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31st IGC (http://www.33igc.org/coco)

Excursions: StatoilHydro is offering a unique subsidized excursion to Spitsbergen in connection with the 33rd IGC in Norway, August 2008 *Symposia daily schedule - 15 May update* You may now check on which days individual symposia are running. Please note that minor adjustments may still take place. *Abstracts:* Late abstracts for poster presentations will be accepted until May 31.

Episodes (http://www.episodes.org/)

For several years China has very generously hosted the journal Episodes. During these years our journal has made a very impressive move from being a newsletter of the union to becoming a well-cited and widespread journal with an above average SCI (citation index). We appreciate the support of the Chinese Ministry of Land and Resources and cannot expect this to continue. In order to maintain the same high standard in the future we would invite all other national IUGS committees to submit expressions of interest to host the journal Episodes.

We want to inform you that Episodes Vol.31, No.1 is a special issue for the 33rd International Geological Congress.

OneGeology News

OneGeology is an International Year of Planet Earth initiative of geological surveys to make geological map data more accessible. This has already developed impressive momentum and 78 nations are now participating.

More information: <u>www.onegeology.org</u>

Earth learning idea: http://earthlearningidea.pbwiki.com

Earth learning idea is a global geo-educational project, endorsed by the International Union of Geological Sciences and the Year of the Planet Earth team. Please find linked here the Spring Update:

http://earthlearningidea.pbwiki.com/f/Earthlearningidea_update.pdf

National and Regional IYPE Launch Events during the first part of 2008

11 January: Czech Republic
14 January: Malaysia
12-13 February: France
19 March: Lithuania
17-18 April: Hungary
22 April: Hungary
22 April: China
22 April: Honduras
22 April: Canada
22 April: Costa Rica
23-24: Latin America
8-9 May: Africa

For more news from IYPE, please connect to the website: <u>http://yearofplanetearth.org/index.html</u>

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Meetings

(for a more complete list, see the IUGS website: <u>http://www.iugs.org/Calendar.html</u>)

September 15-20: 2nd European Conference of International Association of Engineering Geology Madrid, Spain More information: info@euroengeo.com, http://euroengeo.com September 25-28: International Conference on Environmental Impacts of Tsunami Slubice. Polan More information: www.tsunami.amu.edu.pl, tsunami@amu.edu.pl September 29-October 2, 2008: Geo2008 - Resources and Risks in the Earth System, (International Conference and annual meeting of DGG and GV), Aachen, Germany Additional information: info@geo2008.de October 5-8 2008: 5th Congress of Balkan Geophysical Society. Belgrade, Serbia More information: www.mageof.hu/arch/Belgrade2008.doc October 26-30 2008: Geological Society of America Annual meeting Chicago, Illinois, USA More information: meetings@geosociety.org, http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index November 10-13 2008: International Symposium: Fifty Years after IGY Modern Information Technologies and Earth and Solar Sciences Tsukuba City, Japan More information: http://wdc2.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/igy50 March 16-20, 2009: III Cuban Earth Science Convention Earth Science for the Society, in particular new knowledge about the Caribbean and Cuba.

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