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NASA Funds Development of Virtual Observatories—Correction

NASA Recently announced the winners of a competition for developing Virtual Observatories for Solar and Space Physics Data. The list of selected investigations given in the June 2006 eGY newsletter omitted the award to Joseph King, QSS Group Inc. (Lanham, MD) for a project entitled: Data Services Upgrade: Geotail Solar Wind Magnetic Field and Plasma Merged Data Sets. We apologize for the omission.

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Workshop on Public Warning

This item is a repeat of the one featured in the last newsletter, but we now have a website address.

A “Workshop and Demonstration of Advances in ICT Standards for Public Warning” will be held October 19-20, 2006, in Geneva, Switzerland. It will be at the headquarters of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and jointly sponsored by the ITU and the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS).

The two-day event will feature an emergency management interoperability demonstration of the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) OASIS standard, as well as presentations by various players active in public warning and discussion

of relevant technology issues that may also have public policy implications.

More information about this workshop is available [here](#).

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Google Earth for IPY

The IPY Programme Office has established a new discussion group called Google Earth for IPY. It is described as “a group for scientists, developers and GIS professionals who are working on using geobrowsers like Google Earth to visualize data in the context of the International Polar Year,” and “a place for comparing notes, sharing ideas, and coordinating each others’ efforts.”

This is not a restricted group but it is specifically for use by people interested in using geobrowsers or virtual globes for visualizing IPY data. If interested, you may subscribe to the list [here](#).

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Virtual Observatory Demonstration

Aaron Roberts has produced a video showing basic operations of the Virtual Space Physics Observatory ([VSPO](#)).

There is a link to the movie on the resources page of the eGY web site (<http://www.egy.org/resources.html>).

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Sessions of Interest at the Fall AGU Meeting

There will be more than 20 sessions of interest to eGY participants at the 2006 Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco (December 11-15). Of particular interest are the following:

IN14: Exemplifying eGY Principles: eGY Showcase Projects

IN05 Data Sources & Management for the 2007-2009 International Polar Year

U 05: Large Distributed Arrays

U14: International Polar Year 2007-2008: Global Science at High Latitudes

U13: IGY +50: History, Significance, and Context

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eGY European Meetings

There will be a general meeting of persons interested in eGY on Saturday, September 16, hosted by the International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP). Please forgive us for not giving you more warning. The possibility of holding the meeting arose only in the past few days, following successful arrangements to hold a discussion meeting with the European Commission in Bruxelles on September 14, and for eGY to participate in CODATA's "Science Commons" meeting on September 15, also in Bruxelles.

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eGY Receives NSF Funding

Dan Baker has been awarded an US National Science Foundation grant to support eGY activities in the next three years.

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eGY in Europe

The European Commission, via its multi-annual framework programmes for research and technological development, funds European research projects in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for the environment, risk, and disaster management. The cur-

rent focus is on data integration and information architectures, sensor networks for environmental monitoring, and interoperability of data, models, and systems.

On September 14, representatives from eGY will meet with representatives of the European Commission in Brussels to discuss mutual interests. Alan Rodger, Mauro Messerotti, and Charlie Barton will be representing eGY at this meeting.

The EC meeting will be followed by an eGY-Europe meeting in Trieste on Saturday, September 16. Details of this meeting have been circulated on the eGY mailing lists. If you did not get the details, contact [Bill Peterson](#).

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European Geoinformatics

A conference is being organized in Europe in March 2007 to bring together geoinformatics and semantic web researchers, European geoscience data providers. Stuart Ballard, National Institute for Environmental eScience, University of Cambridge, is on the planning committee and will provide more information about the conference as it is available.

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Trieste Meeting Canceled

Because of a transport strike in Italy, the meeting in Trieste scheduled for September 16 has been canceled.

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Peter Fox Assumes Leadership Role in AGU Informatics Section

Peter Fox, Chair of the eGY Virtual Observatory Working Group, has been selected to be vice-chair of the AGU Earth and Space Science Informatics Group for 2006-2007. He will become chair for 2007-2008. In this position, Peter will be part of the committee responsible for organizing and promoting informatics within the AGU, including sessions at the semi-annual meetings.

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