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Calendar of Upcoming IPY Events

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting
San Francisco, USA
11 - 15 December, 2006
www.agu.org/meetings/fm06

IPY Informational Luncheon for Non-governmental Organizations
Washington, DC, USA
17 January, 2007
For more information, contact Leah Probst (lprobst@nas.edu; 202-334-2394)

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1. **NSF "Dear Colleague" Letter for International Polar Year 07-08.** Now available online at: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07008/nsf07008.jsp>.
 2. **IPY Postage Stamps.** The International Polar Year 2007-2008 will be highlighted on commemorative U.S. stamps featuring the aurora borealis (the northern lights) and its southern counterpart, the aurora australis. These stamps will be issued in two denominations, one at the first-class rate and the second at the rate for international mail. A press release is available on the U.S. Postal Service Web site: <http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2007stamps/welcome.htm>.
 3. **International Remotely Operated Vehicle Competition to Focus on Earth's Polar Regions.** The Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center and the Marine Technology Society's (MTS) Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Committee are issuing an icy challenge to students interested in underwater technology. Next June, the annual international ROV competition, sponsored and organized by the MATE Center and the MTS ROV Committee and supported by the National Science

There are many websites with information about IPY, but four of the most useful are:

www.us-ipy.gov
www.us-ipy.org
www.ipy.org
www.ipyeaso.aari.ru

Foundation (NSF), will focus on the Earth's Polar Regions. The competition will be held in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador. For additional information, contact: Caroline Brown, 401-349-4419.

- 4. Solicitation Announcement: NASA Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences 2006.** A NASA Research Announcement (NRA), entitled Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Sciences (ROSES) 2006, solicits basic and applied research in support of the NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD; <http://science.hq.nasa.gov>). This NRA covers all aspects of basic and applied supporting research and technology in space and Earth sciences. One of the program elements within this NRA is for International Polar Year projects in education and public outreach (Solicitation A.24). The due date for proposals is Monday, 8 January 2007.

For further information, please go to:

<http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/solicitations.do?method=init&stack=push>
(Click on "Open Solicitations" and then next to ROSES 2006 click on "NNH06ZDA001N".)

Or contact: Dr. Ming-Ying Wei (Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters), Phone: 202-358-0771; E-mail: Ming-Ying.Wei-1@nasa.gov.

- 5. Call for Papers: Polar History.** The program committee of "Making Science Global: Reconsidering the Social and Intellectual Implications of the International Polar and Geophysical Years" invites papers for a possible two-day conference at the Smithsonian Institution on October 31-November 1, 2007, examining the impetus for (and the impact upon) science, society, and culture of the International Polar Years (IPYs) of 1882-83 and 1932-33, and the International Geophysical Year of 1957-58, as well as how this perspective might be useful for planners of the current IPY in 2007-2008. DEADLINE: 31 December 2006. For more information, please contact James Fleming (jfleming@colby.edu).
- 6. Video Explains What Science Learns From Avian Stars of "Happy Feet" and "March of the Penguins".** The popularity of two recent films creates "buzz" for IPY. NSF media advisory and video available at: http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=108180.