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**34TH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS 5-10 AUGUST 2012, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA**

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - THE SECOND CIRCULAR IS BEING RELEASED**

The IGC Second Circular will be released in early May 2011 and will include a list of the general Symposia, and the co-ordinators, that have been developed under 37 Themes to be held at the 34th IGC. The Second Circular will be distributed electronically and posted on the IGC website at: <http://www.34igc.org>. Regularly visit the website for information updates.

For IUGS-related groups wishing to organise business meetings or scientific meetings without abstracts, these details should be registered by 14 July 2011, for inclusion in the Third Circular. Early registration is strongly advised as the number of rooms available within the 34th IGC venue will be limited.

Abstract submissions open on Monday 9 May 2011 and all abstracts must be received by the cut-off date of 17 February 2012. In addition the Second Circular announces a "Super Early Bird" (SEB) registration for individuals at a cost of A\$895, representing a discount of not less than 10% off the Early bird rate which will be released in the Third Circular in August 2011. Further, IUGS related groups, government organisations, or companies, will be able to purchase multiple registrations at an increased discounted price of A\$850 per person. These Super Early Bird registrations can be purchased only until the end of August 2011 or until 500 are sold. For bulk purchases, the names of the actual delegates will be able to be provided later (up to May 2012).

On-line applications for the GeoHost support program will be also be launched in the Second Circular. GeoHost will provide financial support to eligible applicants under the Funded Delegate Program (FDP) and the Training Workshop Program (TWP). Funding is limited and the application process is competitive. The Second Circular also calls for expressions of interest in the field trips.

**UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (RIO+20)**

The RIO+20 Conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 4-6 June 2012, will mark the 20th anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in Rio de Janeiro, and the 10th anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg. The objective of the Conference is to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development, and address new and emerging challenges. It is envisaged as a Conference at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government or other representatives. The Conference will result in a focused political document. Note that several events are planned in 2011 and 2012 in the run-up to Rio+20. Please bring this important conference to the attention of relevant people in your country. RIO+20 web: <http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>

**INTERNATIONAL GEOSCIENCE PROGRAMME (IGCP) TO CELEBRATE ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

The IGCP, a cooperative enterprise of UNESCO and the IUGS, was established in 1972 as the "International Geological Correlation Programme". To date the IGCP has financially supported international research teams through some 400 projects on geological problems of global

importance. Special focus is given to projects related to a safer environment; the relationship between natural geological factors and health problems; biodiversity; climate change; and mineral and groundwater resources extraction. It is currently planned to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the IGCP during the week of 12 February 2012 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. More information will be circulated closer to the event.

### **UNESCO VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

A vacancy exists for the position of Secretary of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) and Chief of Global Earth Observation Section, UNESCO, Paris, France. Closing date for applications: 24 May 2011. Details available at: <https://recrutweb.unesco.org/pdf/SC330.PDF>

### **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOMORPHOLOGISTS TRAINING COURSES GRANTS 2011**

#### **CALL for IAG/AIG GRANTS for the FORMOSE Post-graduate Training School on Costal Hazard Assessment and Management**

The International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG) offers 1 grant of €300 each to YOUNG GEOMORPHOLOGISTS (under 35 yrs old) from EUROPE (except France) who are willing to take part in the FORMOSE Post-graduate Training School, Caen, France, 19-25 June 2011 that is organized by the European Centre on Geomorphological Hazards (CERG - Strasbourg, France) in close collaboration with the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics (ICoD - Valletta, Malta) and the European Centre on Coastal Risks (CerCo - Biarritz, France). The aim of the course is to provide the participants with updated knowledge on traditional and innovative multi-disciplinary methods and techniques for the analysis of geomorphological coastal instability processes and related hazards and risks. Candidates are requested to submit documents before 10 May 2011. For details see: <http://www.geomorph.org/mt/training.html>

#### **SEDIBUD Working Group Young Geomorphologists Grant**

The International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG) Working Group on Sediment Budgets in Cold Environments (SEDIBUD) offers two grants of €250 each for young geomorphologists (under 35 yrs old) from Scandinavian countries, Canada, and Russia, to attend the scientific meeting of SEDIBUD Working Group Sedimentary fluxes dynamics in the changing mountain and polar environment – monitoring, record and consequences, held in Zakopane, Poland (5-8 September 2011). Deadline for applications is May 15th 2011. Details about the workshop can be found at: <http://www.geomorph.org/main.html>

### **NEW CIRCUM-PACIFIC COUNCIL (CPC) WEBSITE.**

The Circum-Pacific Council is an international, non-governmental, tax-exempt association of earth scientists, engineers, and oceanographers who represent government, industry, academia, and other organizations and institutes with interests primarily in the Pacific region. The new CPC website is now operational at: <http://www.circum-pacificcouncil.org>

### **NEED TO CONTACT A GEOSCIENCE ORGANIZATION SOMEWHERE AROUND THE WORLD?**

See the Directory of Geoscience Organizations of the World website:

<http://www.gsj.jp/Intl/Dir/a.htm>

## **RECENT INFORMATION ON PUBLICATIONS, JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS**

To download any individual IUGS E-Bulletins issued since October 2002 go to:

<http://iugs.org/index.php?page=e-bulletins>

The Young Earth-Scientists YES Network April 2011 Newsletter is now online at:

<http://www.networkyes.org/index.php/news/>

The Geological Society of Africa Newsletters can be downloaded from the Home page of the Society at: <http://geoafricasciences.com/accueilhomepage.html>

"ICSU Insight" the Newsletter of the International Council for Science (ICSU) can be downloaded from the ICSU website at:

[http://www.icsu.org/2\\_resourcecentre/RESOURCE\\_list\\_base.php4?rub=12](http://www.icsu.org/2_resourcecentre/RESOURCE_list_base.php4?rub=12)

To subscribe to the newsletter go to:

[http://www.icsu.org/3\\_mediacentre/INSIGHT\\_1.php4](http://www.icsu.org/3_mediacentre/INSIGHT_1.php4)

The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) latest electronic E-Journal is on their website at: <http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals/>

ProGEO News - the newsletter of the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage can be downloaded from: <http://www.progeo.se/>

The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) is a committee of the International Council for Science (ICSU), and it is charged with the initiation, promotion, and co-ordination, of scientific research in Antarctica. SCAR also provides international, independent scientific advice to the Antarctic Treaty system and other bodies. To download the recent issues of the SCAR Newsletters go to: <http://www.scar.org/news/newsletters/issues2011/>

The latest copies of the GEOETHICS NEWS newsletter can be downloading from the Geoethics website at: [http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics\\_Planetary\\_Protection/](http://tierra.rediris.es/Geoethics_Planetary_Protection/)

For the Global Water Partnership Monthly Newsletter "NewsFlow" go to:

<http://gwpforum.us1.listmanage.com/subscribe?u=2e4d7bb2bd4f7590eb7d7929e&id=8e059efa29>

The International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme website is at: <http://www.igbp.kva.se/> and their News archive is at: [http://www.igbp.kva.se/?view=news\\_archive](http://www.igbp.kva.se/?view=news_archive)

## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

NOTE the listings of forthcoming meetings shown below will normally be included in an IUGS E-Bulletin only once and then they will appear on the IUGS website. 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>

**-----2011-----**

May 8-13, 2011. Third Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction. Geneva, Switzerland. 20 days to go! See the website at: <http://www.preventionweb.net/globalplatform/2011/>

June 19-25, 2011. The 11th International Multidisciplinary Scientific GeoConference and Expo SGEM2011. Albena Complex, near Varna city, Bulgaria. Theme "Modern Management of Mine Producing, Geology and Environmental Protection". Note the closing deadline for full papers submission is 1 May 2011. All accepted papers will be published in SGEM2011 Conference proceedings (ISSN: 1314-2704). For details see: <http://www.sgem.org/>

August 1-5, 2011. Registration is now OPEN for the 10th International Congress for Applied Mineralogy (ICAM), Trondheim, Norway. See the website for details, and the 2nd circular at <http://www.icam2011.org/>. The early registration fee deadline closes 15 May 2011.

August 2-10, 2011. INHIGEO Symposium 36 – Toyohashi, Japan, Theme: "Visual Images and Geological Concepts" First circular at: <http://www.inhigeo-jp.org/>

September 14-16, 2011. The 17th Meeting of the Association of European Geological Societies (MAEGS-17). Belgrade, Serbia. Theme "Geology in digital Age". Website at: <http://www.maegs-17.rs/>

September 23-24, 2011. Research Urgencies in the Polar Regions and Their Links to the ICSU Grand Challenges in Global Sustainability. Siena, Italy. This two day symposium will address all aspects of polar science, with a focus on the functioning of the Earth System in the Arctic and Antarctic, the major drivers of pervasive change and the as yet unaddressed research issues in these regions. These global issues will be considered in the polar regions within the context of the ICSU Grand Challenges and the research priorities of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC), the International Association of Cryospheric Sciences (IACS) and other ICSU Unions and Interdisciplinary Scientific Bodies with interests in polar sciences. See program at: [http://www.mna.it/english/News/ICSU\\_symposium](http://www.mna.it/english/News/ICSU_symposium). Registration by 20 July 2011. For accommodation purposes an expression of interest should be sent by 10 May 2011 (including date of arrival and departure, accommodation needs etc) by email to [muller@unisi.it](mailto:muller@unisi.it)

November 28-December 2, 2011. The second joint international conference of IGCP588 "Preparing for coastal change" and INQUA1001 "Late Quaternary records of coastal evolution." Bangkok, Thailand. This conference aims to integrate contemporary processes, impacts and responses of coastal environments to changes in sea level and extreme events, with an overarching focus on human influences and reactions to coastal processes. See updates on the web at: <http://www.coastal-change.org/meetings/upcoming-meetings/2nd-joint-international-conference>

December 5-9, 2011. AGU Natural Hazards Focus Group. San Francisco, California. Reminder dates and deadlines: for Session proposals 25 February-20 April 2011; Abstract submissions 8 June-4 August 2011; Nominations for NH Graduate Research Award 15 May, 2011. For details see: [http://www.agu.org/focus\\_group/NH/](http://www.agu.org/focus_group/NH/)

**-----2012-----**

June 4-6, 2012. United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It is envisaged as a Conference at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government or other representatives. The Conference will result in a focused political document. More details above. Note that several events are planned in 2011 and 2012 in the run-up to Rio+20. See details on the RIO+20 webpage at: <http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>

July 15-22, 2012. 9th International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG). Aveiro, Portugal. The ISEG is jointly promoted by the University of Aveiro (Portugal), the International Association of Geochemistry (IAGC), SEGH - Society of Environmental Geochemistry and Health (SEGH) and the International Medical Geology Association (IMGA). From 30 April 2011 the ISEG website will be available at: <http://9iseg.web.ua.pt>. Email contact: [geo-9iseg@ua.pt](mailto:geo-9iseg@ua.pt).

August 5-10, 2012. 34th International Geological Congress (IGC) in Brisbane, Australia. The primary IUGS conference that is held every 4 years. Congress website at: <http://www.34igc.org/>

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September 2013. 9th international symposium on the Cretaceous System. Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey. The official language of the annual meeting will be English. Final dates to be announced. Keep up to date with developments at: <http://www.cretaceous2013.org/en/> For enquiries contact Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ismail Omer YILMAZ. Email: [ioyilmaz@metu.edu.tr](mailto:ioyilmaz@metu.edu.tr)

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