

## Upcoming international events

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### October 1–5, 2008, Rab Island, Croatia

5th International ProGEO Symposium on Conservation of the Geological Heritage and ProGEO Working Group 1 Annual Meeting. Contact: ProGEO-Croatia, 10000 Zagreb Horvatovac 102a, Croatia.

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E-mail: [rab2008@progeo-croatia.hr](mailto:rab2008@progeo-croatia.hr)

URL: <http://www.progeo-croatia.hr/rab-symposium2008>

### October 1–6, 2008, Goa, India

12th International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics (IACMAG) conference. Contact: Dr. D.N. Singh, Department of Civil Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering Division, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Powai, Mumbai 400 076, India.

Fax: +91-22-25767302

E-mail: [dns@civil.iitb.ac.in](mailto:dns@civil.iitb.ac.in)

URL: <http://www.12iacmag.com>

### October 6–9, 2008, Monaco, Greece

Second Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO<sub>2</sub> World is convened by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and International Geosphere–Biosphere Programme (IGBP). Contact: Edward Urban.

E-mail: [Ed.Urban@scor-int.org](mailto:Ed.Urban@scor-int.org)

URL: <http://www.ocean-acidification.net>

### October 8–10, 2008, Athens, Greece

8th International Hydrogeological Congress of Greece organised by the Hellenic Committee of Hydrogeology in collaboration with the Cyprus Association of Geologists and Mining Engineers. The third MEM Workshop on Fissured Rocks Hydrogeology is also planned. Contact: Dr. G. Migiros, P.O.B. 27602, 10020 Votanikos, Greece.

E-mail: [hydrogeology@aua.gr](mailto:hydrogeology@aua.gr)

URL: <http://iah-hellas.geol.uoa.gr>

### October 26–November 1, 2008, Toyama City, Japan

35th Congress of IAH, “Integrating Groundwater Science and Human Well-being” will address issues of human well-being that depend upon the study and understanding groundwater science. Contact: Conference Secretariat, IAH2008 Toyama Executive Committee Toyama Office, Life Network Research Institute, 120 Kosugi, Toyama-city, Toyama 939-8063, Japan.

E-mail: [IAH2008@envr.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:IAH2008@envr.tsukuba.ac.jp)

E-mail: [iah-toyama@lni.co.jp](mailto:iah-toyama@lni.co.jp)

URL: <http://www.lni.co.jp/iah2008/>

### November 2–4, 2008, Miraikan, Tokyo, Japan

First International Symposium on the Arctic Research (ISAR) under the auspices of the IASC and CliC Subcommittee of the Science Council of Japan will be held every 2 years. Session themes include: global warming connected to the Arctic; hydrological cycle in the Arctic;

and ecosystems in the Arctic. Topics include: changes of the Arctic climate and sub-systems; extensive process studies on the atmosphere–ocean–land system in the Arctic; feedback embedded in the sub-systems in the Arctic; impact and feedback between the Arctic and global climate; global and regional modeling with the focus on the Arctic; influence of Arctic to the Asian climate. Contact: LOC secretariat, Setsuko Ichikawa, IORGC/JAMSTEC, 2–15 Natsushima-cho, Yokosuka, 237-0061 Japan.

E-mail: [isar1@jamstec.go.jp](mailto:isar1@jamstec.go.jp)

URL: <http://www.jamstec.go.jp/iorgc/symp/isar1>

#### November 4–6, 2008, Hammamet, Tunisia

22nd Colloquium of African Geology and 13th Conference of the Geological Society of Africa. Contact: Med Hédi Inoubli, Faculté des Sciences de Tunis, Campus Universitaire 2092, Tunis, Tunisia.

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#### November 5–7, 2008, Irvine, CA, USA <sup>NEW</sup>

16th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems (ACM GIS 2008) sponsored by Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Microsoft The conference provides a forum for original research contributions covering all conceptual, design, and implementation aspects of GIS ranging from applications, user interface considerations, and visualization down to storage management and indexing issues. Topics include cartography and geodesy, Earth observation, spatial analysis and integration, and spatial information and society. Contact: H. Samet Stanford University Palo Alto, CA, USA.

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URL: <http://acmgis08.cs.umn.edu>

#### November 10–13, 2008, Venice, Italy

EPICA 2008 Open Science Conference on Quaternary Climate: from Pole to Pole will highlight the progress made in understanding the climate of the Quaternary through ice cores and marine sediments records. EPICA2008 aims to integrate international research groups in the field of paleoclimatology, including terrestrial scientists and paleoclimate modelers. It will bring together experienced researchers in the field of global change and in particular that of past climate variability during interglacial and glacial periods. There are seven different sessions: Climate of the

last million years; Forcings and feedbacks; Past interglacials; Thermohaline circulation; Methods for palaeoclimate reconstruction; Ice instabilities and sea level; and The climate clock—causes for glacial/interglacial climate change. Selected contributions to EPICA2008 will be published in a special issue of *Quaternary Science Reviews*. Contact: Carlo Barbante, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Venice, Institute for the Dynamics of Environmental Processes, CNR-IDPA, Calle Larga Santa Marta, 2137 30123 Venice, Italy.

E-mail: [epica2008@unive.it](mailto:epica2008@unive.it)

URL: <http://www.epica2008.eu/>

#### November 10–13, 2008, Tsukuba City, Japan <sup>NEW</sup>

International Symposium: 50 years after IGY: Modern Information Technologies and Earth and Solar Sciences organized by the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST). Contact: Local organizing committee by e-mail: [igy50loc@swdclx19.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:igy50loc@swdclx19.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp). For science enquiries contact:

E-mail: [igy50soc@swdclx19.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:igy50soc@swdclx19.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

URL: <http://wdc2.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/igy50>

#### November 18–21, 2008, Tokyo, Japan

The First World Landslide Forum is organized by the International Consortium on Landslides, UNESCO, WMO, FAO, UN/ISDR, United Nations University, UNEP, World Bank (IBRD), UNDP, ICSU, World Federation of Engineering Organizations, Kyoto University, and the Japan Landslide Society. Its aim is to strengthen research and learning on earth system risk analysis and sustainable disaster management with regards to landslides within UN-ISDR. This forum will bring together academics, practitioners, politicians, and stakeholders to a global, multidisciplinary, problem-focused platform. Contact: Secretariat of the First World Landslide Forum, IPL World Center, UNITWIN Headquarter Building, Kyoto University Uji Campus, Uji, Kyoto 611-0011, Japan.

E-mail: [secretariat@iclhq.org](mailto:secretariat@iclhq.org)

URL: <http://iclhq.org>

#### November 24–28, 2008, Santiago, Chile

4th Alexander von Humboldt International Conference “The Andes: Challenge for Geosciences” is a special conference of the European Geosciences Union organized by the University of Chile. Main topics include: cryosphere and hydrology; climate, climate variability and climate

change; tectonics and geodynamics; climate–tectonics–surface processes; water resources in future climate scenarios; impact of subduction on tectonics, volcanism and atmospheric chemistry; sustainable, environmentally friendly utilization of natural resources; and coping with incomplete data in geosciences. Conference proceedings will be published in a special volume of the EGU Journal *Advances in Geosciences*. Contact: René Garreaud, Department of Geophysics, University of Chile, Blanco Encalada 2002, Santiago, Chile.

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URL: <http://www.dfg.uchile.cl/~rgarreau/EGU-Andes>

### December 1–5, 2008, Santiago, Chile

GEOSTATS 2008: 8th International Geostatistics Congress is organized by the Department of Mining Engineering at the University of Chile and will center on innovations and practical applications of geostatistics in diverse areas, including: mining; geology; oil and gas; hydrology; forestry; environment; health science; agriculture; and soil sciences. Contact: Amada Plaza.

E-mail: info@geostats2008.com

URL: <http://www.geostats2008.com>

### December 1–6, 2008, Irvine, CA, USA

International Conference on Water Scarcity, Global Changes and Groundwater Management Responses is organized by UNESCO and the University of California Irvine. Contact: Jean Fried, Civil and Environmental Engineering, E/4130 Engineering Gateway, Irvine, CA 92697-2175, USA.

E-mail: jfried@uci.edu

URL: <http://www.uwrc.uci.edu/events/events.php>

### February 16–20, 2009, Bangkok, Thailand

IGS-TH 2009: International Symposium “Efficient Groundwater Resources Management: The Challenge of Quantity and Quality for Sustainable Future” is organized by Thailand Department of Groundwater Resources and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; co-organized by Geological Society of Thailand and IAH Chapter, Thailand. Contact: Symposium Secretariat: 49 Soi 30 Rama VI Road, Phayathai Bangkok 10400, Thailand.

E-mail: igs2009secretariat@dgr.go.th

### February 21–24, 2009 Cairo Egypt

3rd Grmena International Conference and Exhibition involves five conferences and is organized by the Geo-Resources of the Middle East and North Africa. One of these “Environment and Geosciences” focuses on the topics: environmental issues and sustainable development; standards, innovations, new technologies, methodologies; sustainable land reclamation; remote sensing and GIS for environmental monitoring; the impacts of urbanization on environment; environmental impact assessment; geohazards and geoenvironmental engineering; environmental geochemistry; heavy metals in the environment; and environmental science and technology. Contact: Ali Sadek, Geology Department, Cairo University, Egypt.

E-mail: asadek73@yahoo.com

URL: <http://www.grmena.com.eg>

### February 23–26, 2009, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

International Conference on Implementing Environmental Water Allocations is organized by the Water Research Commission and the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, South Africa under the auspices of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS). Contact: Cilla Taylor Conferences (CTC).

E-mail: confplan@iafrica.com

URL: <http://ewa.innercirclestudios.co.za>

### March 16–22, 2009, Istanbul, Turkey <sup>NEW</sup>

5th World Water Forum “Bridging Divides for Water” co-organized by the Turkish government and the World Water Council. Topics and sessions will ultimately lead to the achievement of a clear set of experiences, recommendations and commitments for action on bridging water divides among actors, sectors and among the present and future generations. Main themes include: Global changes and risk management; Advancing human development and the MDGs; Managing and protecting water resources and their supply systems to meet human and environmental needs; Governance and management; Finance; Education, knowledge and capacity building. Contact: 5th World Water Forum Secretariat, DSİ (Devlet Su İşleri) 14. Bölge Müdürlüğü, Libadiye Cad. No: 54, Küçükçamlica, Üsküdar, TR-34696 Istanbul, Turkey.

E-mail: information@worldwaterforum5.org

URL: <http://www.worldwaterforum5.org>

**March 17–20, 2009, Adelaide, Australia**

Workshop on Water Recycling via Aquifers. Contact: Peter Dillon, CSIRO Land and Water, Private Bag No. 2, Glen Osmond SA 5064, Australia.

E-mail: peter.dillon@csiro.au

**March 30–April 2, 2009, Goslar-Hahnenklee, Germany**

International Workshop on Status and Perspectives of Hydrology in Small Basins is organized by the Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany and the National Committee of Germany for IHP/UNESCO and HWRP/WMO. The workshop aims at highlighting the overall hydrological research results and benefits to hydrology derived from work in small basins. Based on these deliverables, activities shall focus on questions concerning the need for further operation of small research basins and their role in meeting future challenges in hydrological research. Contact: Mr. Ulrich Schröder.

E-mail: schroeder@bafg.de

URL: <http://www.ws.small-hydro-basins.org/>

**April 20–23, 2009, Vienna, Austria**

HydroEco'2009: 2nd International Multidisciplinary Conference on Hydrology and Ecology: Ecosystems Interfacing with Groundwater and Surface Water is organized by the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), International Commission on Groundwater (ICGW) of IAHS, and Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. The unifying theme is the interaction between groundwater and/or surface water and ecological systems. A typical example is the hyporheic zone in riparian areas, where the ecological system interacts with water and chemical flows between surface and groundwater. The disciplines include, but are not limited to, hydrology, ecology, environmental engineering, biology, chemistry, geochemistry, environmental biogeochemistry, and subsurface microbiology. Deadline for abstracts: 5 September 2008. Contact: Conference Secretariat, Austropa Interconvention, Verkehrsbuero-Ruefa Reisen GmbH, Dresdner Strasse 81–85, A-1200 Vienna, Austria.

Fax: +43-1-58800520

E-mail: hydroeco2009@interconvention.at

URL: <http://www.natur.cuni.cz/hydroeco2009/>

**June 1–4, 2009, Fredericton, NB, Canada**

24th International Applied Geochemistry Symposium: details forthcoming.

Planned URL: <http://www.unb.ca/conferences/IAGS2009>

**June 22–26, 2009, Davos, Switzerland**

Goldschmidt 2009: “Challenges to Our Volatile Planet”. Deadline for abstracts: 22 February 2009. The publications and the scientific program will be managed by Cambridge Publications.

E-mail: helpdesk@goldschmidt2009.org

URL: <http://www.goldschmidt2009.org>

**June 30–July 3, 2009, Dublin, Ireland, UK**

4th International Symposium on Contaminated Sediments: Sustainable Management and Remediation, sponsored by ASTM Committee D18 on Soil and Rock, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, Canadian Civil Engineering Society (CSCE) and Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS). Main themes: Ecotoxicology and sediment quality assessment tools; Site characterization; Engineered remediation technologies; Natural recovery and attenuation processes; Risk assessment and decision making methods; Monitoring and performance evaluation; Habitat restoration and biodiversity; and Stakeholder needs and expectations. Contact: Chairperson, Mark Dyer, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

E-mail: astm4ISCS@googlemail.com

**August 23–30, 2009, Sopron, Hungary**

The International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA) 11th Scientific Assembly hosted by Geodetic and Geophysical Research Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Contact: Local Organizing Committee of the IAGA 11th Scientific Assembly.

E-mail: iaga2009@oaga2009sopron.hu

URL: <http://www.iaga2009sopron.hu>

**September 7–11, 2009, Drakensberg Region, South Africa**

Geoanalysis 2009 organized by the South African Spectroscopy Society focuses on core themes and on environmental issues addressed by the mining industry. Contact: Maggi Loubser, X-ray Analytical Facility, University of Pretoria.

E-mail: maggi.loubser@up.ac.za

URL: <http://geoanalysis2009.org.za/>

**September 6–11, 2009, Bremen, Germany**

24th International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry the official biennial conference of the European Association of Organic Geochemists

URL: <http://www.marum.de/IMOG2009.html>

**September 6–12, 2009, Hyderabad, India**

Joint IAH/IAHS International convention on Sustainable Development and Management of Groundwater Resources of Hard Rock Terrains combines the 37th IAH Congress and 8th IAHS Scientific Assembly. The IAHS Scientific Assembly will be focusing on “Water: vital resources under stress—how science can help”. The IAH Congress will be deliberating on its focal theme: Sustainable development and management of groundwater resources in hard-rock terrains. Contact: Pierre Hubert (IAHS) and Willi Struckmeier (IAH).

E-mail: iaHS@ensmp.fr

URL: <http://www.appliedhydrology.org/iahs/index.html>

**September 14–17, 2009, London, UK**

SAGE2009—Southeast Asian Gateway Evolution Conference is an international multidisciplinary meeting organised jointly by the SE Asia Research Group at Royal Holloway University of London, and the Natural History Museum, London. It will focus on the geological and biological history of the region around East Indonesia. Contributions are invited on all aspects of the geology, stratigraphy, tectonics, oceanography, climate, biology speciation and biodiversity. Abstract deadline: 28 February 2009. Contact: SAGE2009, SE Asia Research Group, Royal Holloway University of London, Egham, Surrey, TW200EX, UK. For geology, tectonics and oceanography enquiries, contact: e-mail: sage2009@gl.rhul.ac.uk. Contact for biodiversity, speciation and climate enquiries: e-mail: sage2009@nhm.ac.uk

URL: <http://sage2009.rhul.ac.uk>

**October 5–9, 2009, Ankara, Turkey**

The 2nd International Symposium on Geology of the Black Sea Region aims to discuss on an international platform geological research within the region including geodynamic evaluation and optimal use natural resources. Contact: Symposium Organizers, The General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration, Turkey.

E-mail: uiab@mta.gov.tr

**June 14–18, 2010, Knoxville, TN, USA**

Goldschmidt 2010

**August 5–15, 2012, Brisbane, Australia**

The 34th International Geological Congress “AUSTRALIA 2012” will be organized by Australian Geoscience Council. The scientific program is being developed in consultation with IUGS associations. Pre- and post-Congress field trips will be offered, which will include trips in each of the Australian states and to the Northern Territory, the islands of New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and the Solomons. A flight over Antarctica is also planned. Also planned are: a major GeoExpo, a program to support attendance by deserving young scientists, and community outreach programs. A brochure is available at the Congress website. The first announcement for AUSTRALIA 2012 will be circulated in 2009–2010. Contact: Dr. Ian Lambert, Geoscience Australia.

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URL: <http://www.ga.gov.au/igc2012>

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