

**INTERNATIONAL GEOSCIENCE EDUCATION ORGANISATION (IGEO)  
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**Two major IGEO activities will occur in late August/ September 2010.**

**GEOSCIED VI – 30 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER, 2010, SOUTH AFRICA  
4TH IESO - 19-28 SEPT, 2010 YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA**

**GEOSCIED VI – 30 AUGUST TO 2 SEPTEMBER, 2010, SOUTH AFRICA**

The Organizing Committee of GeoSciEd VI have released tentative dates:

**Monday 30 August to 2 September, 2010.**

Pre- and post conference field trips are likely to be held from **28 Aug 2010 to 05 Sept 2010** on either side of the conference. Further details will be provided soon via the IGEO website.

**THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL EARTH SCIENCE OLYMPIAD  
IESO 2009 – Taiwan**

For information please go to:

<http://www.ieso2009.tw/main/home/home.html>

**THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL EARTH SCIENCE OLYPIAD  
IESO 2010 Indonesia**

The 4th IESO 2010 is planned to be held on **19-28 Sept in Yogyakarta, Indonesia**. The Pre-IESO Meeting will be on 27-30 June 2010.

**GEOSCIENCE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT (GeoDev)  
Dhaka Bangladesh - October 26-31, 2009**

Geoscientists from all over the world are cordially invited to attend the International conference on GEOSCIENCE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT (GeoDev) to be held in Dhaka Bangladesh on October 26-31, 2009. The conference will be organized jointly by AGID (Association of Geoscientists for International Development), BGS (Bangladesh

Geological Society), GSB (Geological Survey of Bangladesh), and IGEO (International Geoscience Education Organization).

**The date of submission of Registration Form and Abstracts for the International Conference on Geoscience for Global Development (GeoDev) have been extended**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- ❖ Submission of Registration form: **on or before 30 June, 2009**
- ❖ Submission of Abstract: **by 30 June, 2009**
- ❖ Invitation and Acceptance of Abstract: **by 15 July, 2009**
- ❖ Submission of full paper: **by 15 August, 2009**
- ❖ Submission of Registration Fees: **on or before 26 October, 2009**

#### **THEMES**

##### **Development Activities**

- Geoscience for development activities: Development of cities & industries and construction of highways, dams & bridges.
- Impact of development activities on the natural environment.
- Natural hazards assessment and infrastructure development.
- Climate change, ecology and bio-diversity

##### **Natural Resources**

- Exploration, exploitation and management of natural resources.
- Combating energy crises and researching alternative sources.
- Water resources development, management & quality assurance.
- Role of NGO's in natural resource management and environmental protection.

##### **Geoscience Education**

- Geoscience education and awareness for mankind.
- Women in geo-education and geo-development.
- New approaches in geoscience education & research.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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**THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAS  
8 – 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2010 – BRAZIL**

The Meeting of the Americas is being held in Foz do Iguassu, Brazil from 08–13 August 20. IGEO is a sponsor of this event. The Program Committee will develop a Union-wide science program that will cover topics in all areas of geophysical sciences. With its majestic beauty, rich history, and tropical grandeur, the cosmopolitan city of Foz de Iguassu is an ideal venue for a productive meeting and a memorable experience.

For further details visit:

<http://www.agu.org/meetings/ja10/>

**INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES (IUGS)**

Please note that IGEO is officially affiliated with the IUGS and we thank them for their on-going support.

Keep up with what's on through their Electronic Bulletins available on:

<http://www.iugs.org/>

Updates on the progress of the International Year of Planet Earth, and details of the 34<sup>th</sup> IGC to be held in Brisbane, Australia in 2012 can be found here.

**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH**

International Year of Planet Earth : <http://yearofplanetearth.org/>

For further information and event updates, please refer to the web link above.

Also:

International Polar Year : <http://www.ipy.org>

**OTHER CONFERENCES**

**6th European Congress on Regional Geoscientific Cartography and Information Systems – EUREGEO**

[http://www.lfu.bayern.de/veranstaltungen/euregeo2009/scientific\\_programme/index.htm](http://www.lfu.bayern.de/veranstaltungen/euregeo2009/scientific_programme/index.htm)

**XIX Congress of the Carpathian Balkan Geological Association**

The CBGA 2010 Congress will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece, on **23-26 September 2010**

<http://www.cbga2010.org/>

## NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The Australia Government is in the process of developing a National Curriculum. As always, there is concern about how the Earth Sciences will be represented in the curriculum, so some good news below.

### **The National Curriculum Board recommends Earth and Environmental Science**

Submissions from the Geological Society of Australia and other Earth Science organisations in response to the National Curriculum Board's framing paper for the national science curriculum seem to have had an impact. The fourth Year 11–12 science subject they have recommended is named Earth and Environmental Science and all other areas of the P–10 curriculum appear to have had their Earth Science components retained or expanded.

<http://www.ncb.org.au/communications/publications.html>

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If you have any articles, conference updates, courses or links of interest to other IGEO members, please email them to the Newsletter editor for inclusion in the next edition by **September 1, 2009**. Please contact me if your contact details have changed or if you wish to be removed from the membership list.

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