ipy.org](http://www.ipy.org).

This Plan is the result of the synthesis by the Planning Group of inputs from the polar community, and the details of this process are described within the Outline Science Plan. The final Science Plan will be delivered to the ICSU Executive Board with its final report in October 2004.

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### **5. Awards and Honors**

Prof. Véronique Dehant, Head of the Time, Earth Rotation, and Space Geodesy section at the Royal Observatory of Belgium and President of IAG Commission 3: Earth Rotation and Geodynamics, and her research group received the prestigious 2003 Descartes Prize for outstanding results from European collaborative research. The Prize was received for the application: Pinpoint Positioning in a Wobbly World.

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### **6. IUGG-Related Meetings Occurring during August - October 2004**

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](http://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.

***August 1 - August 6, 2004***

SPARC; Victoria, British Columbia - Canada; 3<sup>rd</sup> SPARC General Assembly

***August 1 - August 6, 2004***

IASPEI; Victoria, British Columbia - Canada; The 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering

***August 2 - August 6, 2004***

IAHS; Moscow, Russia; International Symposium on Sediment Transfer through the Fluvial System

***August 2 - August 6, 2004***

IAG; Ottawa, Canada; 15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Earth Tides "Probing the Earth at Subseismic Frequencies"

***August 2 - August 8, 2004***

IAHS; Tallin, Estonia; Nordic Hydrology Conference

***August 8 - August 11, 2004***

IAHS; Vancouver B.C., Canada; 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Precipitation

***August 15 - August 20, 2004***

IUG; Glasgow, Scotland; 30<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress

***August 16 - August 19, 2004***

Nigerian Union of Planetary and Radio Sciences (NUPRS); Lagos, Nigeria; International Workshop on Nigerian SAT 1 as a New Tool for Economic Empowerment

***August 20 - August 28, 2004***

IUGS; Florence, Italy; 32<sup>nd</sup> International Geologic Congress

***August 26 - August 27, 2004***

GeoRisk; Stockholm, Sweden; Risk Science, Society and Sustainable Development, within the framework of the first EuroScienCer Open Forum (ESOF2004)

***August 30 - August 31, 2004***

IUGG; Boulder, Colorado - USA; IUGG Bureau Meeting

***August 30 - September 3, 2004***

IAG; Porto, Portugal; International Symposium on Gravity, Geoid, and Space Missions (GGSM2004)

***August 31 - September 2, 2004***

IUGG; Boulder, Colorado - USA; IUGG Executive Committee

***September 5 - September 9, 2004***

IAGA/IASPEI/IAVCEI; La Londe les Maures, France; IV International Workshop on Magnetic, Electric and Electromagnetic Methods in Seismology and Volcanology

***September 12 - September 17, 2004***

IASPEI/ESC; Potsdam, Germany; 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission

***September 13 - September 16, 2004***

IAHS; Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad), Czech Republic; Finite-Element Models, MODFLOW, and More 2004: Solving Groundwater Problems

***September 14 - September 17, 2004***

IAMAS/ICMA; Cambridge (Clare College), - UK; Meeting of the Layered Phenomena in the Mosopause Region

***September 17 - September 18, 2004***

IAHS/UNESCO; Paris, France; 7<sup>th</sup> Kovacs Colloquium/7<sup>ème</sup> Colloque Kovacs Scales in Hydrology and Water Management Echelles en hydrologie et gestion de l'eau

***September 21 - September 23, 2004***

IAG; Tangier, Morocco; 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the WEGENER Project

***September 26 - September 30, 2004***

EMS and ECAC; Nice, France; 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Meteorological Society - and- 5<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Applied Climatology

***September 26 - October 1, 2004***

IASPEI; Quebec, Canada; 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on "Deep Structure of the Continents and their Margins: Results from Reflection, Refraction, and Teleseismic Seismology"

***September 27 - October 1, 2004***

IAHS; Brechtsgaden, Germany; International Conference on Hydrology of Mountain Environments

***September 27 - September 30, 2004***

SCOR; Venice, Italy; Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) General Meeting

***September 29 - October 1, 2004***

IAGA; Roquetes, Spain; Workshop on Challenges for Geomagnetism, Aeronomy and Seismology in the XXI Century

***October 4 - October 8, 2004***

AAAR; Atlanta, Georgia - USA; AAAR 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

***October 11 - October 14, 2004***

IAPSO/SCOR; Victoria, Canada; Symposium on Ocean Mixing

***October 13 - October 25, 2004***

IAGA; Hyderabad, India; 17<sup>th</sup> Electro Magnetic Induction Workshop

***October 13 - October 16, 2004***

SOLAS; Halifax, Nova Scotia - Canada; Surface Ocean - Lower Atmosphere Study Science

***October 17 - October 24, 2004***

EGU; On board the Mediterranean Shipping Cruises vessel "Opera," the Mediterranean, Catching Storms in the Mediterranean

***October 18 - October 21, 2004***

IAHS; Yichang, China; Ninth International Symposium on River Sedimentation

***October 18 - October 21, 2004***

IASPEI/ASC; Yerevan, Armenia; 5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Asian Seismological Commission

***July 18 - July 21, 2004***

EMSEV; Orlando, Florida - USA; Acoustic Emissions, and Crustal Stress and Exhalation

***October 25 - November 5, 2004***

ICTP; Miramare - Trieste, Italy; 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on 3-D Modeling of Seismic Waves Generation, Propagation and their Inversion

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