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Subject :CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: UNESCO and IUGS are looking for new members to join the Council of the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP)

Dear Sir / Madam,

The International Geoscience Programme (IGCP) is a 45-year long joint-venture between UNESCO and the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). The IGCP has long been recognized globally amongst geoscientists as one of the most successful models for promoting international scientific cooperation in geosciences for individuals sharing a global vision for research. The programme continues to provide opportunities for strong collaboration, capacity building for developing countries and recognition by international peers.

The purpose of this call is to invite nominations for six new candidates to become member of the IGCP Council. Please find herewith the details on the organization and on the Terms of Reference of the IGCP Council members, including the new IGCP Council Application Form. All nominated candidates must complete this form digitally, include a digital copy of their CV (specify publication record, international collaboration and other related activities), a list of their 10 most important publications during the last 10 years and a motivation letter. All documents should be provided in English. This information should be sent directly to the IGCP Secretariat in UNESCO.

A number of these experts, appointed mutually by the Director-General of UNESCO and the President of the IUGS, will be invited by UNESCO and IUGS to join the new IGCP Council as specialists to take up their reviewer tasks according to the IGCP Council's Terms of Reference. The IGCP Council members' tasks will be to assess the annual progress of existing IGCP projects as provided in their annual reports and also review several new project proposals for future funding (usually approximately 6-10 per year). For the current call, five members of the IGCP Council will each cover one of the following themes of Earth Resources, Global Change, Geohazards, Hydrogeology and Geodynamic. A sixth member will act as Chairperson of the Council. Within the IGCP Council, each theme is backed-up by a group of 8 to 10 experts, who assists their respective theme leader.

Ahead of the annual IGCP Council meeting in Paris (France), these Council members will be required to compile the project evaluations and responses of the Scientific Board members in their own group. During the annual IGCP Council meeting, the IGCP Council members will discuss these compiled responses and comments. 50% of the IGCP

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Council members will be replaced every two years, ensuring a dynamic IGCP Council and allowing many scientists to participate in the annual IGCP Council meeting in Paris (France).

If you are aware of excellent scientists, who have an exemplary track record in a particular field of research and a passion for international collaboration, please suggest to them that they apply to join the IGCP Council. There is no limit to the number of nominations an organization can submit. We especially encourage nominations from female researchers or researchers based in African, Asian or Latin-American countries.

On behalf of UNESCO and IUGS we thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping IGCP alive and functioning at the highest of scientific levels.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Patrick Mc Keever
IGCP Secretary



Roland Oberhänsli
IUGS President

Enc.: - Terms of reference for the IGCP Council members
- IGCP Council member application form