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NOTE: This June issue of the IUGG E-Journal follows 2 weeks from the 1 June issue. There will not be a July issue. Normal E-Journal issues should resume in August. These unusual issue dates are necessary to accommodate the events leading up to, and including, the General Assembly.

Special Issue for the 26th General Assembly of the IUGG
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This special newsletter issue provides the latest information and key dates for the 26th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG). Past issues are posted on the IUGG website (<http://www.iugg.org/publications/ejournals/>). Please forward this message to those who will benefit from the information. Your comments are welcome.

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1. The 26th IUGG General Assembly

IUGG General Assemblies are held every four years and provide an opportunity for scientists from all over the world representing eight Union Associations that comprise the IUGG and official delegates of 70 Member Countries of IUGG to come together to share their latest scientific discoveries and to determine strategies of the Union development for the next four years. This will be the second time that the IUGG General Assembly has been held in Prague (the previous one was the Third General Assembly in 1927). The Czech Republic is ideal destination for holidays and tourism, offering excellent historical, cultural, and natural touring opportunities.

The General Assembly will be held in the Prague Congress Centre positioned in the middle of the city. The centre is shown in the photo below and more information is available at the webpage <http://www.kcp.cz/en/homepage>.



Prague Congress Centre

2. Scientific Program of the Assembly

The Scientific Program of the 26th IUGG General Assembly will run from **Tuesday 23 June until Wednesday 1 July**. Each day will consist of four 90-minute oral sessions and posters sessions. The Tuesday, 23 June, afternoon session will be the Opening Ceremony followed by the Award Ceremony and Reception; the Wednesday, 1 July, afternoon session will be the Closing Ceremony; and three morning sessions will have Union Plenary presentations.

The Scientific Program of the 2015 IUGG General Assembly includes three categories of symposia and a number of workshops on a wide range of geophysical themes. These include:

- **Union Symposia** which cover a wide range of themes of concern to all or many Associations and Union Commissions. Invited speakers feature in these Symposia, supported by poster presentations selected by the convenors from those submitted. Some of the Union Symposia are expanded or followed in greater depth in related Joint Symposia or in Association Symposia.
- **Joint Symposia** with invited speakers and scientists whose presentations (which consist of oral and poster presentations) are accepted by the session convenors. The themes have been devised by at least two Associations, one of which is the lead Association. Some Joint Symposia are developed further separately in Association Symposia and Workshops.
- **Association Symposia** with invited speakers and scientists whose presentations (which consist of oral and poster presentations) are accepted by the session convenors. The eight Associations, and the single letter code used to identify them, are:
 - C - IACS International Association of Cryospheric Sciences
 - G - IAG International Association of Geodesy
 - A - IAGA International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy
 - H - IAHS International Association of Hydrological Sciences
 - M - IAMAS International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science
 - P - IAPSO International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans
 - S - IASPEI International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior
 - V - IAVCEI International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior

The detailed Scientific Program is available online at: <http://www.iugg2015prague.com/complete-programme.htm>

3. Union Plenary Lectures

The scientific theme for the General Assembly is Earth on the Edge: Science for a Sustainable Planet. The IUGG President has invited nine of the world's leading scientists to present Plenary Lectures on the following topics, listed in the order of presentation:

- **Transformation of Human Society for Sustainable Future** (by *Yuan T. Lee*, Academy Sinica, Taipei, China)
- **The Whole-System Approach to Extreme Space Weather** (by *Janet U. Kozyra*, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, USA)
- **Challenges of Educating Hydrologists for the Global South; the Case of Southern Africa** (by *Dominic Mazvimavi*, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa)
- **Sea Level Change in the Anthropocene** (by *Jonathan Gregory*, University of Reading and Met Office, Reading, United Kingdom)
- **Earthquake Dynamics and Seismic Radiation** (by *Raul Madariaga*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France)
- **Volcanic Ash and Aviation Safety** (by *Thomas J. Casadevall*, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, CO, USA)
- **Contributions of Geodesy to Monitoring Natural Hazards and Global Change** (by *Harald Schuh*, German Research Centre for Geosciences, Potsdam, Germany)
- **Atmospheric Chemistry in the Anthropocene** (by *Laura Gallardo*, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile)
- **The Global Ocean Carbon Sink: Recent Trends and Variability** (by *Nicolas Gruber*, ETH, Zurich, Switzerland)


The abstract of the lectures and the short bios of the Union Lecturers can be viewed at <http://www.iugg2015prague.com/union-lectures.htm>

4. Important Events

Following are a list of special scientific and business events that will take place during the General Assembly, in chronological order (room number is in parentheses). The full list of business meetings can be found at: <http://www.iugg2015prague.com/business-meetings.htm>

Monday, 22 June	13:30 – 18:00	First session of the IUGG Council Meeting (Conference Hall; by invitation only)
Tuesday, 23 June	08:30 – 10:00 10:30 – 12:00	Union Symposium U1 “ <i>Future Earth and Sustainability</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Tuesday, 23 June	16:30 – 18:00	Opening Ceremony. Award Ceremony (Congress Hall)
Tuesday, 23 June	18:00 – 20:00	Welcome Reception (Foyer around Congress Hall – Poster and Exhibition Area)
Wednesday, 24 June	08:30 – 10:00 13:30 – 15:00	Union Symposium U2 “ <i>Integrated Disaster Risk Science: Accounting for Extremes</i> ”

	16:30 – 18:00	(Congress Hall)
Wednesday, 24 June	10:30 – 12:00	Union Lecture UL1  10:30: “ <i>Transformation of Human Society for Sustainable Future</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Yuan T. Lee (China-Taipei)</i> 11:00: “ <i>The Whole System Approach to Extreme Space Weather</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Janet U. Kozyra (USA)</i> 11:30: “ <i>Challenges of Educating Hydrologists for the Global South; the Case of southern Africa</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Dominic Mazvimavi (South Africa)</i> (Congress Hall)
Thursday, 25 June	08:30 – 12:00	Second Session of the IUGG Council Meeting (Conference Hall; by invitation only)
Thursday, 25 June	08:30 – 10:00 10:30 – 12:00	Union Symposium U8 “ <i>Geo-Monitoring in the 21st Century</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Thursday, 25 June	13:30 – 15:00 16:30 – 18:00	Union Symposium U10 “ <i>Sea Level Change and Variability: Past, Present and Future</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Friday, 26 June	08:30 – 10:00 13:30 – 15:00 16:30 – 18:00	Union Symposium U6 “ <i>Data Assimilation and Inverse Problems in Geophysical Sciences</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Friday, 26 June	10:30 – 12:00	Union Lecture UL2  10:30: “ <i>Sea Level Change in the Anthropocene</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Jonathan Gregory (UK)</i> 11:00: “ <i>Earthquake Dynamics and Seismic Radiation</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Raul Madariaga (France)</i> 11:30: “ <i>Volcanic Ash and Aviation Safety</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Thomas J. Casadevall (USA)</i> (Congress Hall)
Saturday, 27 June	08:30 – 10:00 10:30 – 12:00 13:30 – 15:00	Union Symposium U11 “ <i>Early Career Scientists Symposium</i> ” (Congress Hall)

	16:30 – 18:00	
Saturday, 27 June	18:30 – 21:00	Presidential Reception (by invitation only) (Corinthia Hotel Prague, Suite 2, 3rd floor Kongresová 1655/1, 140 69 Prague 4)
Sunday, 28 June	08:30 – 10:00 10:30 – 12:00 13:30 – 15:00 16:30 – 18:00	Union Symposium U5 “ <i>New Discoveries in Deep Interior of the Earth and Planets</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Monday, 29 June	08:30 – 10:00 13:30 – 15:00 16:30 – 18:00	Union Symposium U9 “ <i>Revolutions in Earth Sciences: from Different Spheres to a Common Globe</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Monday, 29 June	10:30 – 12:00	Union Lecture UL3  10:30: “ <i>Contributions of Geodesy to Monitoring Natural Hazards and Global Change</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Harald Schuh (Germany)</i> 11:00: “ <i>Atmospheric Chemistry in the Anthropocene</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Laura Gallardo (Chile)</i> 11:30: “ <i>The Global Ocean Carbon Sink: Recent Trends and Variability</i> ”. Speaker: <i>Nicolas Gruber (Switzerland)</i> (Congress Hall)
Monday, 29 June	15:00 – 18:00	Third Session of the IUGG Council Meeting (Conference Hall; by invitation only)
Tuesday, 30 June	08:30 – 10:00 10:30 – 12:00	Union Symposium U3 “ <i>Mathematics and Observations of Earth Systems</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Tuesday, 30 June	13:30 – 15:00 16:30 – 18:00	Union Symposium U4 “ <i>Data Science and Analytics in Geodesy and Geophysics – Research and Education Progress and Opportunities</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Wednesday, 1 July	08:30 – 10:00 10:30 – 12:00	Union Symposium U7 “ <i>The Potential for Carbon- and Climate-Engineering to Offset Global Change</i> ” (Congress Hall)
Wednesday, 1 July	16:30 – 18:00	Closing Ceremony (Congress Hall)

5. Information for Council Delegates

The IUGG Council Meeting will be held on **22 June** (1st Session), **25 June** (2nd Session), and **29 June** (3rd Session) in the **Conference Hall**. Attendance is restricted to accredited Delegates and invited Guests. Please ensure that the Adhering Body has sent the original letter of accreditation to

the IUGG Secretariat and issued credentials for delegates to the Association Plenaries. Please carry a copy of your accreditation letter when you attend the Council meeting.

Of the 70 members of IUGG, there are 10 Associates, 13 Observers, and 47 countries with dues paid that are therefore eligible to vote. If dues are received from an Observer country prior to the General Assembly, the relevant National Delegate will be able to vote. As of this date, delegates from 47 members will attend the Council meeting, including 1 Associate Members who attend as Listeners of the Council. A hard copy of the Agenda Book will be given to each Council Delegate.

Important votes to be taken at the third session of the Council Meeting (29 June) include (i) changes to Statutes and By-Laws, (ii) approval of the Budget for 2016-2019, (iii) election of officers, and (iv) selection of the venue of the 2019 General Assembly. Delegates unable to attend a specific Council session may arrange with the Secretary General to submit a ballot in advance.

Selection of the venue of the 27th IUGG General Assembly in 2019. Invitations were received to hold the 27th IUGG General Assembly in Montreal, *Canada*, and Delhi, *India*. The IUGG Site Evaluation Committee prepared a comprehensive report based on the evaluations of the two bids and on the site inspection carried by two members of the committee. The report will be presented at the first session of the Council and the bidders will present their proposals to the Council at the third session of the Council meeting.

The Statutes and By-Laws of the Union are found at: <http://www.iugg.org/statutes/>. The Council Meetings are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, which also deals with an assembly of delegates. The duties of delegates are as follows: "When a member of a constituent unit (the Adhering Body in the case of IUGG) has accepted election as a delegate, he has the obligation to attend the convention, with such expense allowance as the unit may provide; he should not leave it to an alternate to serve in his place except for serious reason. At the convention, the delegate has the duty to be present at the business meetings, and to be prepared on returning from the convention to present to his unit an information report on what transpired. A delegate is free to vote as he sees fit on questions at the convention, except as his constituent unit may have instructed him in regard to particular matters scheduled for consideration."

5. Awards to be presented at the IUGG2015

IUGG Awards

IUGG Gold Medalist

Name	Last Name	Country
Brian J.	Hoskins	UK

IUGG Fellows

IUGG elected Fellows

Name	Last Name	Country
John	Burrows	GERMANY/UK
Xiaofei	Chen	CHINA
Andrea	Flossmann	FRANCE/GERMANY
Sophie	Godin-Beekmann	FRANCE

Gerald	Jones	CANADA
Jianping	Li	CHINA/USA

IUGG conferred Fellows

Name	Last Name	Country
Robin	Adams	UK
Ian	Allison	AUSTRALIA
Ole Bedsted	Andersen	DENMARK
Shigeo	Aramaki	JAPAN
Attia A.	Ashour	EGYPT
Arthur	Askew	SWITZERLAND/AUSTRALIA
Georges	Balmino	FRANCE
Charles	Barton	AUSTRALIA
Gerhard	Beutler	SWITZERLAND
Claude	Boucher	FRANCE
Fred E.	Camfield	USA
Junyong	Chen	CHINA
Yun Tai	Chen	CHINA
Henny	Colenbrander	NETHERLANDS
Huw C.	Davies	SWITZERLAND
Jean-Claude	De Bremaecker	USA
Robert A.	Duce	USA
E. Robert	Engdahl	USA
Sergei A.	Fedotov	RUSSIA
Eigil	Christensen	DENMARK
Claude	Froidevaux	FRANCE
Paolo	Gasparini	ITALY
Vinod K.	Gaur	INDIA
Soren	Gregersen	DENMARK
Erwin	Groten	GERMANY
Michael J.	Hamlin	UK
Grant	Heiken	USA
Brian J.	Hoskins	UK
Bengt	Hultqvist	SWEDEN
Shiro	Imawaki	JAPAN
David D.	Jackson	USA
R. Wally	Johnson	AUSTRALIA
Jo Ann	Joselyn	USA
Georg	Kaser	AUSTRIA
Brian L. N.	Kennett	AUSTRALIA
David J.	Kerridge	UK
Masaru	Kono	JAPAN
Herbert W.	Kroehl	USA
Michael	Kuhn	AUSTRIA
Manfred	Lange	GERMANY/CYPRUS
Roland	List	CANADA
Michel	Louis	FRANCE
Michael C.	MacCracken	USA
Paola	Malanotte-Rizzoli	USA/ITALY
Gordon	McBean	CANADA
Steve R.	McNutt	USA
Helmut	Moritz	AUSTRIA
Ivan I.	Mueller	USA
Robin D.	Muench	USA

Lawrence	Mysak	CANADA
Setsuya	Nakada	JAPAN
Oded	Navon	ISRAEL
Alexei V.	Nikolaev	RUSSIA
James J.	O'Brien	USA
Patrick	Pinet	FRANCE
John C.	Rodda	UK
Juan G.	Roederer	USA
Fernando	Sanso	ITALY
Hans-Ulrich	Schmincke	GERMANY
Uri	Shamir	ISRAEL
L. Vere	Shannon	SOUTH AFRICA
Jozef	Somogyi	HUNGARY
Steve J.	Sparks	UK
A. Fred	Spilhaus	USA
Kiyoshi	Suyehiro	JAPAN
Kuni	Takeuchi	JAPAN
Ali A. A.	Tealeb	EGYPT
Wolfgang	Torge	GERMANY
Seiya	Uyeda	JAPAN
Juan F.	Vilas	ARGENTINA
Guoxiong	Wu	CHINA
Zhongliang	Wu	CHINA
Peter J.	Wyllie	USA
Gordon	Young	CANADA

IUGG Early Career Scientist Awardees

Name	Last Name	Country
Ruiqiang	Ding	CHINA
Andreas	Fichtner	SWITZERLAND
Gregory	Foltz	USA
Markus	Hrachowitz	NETHERLANDS
Matthias	Huss	SWITZERLAND
Ben	Kravitz	USA
Ben	Marzeion	AUSTRIA
Ilona	Riipinen	SWEDEN/USA/FINLAND
Johanna	Salminen	FINLAND
Futoshi	Takahashi	JAPAN

Association Awards

IACS Awardee

2015 Early Career Scientist Price

Name	Last Name	Country
Mathieu	Morlighem	USA

IAG Awardees

Levallois Medal

Name	Last Name	Country
Reinhard	Rummel	GERMANY

Bomford Prize

Name	Last Name	Country
Yoshiyuki	Tanaka	JAPAN

2013 Young Authors Award

Name	Last Name	Country
Krzysztof	Sosnica	SWITZERLAND

2014 Young Authors Award

Name	Last Name	Country
Álvaro	Santamaria-Gómez	FRANCE

IAGA Awardees

Shen Kuo Award for interdisciplinary achievements

Name	Last Name	Country
Dan	Baker	USA

IAGA Long Service Awards

Name	Last Name	Country
Hans-Joachim	Linthe	GERMANY
John	Riddick	UK

Young Scientist Awards

Name	Last Name	Country
Erin	Dawkins	UK
Maria	Mendakiewicz	POLAND
Israel	Silber	ISRAEL
Rémi	Thiéblemont	GERMANY

IAHS Awardees

2015 International Hydrology Prize (IHP Dooge medal)

Name	Last Name	Country
Mary	Hill	USA

2015 International Hydrology Prize (IHP Volker medal)

Name	Last Name	Country
Pierre	Hubert	FRANCE

2015 Tison Award

Name	Last Name	Country
Antonino	Maltese	ITALY
Fulvio	Capodici	ITALY

IAMAS Awardees

2015 Early Career Scientist Medal

Name	Last Name	Country
Yuan	Wang	USA

IAPSO Awardees

2015 Prince Albert I Medal

Name	Last Name	Country
Toshio	Yamagata	JAPAN

IASPEI Awardees

Medal 2015

Name	Last Name	Country
William H. K.	Lee	USA

Other Awards

Young Researcher Award of the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)
to attend the 26th IUGG General Assembly

Name	Last Name	Country
Flavia	Tauro	ITALY

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