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Calendar of Upcoming IPY Events

Raoul-Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, International Conference

"The United States, Climate Change, and the Arctic: Renewal of American Interest in a Changing North?"

19-20 April, 2007

Montréal, Québec, Canada

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Smithsonian Polar Science Symposium

"Smithsonian at the Poles: Contributions to International Polar Year Science"

3-4 May, 2007

Washington, DC, USA

For more information: www.si.edu/ipy

Greenland Space Science Symposium

4-9 May, 2007

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

For more information: www.GSSS-2007.org

1. Two IPY Solicitations from the National Science Foundation:

"Antarctic Research": Aeronomy and Astrophysics, Organisms and Ecosystems, Earth Sciences, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Glaciology, Integrated and System Science Proposals are due 7 June, 2007. For more information:

www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5519.

“Antarctic Artists and Writers Program”

Proposals are due 8 June, 2007. For more information:

www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12783.

- 2. IPY Youth Steering Committee (YSC) Launches Website:** The YSC’s new website is up and running at www.ipyyouth.org. This site is equipped with the ability for youth to discuss polar issues, to post podcasts, to design their own local projects, to recruit members, and to highlight their efforts through their own project pages. The site also highlights upcoming events and contains a Google Maps image showing where members of the site are from.
- 3. IPY Educational Resources Available from USGS:** The U.S. Geological Survey has just launched a website for web-accessed educational resources for teachers to use during IPY: international.usgs.gov/ipye/ed_resources.shtml. To help improve the website, USGS would appreciate receiving feedback from users; please contact Suzanne Weedman at sweedman@usgs.gov.
- 4. IPY Postage Stamps Available from U.S. Postal Service:** International Polar Year 2007-2008 is highlighted on a souvenir sheet of U.S. postal stamps. This sheet features two international rate stamps: one is a marvelous photograph of the aurora borealis, and the second is an equally eye-catching photograph of the aurora australis. The souvenir sheet will only be available online (www.usps.gov) or by calling +1 800-STAMP-24 within the United States. Cost is \$1.68 per sheet plus \$1.00 shipping to U.S. addresses.
- 5. Scope of Science Document Outlines IPY Research:** The IPY Joint Committee has released *The Scope of Science for the International Polar Year 2007–2008*, available online at www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/detail/the_scope_of_science_for_the_international_polar_year.
- 6. IPY Publications Database Available Online:** This database contains bibliographic records for publications about or resulting from IPY 2007-2008 and the three previous IPYs. It currently contains 60 records and is expected to grow to approximately 20,000 records in the next ten years. Available online at: www.nisc.com/ipy. For further information, please contact: Ross Goodwin (rgoodwin@ucalgary.ca).
- 7. IPY Bibliography Available from NOAA:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announces the publication of “International Polar Year 2007-2008: Resources on Polar Research in the NOAA Central Library Network: A Selected Bibliography.” The bibliography is available for download in PDF format (docs.lib.noaa.gov/rescue/Bibliographies/IPY2007.pdf) and Microsoft Word format (docs.lib.noaa.gov/rescue/Bibliographies/IPY2007.doc).
- 8. Collect Snow and Participate in IPY:** The IPY Global Snowflake Network is featured in a story by Ivanhoe Broadcast News (video and transcript available online at www.ivanhoe.com/science/story/2007/02/243a.html), explaining how you can collect snow as a part of an IPY research project. More information about this project is available online at www.ip-ipy.org/day_2/cms/99/34/hent_artikkel/46.
- 9. “Posters on the Hill” Competition for Students:** Each spring, the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) hosts a “Posters on the Hill” event for students to present their research at a reception in the Rayburn Office Building of the U.S. House of Representatives. For Spring 2008, CUR would like to incorporate a theme of polar research and will be especially looking for student research in this area. In Fall 2007, CUR will begin soliciting

applications for this competition with a due date of November 15, 2007. Applicants are notified in February of their acceptance. For more information, visit: <http://www.cur.org>.

10. Stay Up-to-Date by Subscribing to IPY Listservs in Your Area of Interest:

The Education OC Development Discussion Group is for general discussions and announcements about IPY Education and Outreach: groups.google.co.uk/group/IPY-EOC-development/?hl=en.

“IPY Teachers” is a new group specifically about developing teachers’ resources, support, and activities: groups.google.co.uk/group/IPY_teachers/?hl=en.

Geobrowsers in IPY can be kept up-to-date on IPY in Google Earth: groups.google.co.uk/group/ipygoogleearth/?hl=en.

The Media Working Group is specifically for press officers: groups.google.co.uk/group/ipy-media-working-group/?hl=en.

11. New Organization Forms for Early Career Scientists: A new organization, the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS), has been created to serve as a network for early career scientists and engineers with an interest in Polar Regions and the cryosphere in general. The mission of APECS is to raise the profile of polar science by providing a continuum of leadership between early career and senior scientists that is both international and interdisciplinary. Visit <http://bioweb.biology.kent.edu/Polar/home.php> for membership information, news, connections with other polar researchers, jobs, and events be of interest. APECS is an endorsed International Polar Year project and has been acknowledged by IASC and SCAR as the leading organization for early career scientists activities in the polar realm.