



The International Year of Planet Earth

Earth Sciences for Society
(Triennium 2007-2009)

Memorandum of Understanding

Preamble

The International Year of Planet Earth, as proclaimed by Resolution 60/192 of the United Nations General Assembly at its 60th Session, is a 3-years event (2007-2009) aimed at promoting the contribution to sustainable development of society by using knowledge and information provided by the geosciences. The International Year of Planet Earth is a joint initiative by the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and UNESCO, supported by 12 Founding Partners and 26 Associate Partners, sponsors and donors.

Implementation will take place through a Science and an Outreach Programme and will be both at an international and at national levels. The Corporation of the International Year of Planet Earth will be responsible for international implementation and National Committees on national levels. More detailed information regarding the general organization of the International Year of Planet Earth is available in the Business Plan and in the Status Report (www.yearofplanetearth.org). This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) describes the relations between the National Committee on the Year of Planet Earth of the Czech Republic and the Corporation.

The Parties

1. The Corporation of the International Year of Planet Earth
2. The National Committee of the Year of Planet Earth
for **the Czech Republic (NC IYPE CZ)**

Agree to cooperate in terms of this Memorandum of Understanding in the organization and the implementation of the International Year of Planet Earth. They also agree to organize and conduct the business as follows.

The composition of the National Committees

The NC IYPE CZ comprises:

- representatives of the initiating bodies (IUGS and UNESCO),

- Representatives of relevant governmental bodies (including the geological survey organisation(s))
- representatives of major non-governmental national geoscientific organisations (such as the geological and geophysical societies, universities, et cetera)
- representatives of Founding Partner, Associate Partners and IGCP
- Representatives of relevant industries.

A list of the above mentioned representatives and the organizational structure is attached as Annex 1.

National Committees-Corporation relationships

The NC IYPE CZ will maintain mutual relationships with the International Corporation to the benefit of both Parties.

The NC IYPE CZ will benefit from:

1. The preparatory work done on an international level including the political awareness raised among the 191 member countries of the United Nations through UN proclamation by the UN General Assembly on 22nd December 2005;
2. The use of the Year's logo;
3. The science, outreach brochures and other documents of the International Year of Planet Earth;
4. The granting mechanism for international science and outreach projects;
5. The attention given to the Committee in the international website and listing of national event on the international calendar of events of the Corporation;
6. The opportunities and synergy with projects in cooperation with the other science years (IPY, IHY and eGY);
7. The other services and assistance provided by the Secretariat of the Corporation upon request.

The Corporation will benefit from:

1. The impact of the NC IYPE CZ activities contributing to the success of the global awareness on the use of the geosciences for society;
2. Your national activities serving as models for international activities and for other NCs;
3. The various inputs from NC IYPE CZ, particularly regarding the performance indicators, in the reports by the Corporation to the United Nations.

Responsibilities of the Parties

The activities of the International Year of Planet Earth will be implemented on international levels by the Corporation and on national levels by the NC IYPE CZ. In this respect,

The NC IYPE CZ

1. Selects 2008 as the National Year of Planet Earth, with increased activities during the whole triennium 2007-2009.
2. Develops its national science activities so as to contribute to answer some of the key questions posed in the science brochures to assist national and international decision makers. The 10 themes of the Sciences Programme constitutes a framework to identify in Czech Republic some major questions of national and international interest;
3. Develops outreach activities so as to generate interest and greater awareness among the general public, decision makers and politicians about the effective application, for the betterment of human society, of the widely available wealth of information in the hands of the Earth science community;
4. Selects and proposes science and outreach projects of a supranational level to be submitted for (co-)sponsoring by the Corporation;
5. Develops a website (www.rokplanetyzeme.cz) hot-linked to www.yearofplanetearth.org and vice versa.
6. Is responsible for the contents of the national calendar of the International Year of Planet Earth activities;
7. Translates key documents presented on the Corporation's website in Czech and makes that available on its national but also on the international website;
8. Raises financial support to implement its activities on a national scale;
9. Contributes to the administration costs of the Corporation by providing 3% of the cash income obtained from national resources to the Corporation in return for the freely received publicity and facilitation services by the Corporation;

The Corporation

1. Is responsible for the international science and outreach programme of the International Year of Planet Earth activities;
2. Supports science and outreach projects with international dimensions submitted for (seed money) co-funding to the Corporation by the NC IYPE CZ;
3. Assists, if requested, the NC IYPE CZ in its efforts to develop its science and outreach activities, through the Science Programme and Outreach Programme Committees;
4. Provides the Year's logo to the NC IYPE CZ;
5. Keeps a listing of all national events on a worldwide calendar of events;
6. Develops a discussion and communication site for all National Committees on the website (portal) of the Corporation;
7. Maintains service facilities to the NC IYPE CZ through the Corporation's Secretariat;

8. Raises financial support from international resources to implement international science and outreach activities, accessible to NC IYPE CZ as well.

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