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eGY General Meeting, March 13-14, 2007

We have scheduled the next eGY General Meeting for March 13-14, 2007, in Boulder, Colorado, at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). The meeting will include reports from our working groups and international groups, and focus on planning eGY events and activities for 2007 and 2008. Mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend.

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Society for Exploration Geophysics (SEG) and eGY

Ralph Baird of Baird Petrophysical International, Houston, Texas, has been re-appointed Chair of the SEG eGY 2007-2008 Ad Hoc Committee for the 2006-2007 term. Ralph continues to bring issues related to the eGY Declaration (<http://www.egy.org/declaration.html>) to the attention of the SEG community. In the next year, Ralph will serve as guest editor of the SEG publication "The Leading Edge" which has a circulation of over 30,000. He is in the process of assembling an issue for October 2007 which will feature eGY and the IGY.

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eGY Planning for 2007 AGU and EGU Meetings

eGY participants are in the process of organizing sessions and events for the 2007 spring meetings of the European Geophysical Union and the American Geophysical Union.

At the EGU, eGY will be sponsoring/participating in sessions on Interoperability and Data Access Requirements for Natural Hazard Risk Assessment and Emergency Management, and Informatics: Distributed Information

Systems—Technology. eGY will also participate in organizing a town hall to see if there is sufficient interest to establish an informatics section of the EGU.

eGY has proposed a session on Demonstrations of Virtual Observatory Technology in the Geosciences at the Spring Joint assembly lead by the AGU.

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Sun-Earth Connections Virtual Conference Series

eGY is one of several sponsors of the Sun-Earth Connections Virtual Conference Series. The goal of this series is to catalyze interdisciplinary investigations among large groups of researchers worldwide focused on "grand challenge" science issues in celebration of the 50th anniversary in 2007 of the International Geophysical Year during which worldwide resources will again be focused on accelerating the pace of discovery in Sun-Earth system science. The first on-line workshop will be held from 13-17 November. The topic will be The State of the Sun-Earth System During Super Substorms (Data Exchange). More information and a registration form are available at: <http://workshops.jhuapl.edu/s1/info.html>.

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eGY engages with the European Commission

A meeting was held in Brussels on 14 September to discuss areas for cooperation with the EC Information Society & Media Directorate - ICT for the Environment. Their main interest is in ICT solutions for environmental and emergency management. The eGY team comprised Mauro Messerotti (chair, eGY-Europe), Alan Rodger

(eGY and IPY), Eliot Christian (GEOSS and eGY), and Charlie Barton (chair, eGY International Committee). The EC was represented by Marta Nagy-Rothengass, Karen Fabbri, and Guy Weets. Also attending was Edward Derbyshire (International Year of Planet Earth, Science Program) and Lesley Wyborn (SEEGrid, Australia). The meeting was cordial and productive. Eighteen joint action items were identified and a strong basis for developing eGY activities in Europe was established. A report will appear on the eGY website soon.

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eGY meets ICTP, Trieste

The inaugural eGY-Europe meeting in Trieste had to be cancelled because of a transport strike. Nevertheless, Mauro Messerotti and Charlie Barton did meet with Prof. Sreenivasan, Director of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics. ICTP is well-known for its success in enabling scientists from around the world, but particularly from developing countries, to meet and engage in meaningful research. Areas where ICTP and eGY can cooperate in developing eGY activities in Europe were identified and issues relating to a program in Africa (e-Africa?) were discussed. Contact for further information:

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eGY Showcase at AGU

In December, eGY will be showcasing its programs and partners at a booth at the AGU meeting in San Francisco. The booth will be equipped with a large flat screen display, as well as tables and chairs. Demonstrations of eGY showcase projects will be scheduled throughout the week. Anyone wishing to publicize or showcase their eGY-related efforts at the booth should contact Emily CoBabe-Ammann at ecobabe@lasp.colorado.edu.

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