

Annual Report for 2005

International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy

The Xth Scientific Assembly of IAGA was held in Toulouse, France on July 18-28 2005. Its organization, implementation, and follow up have occupied a large fraction of the IAGA community in 2005. The International Commission on the Middle Atmosphere (ICMA) of the International Association on Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics (IAMAS) held its biennial Assembly in conjunction with the IAGA Scientific Assembly.

The joint scientific programme of IAGA and ICMA contained 61 symposia covering all scientific fields of the two organisations. In addition, there were four Association Lectures on subjects of general interest to the IAGA community and to the general public. The number of papers accepted for those 61 symposia was 1390, of which 867 were presented orally and 523 were posters.

Important decisions taken by the IAGA Conference of Delegates:

- The duration of future IAGA Assemblies will be 6 full working days for the scientific programme (generally Monday to Saturday) and one preceding day (Sunday) for administrative meetings.
- The next Scientific Assembly, in 2009, will take place in Sopron, Hungary, in late August.

IAGA Award

The IAGA Long Service Medal, recognising valued services to the IAGA community over many years, was awarded to Raghab Chandra Deka, India.

The IAGA Executive Committee met three times during the Toulouse Assembly. Among decisions taken the following may be mentioned.

Geographical distribution of IAGA Officers: To avoid unacceptable distribution of the officers Divisions and Commissions will be asked to nominate at their business meetings during General Assemblies two candidates for both Chair and Vice-Chair. The Executive Committee will appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs taking into account the geographical distribution of the entire group.

Leadership of the Inter-Divisional Commission on History: The EC appointed Ed Cliver (USA) as Chair and Nicole Meyer-Vernet (France) as Vice-Chair for the period up to the next General Assembly in 2007.

IAGA Awards: IAGA will establish two new awards aimed at young scientists:

- An award to an 'Outstanding young scientist', to be decided by a working group within the EC.

- Awards for 'Best contribution by a young scientist to IAGA-led topical meetings between Assemblies'. The award will consist of support to attend the next Assembly.

IAGA sponsored projects and meetings:

The Executive Committee decided to sponsor the new topical meetings listed in the table below.

NEW IAGA SPONSORED MEETINGS			
Dates	Title	Location	Applicant
16-23 July 2006	36 th COSPAR Scientific Assembly	Beijing, China	R.M. Bonnet
3-8 September 2006	10 th Meeting on Paleo, Rock, and Environmental Magnetism	Valtice, Czech Rep	E. Petrovsky
18-22 September 2006	3 rd IAGA/ICMA WS on Vertical Coupling in the Atmosphere-Ionosphere System	Varna, Bulgaria	D. Pancheva
31 March-4 April 2006	Solar Activity and its Magnetic Origin	Cairo, Egypt	A.A. Hady
4-8 September 2006	Long-term Changes and Trends in the Atmosphere	Sodankylä, Finland	J. Lastovicka
18-22 September 2006	2 nd VERSIM WS on ELF/VLF Radio Phenomena	Sodankylä, Finland	J. Manninen
28 Aug -1 Sept 2006	33 rd European Meeting on Atmospheric Studies by Optical Methods	Kiruna, Sweden	I. Sandahl

IAGA has also continued to support the IUGG Inter-Association Initiative "Electromagnetic Study of Earthquakes and Volcanoes" (EMSEV) in 2005.

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containing information about the Toulouse Assembly and the preparations for the Perugia Assembly 2007, among other things, was distributed widely in December.

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