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New Working Group on Data Rescue and Preservation

Jeffrey J. Love (USGS, Golden Colorado) has agreed to chair the eGY Working Group on Data Rescue and Preservation. If you are interested in this working group please contact Jeffrey at jlove@usgs.gov.

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Establishment of the Indian eGY Committee

Professor U. Aswathanarayana, Honorary Director, Mahadevan International Centre for Water Resources Management, Hyderabad, India, and recent recipient of the AGU Excellence in Geophysical Education Award, has agreed to establish an Indian eGY Committee. Professor Aswatharayan learned of eGY at the Joint Assembly held in New Orleans this year. He is extremely interested in using state-of-the-art digital information technology in his teaching and is also associated with the eGY EPO Working Group.

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eGY at the IAGA Meeting

eGY featured prominently in the recent IAGA Assembly in Toulouse, France. Charles Barton, International eGY Chair, featured eGY in his opening remarks and Dan Baker (eGY Executive Committee Chair) gave an Association Lecture on IGY+50 and the eGY which is now available on the eGY web site. The eGY open forum was well attended by people interested in learning about eGY and more importantly asking what they can do to help.

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Sessions of Interest to eGY at the Fall AGU Meeting

Members of the eGY Working Group on Virtual Observatories, in association with the new AGU Special Focus Group on Earth and Space Science Informatics are organizing two special sessions at the Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union, December 5-9 in San Francisco.

The sessions are: IN03: Emerging Better, or Best, Practices for Distributed Data Systems and Virtual Observatories and IN10: Ontologies for Earth and Space Sciences

The deadline for online submission of abstracts is September 8 at 2359 UT. The web page for submissions is: <http://submissions4.agu.org/submission/entrance.asp>

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Report on EPO Activities

Emily CoBabe-Ammann attended an education and public outreach workshop sponsored by the US IPY organization in Boulder on July 21. The eGY EPO plans were well received. Areas of cooperation and coordination were identified and will be followed up in the coming months.

The eGY EPO Working Group has decided to partner with the SAKAI group (www.sakaiproject.org) to take full advantage of the open source software tools they have developed.

Preliminary contacts have been made with some funding agencies and plans are being developed for approaching

foundations for the significant financial support required to implement the EPO plan.

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eGY Finances

eGY has submitted a three year proposal to NSF for significant funding, including funds to support working group activities and the Secretariat. eGY has previously obtained modest start up funding from IUGG, IAGA, NASA, and in-kind funding from the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP) at the University of Colorado.

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eGY and IPY

eGY has participated in the IPY "Data Cluster" proposal submitted on June 30 Mark Parsons. Funding to support eGY's participation in this activity was requested in the proposal to NSF mentioned above.

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I*Y Summit in Rome

As noted in the last newsletter there will be an I*Y summit meeting between representatives of eGY, IPY, IHY, and the International Year (IYPE) in Rome on September 6-7. Charles Barton and Emily CoBabe-Ammann will represent eGY at this meeting.

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egy.org Gets a Facelift

In response to suggestions for improvement of the eGY website, [egy.org](http://www.egy.org) is undergoing some changes. The new site will hopefully be easier to navigate and more user-friendly. Suggestions and feedback are welcome as the bugs are worked out. Please visit <http://www.egy.org/New> to preview the new site. Comments may be addressed to Marissa Rusinek. We hope to go live with the new site before the end of August.

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