



Celimontana Declaration

The leaders of the Electronic Geophysical Year, the International Heliophysical Year, the International Polar Year, and the International Year of Planet Earth, meeting with representatives of international science bodies at the Home of Geography, Villa Celimontana, Rome, on 7 September 2005,

note that we

- share a fundamental motivation to understand, in a descriptive and predictive sense, many facets of our planet,
- share a common recognition that understanding our planet requires not only an understanding of linked systems and processes that interact on many time and space scales, but also an understanding of this planet as home to inhabitants of wondrous variety and complexity,
- share the goal of extending to all citizens a sense of substantial human influence and dependence on many systems of planet earth and a view of shared knowledge of the planet as a fundamental right and responsibility,
- recognise the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (2007-2008) as a unique opportunity to raise public awareness and increase scientific capability,
- recognise a mutual interest and benefit in sustaining cooperation among our programs, and

declare that we will

- maintain vigorous and open communication to realise such benefit,
- define and implement joint activities in areas of common scientific interest, as well as in education, outreach, capacity building, and development of data and information systems, and
- communicate our collective efforts, results and products to the scientific community, governments, and the public.

Signed: