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**Calendar of Upcoming IPY Events**

IPY Education and Outreach continuing discussions, August 17, 2005  
PRB Board Meeting November 21-22, 2005

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1. The IPY-USNC hosted an informal meeting to encourage agencies to share information their ongoing IPY education and outreach activities.  
<http://www.us-ipy.org/downloads/Pfirman.pdf>
2. •110 full proposals were received for the June 30 submission deadline. You can the access database (June 30 Submissions\_220705) on the following FTP site – <ftp://ftp.nerc-bas.ac.uk/pub/ipy1>. Please note that proposal #43 (Shari Gearheard - APOC) has been withdrawn.
  - Information regarding the new IPY Schedule and Review process
  - IPY Data Policy document

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3. The National Science Foundation has asked the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, through its Polar Research Board, to convene a study committee to address the environmental and scientific protection standards needed to responsibly explore and study subglacial lake environments under continental-scale ice sheets. The title of the study is Principles of Environmental and Scientific Stewardship for the Exploration and Study of Subglacial Lake Environments. At this time, we are seeking nominations for candidates for service on this committee. In particular, we are looking for expertise in areas such as geology, glaciology, biogeochemistry, microbial ecology, astrobiology, research engineering and planning, research logistics, molecular genomics, planetary environmental protection strategies, drilling technology, and Antarctic environmental protection policy. The committee will include international members.

For each candidate, please submit the person's name, affiliation, phone number and other contact information (if possible), and a brief statement of why the person is appropriate for the study (area of expertise and any special knowledge, experience, etc.). All nominations are due by **September 1, 2005** via email to [glantier@nas.edu](mailto:glantier@nas.edu).

The statement of task for this study can be viewed here:

<http://dels.nas.edu/prb/sglakes/sot.shtml>

4. The Ocean-Atmosphere-Sea Ice-Snowpack (OASIS) Program will address the knowledge gaps and coordinate studies of Arctic atmosphere-surface interactions and associated feedbacks to the climate system. The OASIS team plans to conduct a unique Arctic Ocean icebreaker study as part of the upcoming International Polar Year (2007-2008). The OASIS-IPY program will produce essential data and knowledge, leave legacy for continued polar research, and will inspire, educate and involve the general public, school-age children and decision makers worldwide. To find out more go to: <http://www.oasishome.net/>

5. Call for papers: AGU Fall Meeting, December 5-9, 2005 in San Francisco, CA Moscone West Convention Center.

a) Ontologies for Earth and Space Sciences, AGU Special Focus Group on Earth and Space Science Informatics.

b) Emerging Better, or Best, Practices for Distributed Data Systems and Virtual Observatories, AGU Special Focus Group on Earth and Space Science Informatics

Please follow <http://submissions4.agu.org/submission/entrance.asp> to submit an abstract.

6. The IHY-EUROPE Regional coordinators, Jean-Louis BOUGERET and Carine BRIAND, and the rest of the IHY Europe General Assembly Organizing Committee invite you to the International Heliophysical Year European General Assembly in Paris, France, January 10-13, 2006. A preliminary programme is available, and abstract submission and registration pages are coming soon. The meeting will join scientists from across Europe and around the world to prepare for science activities and begin the planning of the IHY Coordinated Investigation Programmes (CIPs).

7. The "IGY Gold" Program nomination form is now online at

[http://ihy.gsfc.nasa.gov/igy\\_gold\\_reg.shtml](http://ihy.gsfc.nasa.gov/igy_gold_reg.shtml)

Do you know someone who participated in IGY 1957? Do you have any materials (such as memoirs, photos, correspondence) from the IGY 1957? The "IGY Gold" Program is dedicated to preserving the history and memory of IGY 1957. This is a joint program of the IUGG IGY+50 celebration and IHY. Members of the "IGY Gold Club" (participants in the IGY 1957) receive a certificate of appreciation and an IGY Gold pin. The "IGY Gold" commemorative lapel pin has been specially designed for the 50th anniversary of IGY, and only members of the IGY Gold club will be issued this pin. Nominate someone today!

For more information on IGY Gold Program activities, please go to the "Get Involved" section of the IHY home page (<http://ihy2007.org>) or contact Barbara Thompson at [barbara.j.thompson@nasa.gov](mailto:barbara.j.thompson@nasa.gov)

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Comments on this newsletter as well as on the reports and activities of USNC for IPY are welcome. To provide input, unsubscribe, or to suggest items to be included in future issues contact [glantier@nas.edu](mailto:glantier@nas.edu). See the US website for IPY, [www.us-ipy.org](http://www.us-ipy.org) for additional IPY information.

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