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NEWS FROM THE IUGS OFFICE

ICSU Unions Meetings:

The ICSU Unions meeting in Paris went successfully. It addressed a range of ICSU activities including:

- • Future Earth

- • Science education
- • Communication between ICSU and Unions
- • International Research on Disaster Reduction
- • Urban Health
- • New interdisciplinary horizons

The breakout discussions were productive. There was considerable enthusiasm for the major new program Future Earth, with most Unions expecting to contribute.

Resourcing Future Generations (RFG)

The New Activities Strategic Implementation Committee had its first Skype meeting on 13 May. IUGS Executive is represented on this committee by Secretary General, Ian Lambert. A priority is to develop and distribute a note clarifying what RFG is expected to cover, and distinguishing it from existing and planned initiatives on resource exploration and resource potential. The group will meet monthly in the lead up to the GSA annual Meeting in Denver in late October, at which the IUGS is organising a Pardee Keynote Symposium on securing natural resources for a considerably larger global population and rapid development in populous countries. This initiative may be developed for incorporation under the global Future Earth program.

IUGS dues for 2013

Letters have been sent to the IUGS' Adhering Organisations requesting payments of this year's dues. At the same time, efforts are being made to have several former member countries rejoin the Union. Should you have a question or want further information, please contact IUGS' Treasurer Professor Dong Shuwen, at shuwen.dong@gmail.com. We are particularly interested in receiving information on any changes of contacts. A statement on the benefits of IUGS membership, which was sent out with the dues requests has been posted at

<http://iugs.org/uploads/Benefits%20of%20IUGS%20membership%20FINAL.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD

Geological Survey of Brazil: Creation of a World Geological Surveys database

The Mineral Resources Research Company - CPRM (Companhia de Pesquisa de Recursos Minerais), a state-owned company vested with the attributions of the **Geological Survey of Brazil**, under the Ministry of Mines and Energy through the Bureau of Geology, Mining and Mineral Processing, has created the **SGMundo**, a world geological surveys database that stores in one place the most relevant information comprising **37 items** about the geological surveys of **172 countries**. The collection includes all five continents, and, within the current version, comprises 49 African countries, 27 American countries, 39 Asian countries, 43 European countries and 14 Oceania countries. Thus, with just one click, you can learn, among other data, the history, mission, vision, activities, map production, databases, laboratories, partnerships and the main products offered by the geological surveys of most countries, as well as their trends and challenges. The entire collection is available in three languages: Portuguese, English and Spanish.

With this product, the CPRM aims to be a global benchmark in online research on the data of all geological surveys world-wide.

The data were collected from the geological surveys websites, based on the catalogue of the Geological Survey of Japan, available on the webpage <http://www.gsj.jp/information/gsj->

[link/dir/index.html](#), and subsequently through emails exchanging, in direct contact with the institutions for standard form responses.

We would be very grateful to the Geological Surveys for their help in completing the data requested in this form, in order to improve the SGMundo. In case there are any suggestions or request or mistakes regarding the Directory, please do not hesitate to let us know through the e-mail: assuni@cprm.gov.br

We would greatly appreciate this valuable contribution.

Apart from the information mentioned above, since available on the sources, physical and electronic addresses, website and telephone numbers of the geological institutions were included for more detailed queries. It is worth checking out! The SGMundo is available to the public through the CPRM website: www.cprm.gov.br

Information provided by Maria Glícia da Nóbrega Coutinho, PhD Geologist, Head of the International Affairs Office, CPRM – Geological Survey of Brazil, E-mail: maria.glicia@cprm.gov.br

RECENT INFORMATION ON PUBLICATIONS:

1) Newsletters & E-Journals:

- The International Council for Science (ICSU) Newsletter can be accessed through: <http://www.icsu.org/news-centre/insight>
- The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) E-Journal can be accessed through: <http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals/>
- The Société Algérienne de Géophysique (SAGA) Newsletter can be accessed through: www.sag.dz
- The International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) E-bulletin can be accessed through: <http://www.igbp.net/>
- The Mineral Research & Exploration Bulletin (Turkey) can be accessed through: <http://www.mta.gov.tr/v2.0/eng/all-bulletins.php?id=145-down>
- The UN SPIDER e-bulletin since January 2013 can be accessed through: <http://www.un-spider.org/about/updates/un-spider-updates-january-2013>
- The European Federation of Geologists GeoNews can be accessed through <http://www.eurogeologists.de/>
- The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGeo) Newsletter can be accessed through <http://www.progeo.se/>

2) Magazines

- EARTH magazine online can be accessed through: <http://www.earthmagazine.org/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **2nd G-EVER International Symposium and the 1st IUGS & SCJ joint International Workshop on Natural Hazards:**

The 1st meeting co-hosted by IUGS together with G-EVER Consortium, AIST (Geological Survey of Japan), as well as SCJ (Science Council of Japan) will take place in Sendai, Tohoku, Japan, from the 19th to 21st of October 2013. Further information on this event can be found at: <http://g-ever.org/en/symposium/symposium2.html>.

- **First Joint Scientific Meeting of the Geological Society of China (GSC) and the Geological Society of America (GSA)**

The 1st Joint Meeting between the Geological Society of China (GSC) and the Geological Society of America (GSA) with the theme "*Roof of the World*" will be held from June 17th to 19th, 2013 in the City of Chengdu, south-western China. The conference will be conducted in English and will include a three-day conference and post-meeting field trips investigating unique sites for the end-of-Permian mass extinctions and tectonics in south-eastern margin of Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. For more details, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2013china/> or <http://gsc-gsa.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/1>

- **IGC 35 - South Africa 2016: News from the Local Organising Committee**

The 35th IGC will be held in the Cape Town International Convention Centre (the CTICC) from 27 August to 4 September 2016.

Mr Mxolisi Kota, CEO of the Council for Geoscience of South Africa has been appointed in the position of Co-President for the 35th IGC Local Organizing Committee. A new Sub-committee for Sponsorship was formed recently and chaired by Mr Mike Wuth.

As mentioned in a previous issue, Geoheritage will be one of the key focus areas of IGC35 and a publication on the Geoheritage of Africa will be one of the legacies. In August 2013, a Geoheritage Conference will be held in Oudshoorn, South Africa, where the 35th IGC will be promoted. Applications for two South African Global Geoparks are underway. It is planned to submit these proposals in time for these two Global Geoparks to be proclaimed during the 35th IGC. This will also be part of the legacy of the conference.

From 3 to 5 July 2013, the Geological Society of South Africa will host its annual Geoforum conference in Johannesburg. The programme will include a cocktail function as well as a booth to promote the 35th IGC. The event will also be promoted at the Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA) from 27 to 30 October 2013 in Denver, Colorado.

Information provided by Danie Barnardo (barnardo@geoscience.org.za) Secretary General IGC 35 and Richard Viljoen (Richard.viljoen@vmic.co.za) Co-President IGC 35.

Other meetings and conferences

All forthcoming events are listed on the IUGS website (<http://www.iugs.org>) and will remain published until the event concludes. To see the IUGS listing of forthcoming geoscience meetings, conferences and workshops, go to the Calendar section of the IUGS website at:

<http://iugs.org/index.php?page=calendar&phpMyAdmin=2c9f06db78f0953a55b10dcfdc5907f6>

The IUGS website lists more "geo" related events than any other website devoted to such information. Analysis of the IUGS website statistics indicates that the "IUGS Calendar" section is one of the most

frequently visited elements of our website with regular hits from over 160 countries. The IUGS is pleased to continue this service to help promote all "geo" related events.

Please email your meeting/conferences posting requests/information directly to the IUGS Secretariat at iugs.beijing@gmail.com, or to the IUGS Webmaster at: pbobrows@NRCan.gc.ca to be listed on the website of the IUGS.

NEED TO CONTACT A GEOSCIENCE ORGANIZATION SOMEWHERE AROUND THE WORLD?

The Directory of Geoscience Organizations of the World produced by the Geological Survey of Japan includes web links to national geological surveys as well as state and provincial geological surveys at: <http://www.gsj.jp/information/gsj-link/dir/index.html>

The geology.com website with news and information about geology and earth science also lists geological organizations and agencies: <http://geology.com/groups.html>

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