

## **IUGS E-Bulletin #15**

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#### **News on the IUGS web site**

We want to draw your attention to the following news with additional details on the IUGS web site ([www.iugs.org](http://www.iugs.org)):

#### **The Year of the Planet Earth**

The great news in the beginning of the year was the declaration by the United Nations for the Year of the Planet Earth in 2008. Most of you received this news from the IUGS Secretariat. If you need more updates, please look up the following web sites:

[Status Report, Year of Planet Earth, 2007-2009](#)

[Year of Planet Earth Wins UN Declaration](#)

#### **Combined IUGS and IGC Councils**

As you will remember, it was decided in Florence to merge the IUGS and IGC councils. You can load down the minutes of the first council meeting from:

[http://www.iugs.org/iugs/transact/c04-1st%20\(combined\)\\_flo\\_minutes.pdf](http://www.iugs.org/iugs/transact/c04-1st%20(combined)_flo_minutes.pdf)

You will probably also recall that the IUGS Statutes and Byelaws will be revised accordingly. This work is now under progress.

#### **IGCP**

In February there were meetings between IUGS and UNESCO about the new guidelines for IGCP. It was agreed to focus on society-relevant themes, but still to give room for fundamental science research. The Scientific Board will be different from the previous structure, with fewer members meeting in Paris each year. There is now a close collaboration between IUGS, UNESCO and the IGCP Scientific Board in order to complete a new set of guidelines for project proposals at the end of April. Invitations for new proposals will be announced around the middle of 2006.

#### **New Meeting Announcements**

*Meeting of the Jordanian Geologists Association, 2-6 April, 2007*

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Meeting during the 21<sup>st</sup> Colloquium on African Geology, Maputo, 3-5 July 2006:

*Seminar/workshop to specify and plan for a future major Outreach Workshop and Conference on geoscience information in Africa.* The workshop will take place on the 4th July, from 08h30-12h30m. It is organised and sponsored by the IUGS and its Commission for Management and Application of Geoscience Information (CGI).

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For additional meetings, refer to the announcements on the IUGS web:

<http://www.iugs.org/iugs/calendar/cal06.htm>

On this page various international meetings are listed month by month.

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