

Annual Report for 2008

International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy

1. INTRODUCTION

IAGA, the **International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy**, is the premier international scientific association promoting the study of terrestrial and planetary magnetism and space physics.

2. ADMINISTRATION

New Member of the IAGA Executive Committee: In November 2007 Vladimir Papitashvili had to resign from his membership in the IAGA EC as a consequence of having accepted a permanent position as Program Director in the US National Science Foundation, which might lead to conflicts of interest. The EC appointed in his stead Daniel Baker, Director of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado, USA.

The Executive Committee of IAGA met in 2008 (July 12-13) in connection with the COSPAR Scientific Assembly in Montreal, Canada. Among the matters dealt with by the EC the following should be mentioned:

The selection of the host country for IAGA Scientific Assemblies will be changed in such a way that only one location is proposed to the Conference of Delegates, closely following the procedure IUGG has recently decided for the IUGG General Assemblies.

The IAGA web site custodianship was taken over from David Kerridge by Eigil Friis-Chistensen and the National Space Institute of the Technical University of Denmark.

3. ACTIVITIES

The year 2008 was dominated by preparations for the **XIth IAGA Scientific Assembly** in Sopron, Hungary. The scientific programme contains 56 symposia covering all parts of the IAGA sciences. Full information about the Assembly may be found at www.iaga2009sopron.hu. For the first time, IAGA is planning to have the outcome of the Assembly published in cooperation with Springer Science and Business Media B.V.

IAGA-Sponsored Topical Meetings in 2008: IAGA sponsored the following ten topical meetings in 2008 at a total cost of 14000 USD:

- Middle East and Africa IAU Regional Meeting, in April in Egypt
- 12th International Symposium on Equatorial Aeronomy, in May in Greece
- 1st International HEPPA workshop, in May in Finland

- 11th Meeting on Paleo, Rock and Environmental Magnetism, in June in Slovakia
- XIIIth Workshop on Geomagnetic Observatory Instruments, in June in USA
- 37th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, in July in Canada
- 5th Workshop on Long-Term Changes and Trends in the Atmosphere, in September in Russia
- 3rd VERSIM Workshop, in September in Hungary
- IAGA Symposium on Space Weather, in October in Egypt
- 19th International Electromagnetic Induction Workshop, in October in China.

IAGA News 45 was distributed in December 2008. It can be found at the IAGA web site www.iugg.org/IAGA. Among other things, a number of reports from topical meetings co-sponsored by IAGA can be found there.

4. FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The 11th IAGA Scientific Assembly will take place in Sopron, Hungary, on August 23-30, 2009.

IAGA is the proper international organization for handling the subject Sun-climate relationships, as agreed by the EC. A programme will be started in this field.

eGY activities, initiated by IAGA in Sapporo in 2003, were taken over by a Union Commission on Data and Information, which was established by IUGG in August 2008. The IAGA EC has agreed that IAGA is well located for keeping an important role in the future international work on data management and that IAGA should try to keep a lead in this field.

For the Executive Committee of IAGA
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 Secretary General