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### **eGY Declaration**

The eGY Declaration has recently been endorsed by the Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Data Analysis Services (**FAGS**) and the Geosciences Network (**GEON**) as well as several individuals. A complete list of all organizations and individuals who have endorsed the eGY Declaration is [here](#). A copy of the eGY Declaration is [here](#).

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### **AGI Earth Science Week 2007**

The tenth annual Earth Science Week will be held on October 14-20, 2007, with a new theme—"The Pulse of Earth Science." With this theme, Earth Science Week activities will promote public and professional awareness of the status of earth science in education and society. The theme will also focus on geoscience research. This year marks the start of International Polar Year (IPY) and the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE), of which AGI is a Founding Partner. Through these major initiatives Earth Science Week will help spread understanding of the impact the earth sciences have on society.

To learn more about this American Geological Institute (AGI) sponsored week see the website [here](#).

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### **eGY at the 2008 COSPAR Meeting**

eGY will be organizing a special half day session entitled "eGY—Towards a Global Earth and Space Science Informatics Commons" at the 37<sup>th</sup> COSPAR Scientific Assembly in Montreal, Canada, 13-20 July 2008. Bill Peterson and Yohsuke Kamide are the organizers.

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### **eGY General Meeting Report**

The eGY 2007 [General Meeting Report](#) is now online. The report outlines the agenda of both days of the meeting and links to all the material that was presented. Thanks again to all who attended and offered their input.

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### **eGY Participation in European Workshop**

The European Commission Information Society and Media Directorate General (EC INFSO DG), in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA), organized a workshop on "Service-Oriented Architectures in Support of a Shared Environmental Information Space" in Frascati at ESA/ESRIN on April 3. The findings of this workshop will be consolidated, together with two other upcoming workshops on 1) Public Safety Communications, and 2) In-Situ Sensor Networks, planned for May 2007; in a report describing the major achievements in the field of ICT for Environmental Risk Management and recommending priorities for future RTD work. Mauro Messerotti, Co-Chair of the European eGY Committee, was invited to

participate in the April 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop, and in the following ones, in the framework of the established EC INFSO DG and eGY collaboration. The presentations of the Frascati workshop are available [here](#).

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### **IGY Films Now Available**

Emily CoBabe-Ammann, eGY's Education and Public Outreach Working Group Chair, has obtained permission from the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to convert films produced after IGY, using footage taken during the IGY field research in 1958-1959, into a format compatible with web distribution. These thirteen films were produced to compliment posters and a booklet published in 1958 by the NAS (available from the [NAS archives](#)). Each film focuses on one of the thirteen research themes of IGY.

LASP, at the University of Colorado, has agreed to host these films on their [website](#).

There is also a pointer to these films from the main eGY [website](#).

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### **eGY Demonstration Projects**

Demonstration projects showcase examples of state-of-the-art systems that exemplify the eGY vision. They demonstrate ready and open access to the vast and growing collections of cross-disciplinary digital information that is the key to understanding and responding to complex Earth system phenomena in the form of short narrated power point presentations. See [this page](#) for examples.

The first demonstration projects were shown at the eGY booth at the AGU Meeting in San Francisco in December. We will be showing them again in public forums at the Joint Assembly in Alcapulco ([website](#)), and in conjunction with the eGY kick off in Perugia, Italy, in July. If you want to produce a demonstration project based on your work and present it in public forums or on the eGY web site, contact Peter Fox ([pfox@ucar.edu](mailto:pfox@ucar.edu)) or Bill Peterson ([bill.peterson@lasp.colorado.edu](mailto:bill.peterson@lasp.colorado.edu)).

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### **Preliminary Schedule for eGY Kick Off, July 7, Perugia, Italy**

Starting at noon on Saturday July 7, in the University Cloisters we will set up eGY Demonstration Projects and eGY Related posters. We are in the process of contacting people who have agreed to participate with details. If you would like to participate, please contact [bill.peterson@lasp.colorado.edu](mailto:bill.peterson@lasp.colorado.edu).

Simultaneously, in the theater adjacent to cloisters we will be showing some of the IGY Movies that are now streaming from the eGY web site.

The official eGY opening ceremony will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the University Rectory. Plan to attend.

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### **Chair of the Indian eGY Committee Receives AGU Award**

Professor U. Aswathanarayana, Honorary Director, Mahadevan International Centre for Water Resources Management, and Chair of the Indian eGY Committee, will receive AGU's International Research Cooperation Award for 2007. The award will be presented at the Joint Assembly in Acapulco, Mexico. Professor Aswathanarayana will present his award lecture on Tuesday May 22.

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