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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. IUGG General Assembly Third Circular posted on Web

The XXIII IUGG General Assembly will be held in Sapporo, Japan, from June 30- July 11, 2003. The Third Circular has now been released on the Web site and will be mailed to all of those who have pre-registered, as explained in the First and Second Circulars. (To access the web site, go to the IUGG Web site at <http://www.IUGG.org> and select the General Assembly link). The registration form and hotel booking form are in the third Circular and can be filed electronically or by post. The Early-Bird registration fee is good until April 1 so that the Sapporo Local Organizing Committee can better plan for the expected attendance. After that, the fees increase. The Abstract and Travel Grant submission forms are due in Japan by January 30, 2003.

2. Reminder: Proposals for Changes to the IUGG Statutes and By-Laws due January 4

According to the IUGG Statutes, proposals by Member Countries for a change of any article of the statutes of the Union must reach the Secretary General at least six months before the announced date of the Council Meeting at which it is to be considered. Two-thirds of the Delegates at the Council Meeting must approve any change. The Council Meeting on July 4, 2003, in Sapporo, Japan, will consider changes to the Statutes and By-laws; therefore, such proposals must be received at the Office of the Secretariat by January 4, 2003. President Masaru Kono has appointed a Committee, chaired by Prof. Uri Shamir, to co-ordinate proposals for changes. For further information, please contact Prof. Shamir (e-mail: shamir@tx.technion.ac.il).

3. IUGG Bureau meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa

The IUGG National Committee for South Africa, through the Office of International Affairs of the South Africa National Research Foundation, hosted the annual meeting of the IUGG

Bureau from August 31-September 1, in the facilities of the Graduate School of Business of the University of Cape Town. The Bureau members are grateful to the National Committee, and especially for the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Vere Shannon who made the arrangements and welcomed each of us personally. The minutes of the meeting are in preparation and a summary will be posted on the IUGG web site soon. On September 2, the Bureau members met with Dr. AF Spilhaus Jr. and Prof. M Hamlin, representing the IUGG Finance Committee. Topics discussed included a draft budget for 2004-2007.

4. SCL/ILP Bureau Members named for 2003-2005

The five voting members of the governing Bureau of the ICSU Scientific Committee on the Lithosphere (SCL), which guides the International Lithosphere Program (ILP), are elected from nominees provided by the IUGG and the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). Two members represent IUGG, two represent IUGS, and one member represents both. The IUGG members for 2003-2005 will be Dr. H Drewes (Germany, continuing for a second 2-year term), Dr. Wang Qingchen (China), and Dr. S Gregersen (Denmark) who is serving as the joint IUGS/IUGG member). In addition, IUGG names a non-voting representative who attends the SCL/ILP executive meetings. For 2003-2005, the IUGG representative will be Dr. E Robert Engdahl (USA).

5. IUGG-related meetings occurring during October-December, 2002

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

- October 1-5 IAG, Ohio, USA, Celebrating 50 years of Geodetic Science at Ohio State University
- October 6-20 IGCSB, Beijing, China, 1st International Training Course on Earthquake Disasters and Disaster Mitigation for Developing Countries
- October 10-19 COSPAR, Houston, Texas, USA, 34th COSPAR Assembly (2nd World Space Congress)
- October 14-18 UNESCO/IAHS, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, International Conference on Urban Hydrology for the 21st Century
- October 21-25 IAG, Santiago, Chile, International Symposium on Recent Crustal Deformations in South America and Surrounding Areas
- October 30-November 1 EMI, Shanghai, China, 3rd International Workshop on Earthquakes and Megacities
- November 8 - 10 Santiago de Cali, Colombia, VIII Congreso Nacional y V Internacional de Topografía CNIT 2002
- November 18 - 22 WOCE, San Antonio, Texas, USA, World Ocean Circulation Experiment: Achievements and Beyond
- November 18 - 22 Delft, The Netherlands, 2nd European Conference on Radar Meteorology (ERAD)
- November 18 - 22 AUG, Monterrey, N.L. , Mexico, First International Symposium on Transboundary Waters Management

- November 19 - 21 SGfA , Luanda, Angola, Key Challenges for Geophysics in Angola, First Biannual Conference of the Angolan Geophysical Society
- November 21 - 22 UNESCO/IAHS, Timisoara, Romania, The International Conference of Preventing and Fighting Hydrological Disasters
- November 24 - 26 IASPEI/ASC, Kathmandu, Nepal, 4th Asian Seismological Commission General Assembly (ASC2002)
- November 25 - December 13 SCOSTEP/URSI, Trieste, Italy, The 3rd International School on Atmospheric Radar
- December 2 - 6 IAHR/IAHS(ICSII), Dunedin, New Zealand, 16th IAHR International Symposium on Ice
- December 6 - 10 AGU, San Francisco, California, USA, AGU Fall Meeting

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