

Strategic Alliance between the Electronic Geophysical Year and the International Year of Planet Earth

1. The Agreement

1.1 The purpose of the Strategic Alliance between the Electronic Geophysical Year (eGY) and the International Year of Planet Earth is to facilitate collaborative scientific research and development and other programs of the highest international standing in the interests of both parties.

1.2 The Alliance relies on eGY and the International Year working together with guiding principles:

- Openness, co-operation, understanding and trust.
- Equitable apportionment of risk and reward.
- High degree of innovation.

1.3 The Alliance will have a duration of 5 years from date of signing.

2. Management

2.1 The points of contact for the Alliance will be the Secretary for eGY and Chairperson for the International Year. They will meet twice per annum to review progress of the Alliance, and to set future actions and timescales.

2.2 Specific arrangements that involve resources will be covered by a separate Letter of Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will provide the necessary detail

2.3 A representative of eGY and the International Year will have the right to attend and participate fully in appropriate steering committee meetings, agreed between the two parties identified in 2.1

3. Financial issues

3.1 The agreement will operate on a no-exchange-of-funds basis. If however joint projects develop, then each project will be covered by a separate Memorandum of Understanding.

4. Agreement Terms

This Alliance is a declaration of intent and best endeavours by both parties, and is not legally binding. Both parties agree to operate the Alliance in a spirit of goodwill and mutual co-operation. Either party can withdraw from the Alliance, with the expectation that reasonable notice will be given and that work in progress will be completed.

Signed for the International Year of Planet Earth

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