

Annual Report for 2007

International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy

The year 2007 was dominated by the XXIVth IUGG General Assembly in Perugia and by efforts associated with the starting up of the Electronic Geophysical Year initiative (*eGY*). Important decisions were taken by the IAGA Conference of Delegates and by the IAGA Executive Committee in Perugia.

The XXIVth IUGG General Assembly: IAGA held its General Assembly during the first week of IUGG 2007 in Perugia, i.e. between July 2 and July 7 in accordance with the decision to reduce the length of the IAGA assemblies from two weeks to one that was taken by the Conference of Delegates in Toulouse. The IAGA-led scientific programme consisted of 56 symposia, of which 3 were Union symposia, 12 joint symposia with other Associations, and 41 were IAGA-only symposia. The number of papers presented at the IAGA symposia was 1327 (1367 were submitted). The number of IAGA registrants in Perugia was 669.

New leadership of IAGA: The Conference of Delegates elected a new Executive Committee for the quadrennium 2007-2011 and new leaders for the Divisions and Commissions and their Working Groups were appointed by the Executive Committee and confirmed by the Conference of Delegates.

Changes of the composition of the Executive Committee: A proposal to change the composition of the Executive Committee to provide more opportunities for IAGA scientists to serve on the Committee had been proposed by the Australian Delegation and an amendment had been presented by the Executive Committee. The Conference of Delegates decided to eliminate one of the Vice Presidents and the past President position, thereby opening up for two new members of the Committee, and to shorten the duration of service of persons in the top positions. The necessary modifications of the Statutes and By-laws that this decision gave rise to were also decided.

IGY+50 and eGY: The 50-year anniversary of IGY was celebrated by IUGG and IAGA in Perugia. IAGA is one of the main sponsors of eGY. A lot of effort has gone into preparations for this project. The official launch of eGY took place in Perugia. The IAGA-led programme for Perugia included four half-day sessions dealing with the IGY+50, eGY, and IHY. A public event on the eGY took place on Saturday 7th July 2007. A new IUGG Union Commission for Data and Information is being planned for continuing and developing the eGY after 2008.

IAGA medals and awards presented in Perugia: Dr. Frank Lowes was unanimously elected Honorary Member of IAGA by the Conference of Delegates. **The IAGA Medal in Recognition of Valued Service to the IAGA Community over Many Years** was awarded by the IAGA Executive Committee to **Toyohisa Kamei** of the World Data Center for Geomagnetism in Kyoto for his invaluable service to the community since 1979 on the production of the AE and Dst geomagnetic indices. As

he had died before the Assembly, the Medal was received on his behalf by his sister, Mrs Kazuku Tsunokawa, and her husband.

Young Scientists Presentation Awards, consisting of support to participate in the IAGA Assembly in the form of an economy class air ticket, waiving of registration fee, and a USD 200 contribution to hotel and subsistence costs, were presented to **Anna Kanukhina** of the Russian State Hydrometeorological University in St Petersburg,

Annika Seppälä of the Finnish Meteorological Institute in Helsinki,

Tracy Moffat-Griffin of the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, and

Zuzana Kratinova of the Geophysical Institute in Prague.

IAGA-sponsored topical meetings in 2007: IAGA sponsored 3 topical meetings in the Assembly year of 2007 at a total cost of USD 3 500.

IAGA News 44, containing information about the IUGG 2007 in Perugia and reports on decisions by the Conference of Delegates and the Executive Committee, was distributed in December of 2007. It can be found at the IAGA web site (www.iugg.org/IAGA).

For the Executive Committee of IAGA

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