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IGC33 2008 –News

News about IGC33 is found on the Congress web site <http://www.33igc.org/>. A number of IUGS bodies have already announced meetings, workshops and other activities. However, many projects and organisations have not yet made links to the IGC33 Website, and now it is really time to do so. The Science Committee is currently working very hard on preparing the scientific programme for the Congress, and working on the Second Circular, in which the scientific programme will be published along with other information. Those who are still considering events during the Congress, such as symposia, short courses, business meetings etc, please take an IMMEDIATE contact with the Science Secretariat: [http://scicomigc@geo.uu.se](mailto:scicomigc@geo.uu.se)

International Year of the Planet Earth (IYPE)

The IYPE Status Report dated November 3 can be loaded down from <http://www.esfs.org/>

Among the important points in this report are:

The science programme has been further developed. Scientists will be invited to submit proposals for projects, preferably linked to the 9 themes that form the core of IYPE. Members of the Science Implementation Teams will evaluate the proposals. A list of members of the SIT is found in the status report.

A small number of highly distinguished individuals have agreed to serve as Goodwill Ambassadors for the Year.

You will also find a list of Associate Partners that actively supports IYPE in the November status report.

Other news

OneGeology – Mapping the Geology of the Planet

This project is truly multi-national. Key players will be invited to a kick-off meeting to be held in early 2007. Many stakeholders are working together:

- the Geological Surveys around the world
- the international organisation of the CGMW, IUGS (Commission on Management and Application of Geoscience Information), IYPE, UNESCO and ISCGM (International Steering Committee for Global Mapping)

The OneGeology approach is to first deliver geological data at a target scale of 1:1 million in common data format without harmonizing the content and interpretation between territories. This will allow 1:1 million geological coverage to be extracted for any area of the world.

For more information about this important project, look up the site www.onegeology.org

IGCP

The deadline for submitting proposals for new IGCP projects was October 15, 2006. New projects will be evaluated and approved at the meeting of the IGCP Scientific Board in Paris in February 2007

Meetings

The next meeting of the IUGS Executive Committee will be held in Nara, Japan in February. The next IUGS Bulletin will give a brief summary of the discussions of the meeting.

We also want to remind you on the 6th international symposium on Eastern Mediterranean Geology and the 9th international geological conference of Jordanian Geologists Association, which will be held in Amman during 2-5 April, 2007. For further information, look up the web-site: www.jo-geologists.com

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