

# **UNION LECTURES**

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#### **Abbreviations**

IAG International Association of Geodesy

IAGA International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy

IAHS International Association of Hydrological Sciences

IAMAS International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences
IAPSO International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans

IASPEI International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior

IAVCEI International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior

**CliC** Climate and Cryosphere

**Ev-K2-CNR** Everest-K2 CNR Committee

**GEWEX** Global Energy and Water Experiment

**HKH-FRIEND** Hindu Kush-Himalayan Flow Regimes from International Experimental

and Network Data

IABO International Association for Biological Oceanography
IACS International Association of Cryospheric Sciences

ICACGP International Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution

ICASVR International Commission on Atmosphere-Soil-Vegetation Relations

ICCE International Commission on Continental Erosion

ICCL International Commission on Climate

ICCLAS International Commission on the Coupled Land-Atmosphere System

ICCP International Commission on Clouds and Precipitation
ICDM International Commission on Dynamic Meteorology

ICGW International Commission on Groundwater

ICIMOD International Center for Integrated Mountain Development

ICMA International Commission on the Middle Atmosphere

ICRS International Celestial Reference System

ICSIH International Commission on Snow and Ice Hydrology

International Commission on Surface Water

ICT International Commission on Trac

ICWQ International Commission on Water Quality

ICWRS International Commission on Water Resources Systems

IGAC International Global Atmospheric Chemistry

IGS International Glaciological Society
ILP International Lithosphere Program

**INQUA** International Union for Quaternary Research

ION International Ocean Network

IRC International Radiation Commission

**PUB** Prediction in Ungauged Basins

**SCAR** Scientific Committee on Antartic Research

**SEDI** Study of the Earth's Deep Interior

SPARC Stratospheric Processes and their Role in Climate

UCCS Union Commission for the Cryospheric Sciences

UNESCO United Nation Educational, Scienti. c and Cultural Organization

**UNITAR** United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WMO World Meteorological Organization

#### Session code naming

The first letter of the session codes indicates whether the session is a Union, a Joint Interassociation or a single Association sponsored event, the second letter indicates the type of event: Symposium (S) or Workshop (W). For Joint events, the second letter indicates the Lead Association (with the abbreviations listed below) and the third indicates whether a session is a Symposium (S) or a Workshop (W). In some cases (namely IAGA, IAHS) Association session codes have an extra codi. cation referring to a speci. c Theme or Division.

**U** UNION

**J** JOINT

**G** IAG

A IAGA

**H** IAHS

**M** IAMAS

P IAPSO

**S** IASPEI

**V** IAVCEI

Some examples:

#### **US**002

is a Union Symposium; JGW001 is a Joint IAG Workshop with IAG as the Lead Association;

# **MS**003

is an Association (IAMAS) Symposium. **AS III** 020 is an Association (IAGA) Symposium sponsored by its **III** Division.



# **UL001**

Lecture

**Our Changing Climate: A Global Policy Issue** 

Invited Speaker: Robert W. Corell - global@dmv.com

Earth's climate is changing, with the global temper ature now rising at a rate u nprecedented in the experience of modern human society.

While some historical changes in climate have resulted from natural causes and variatio ns,the strength of the trends an



**UL002** 

Lecture

Inside the terrestrial planets

Invited Speaker: Maria Zuber - zuber@mit.edu

The internal structure and dynamics of planetary interiors is closely linked to thermal evolution and the geology preserved at the surfaces. Abundant new spac ecraft observations combined with experimental results on properties of planetary materials, geoc



### **UL003**

### Lecture

# **Subduction and Mantle Convection in the Mediterranean**

Invited Speaker: Claudio Faccenna - faccenna@uniroma3.it

One century of geologi cal and geophysical studies have been devoted to understand t he geodynamic evolution of the Mediterranean and of its Alpine belt. For example, the discovery in the Alps of the large scale overthrust and of the presence of oceanic roc



### **UL004**

### Lecture

Lessons from the 2004 Sumatra-Andaman earthquake and the Asian tsunami

Invited Speaker: Kenji Satake - kenji.satake@aist.go.jp

The December 26, 2004, Su matra earthquake (M 9.0) generated tsun amis that propagated across the Indian Ocean and caused the worst tsunami disaster in history: more than 200,000 casualties in many countries around the Indian Ocean. The tragedy was caused b

















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