

Resolution passed by the International Union of Geodesy & Geophysics at the General Assembly, Perugia, Italy, 2-13 July 2007.

IAGA 1. Electronic Geophysical Year, 2007-2008 (eGY) and Data Rescue

The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics,

noting

- the ability of modern information and communications technologies to revolutionize the science and management of data and information,
- the growing recognition of the need for, and the benefits of a science information commons,
- the urgent need to rescue and store data at risk of being lost, and
- that 2007-2008 is the 50-year anniversary of the International Geophysical Year, which pioneered the concept of international cooperation and sharing of data and information about the Earth for the common good,

urges the funding agencies to support the effort to rescue valuable historical data, and

encourages scientists and their scientific bodies worldwide to use the occasion of the Electronic Geophysical Year, 2007-2008 to undertake activities to improve data access, data preservation, data discovery, data release, education and outreach, to reduce the digital divide, and to sign the *eGY Declaration for an Earth and Space Science Information Commons*.
