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International Science Years in India

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) has set up a [committee](#) to promote the four International Years, Chaired by Prof. Harsh Gupta. A meeting will be held in Delhi on October 3-4 2007, where several scientists interested in International Years shall participate. Dr. Charles Barton, Chair of the eGY International Committee, will represent eGY at this meeting.

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NASA's VxO's Attract Unanticipated Partners

The Canadian Space Agency has a wide collection of data served from the Canadian Space Sciences Data Portal (www.cssdp.ca).

Information provided includes a near real time display of where aurora are occurring. To make these data more readily available to the world wide space sciences community, Dr. Robert Rankin is leading an effort to develop cssdp-specific metadata to allow this important data resource to be served from the Virtual Magnetospheric Observatory at UCLA funded by NASA.

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2008 eGY Annual Meeting: 5-6 March, Boulder, CO

The dates for last eGY Annual Meeting scheduled to be held at NCAR in Boulder, Colorado, have been moved to March 5-6, 2008. Please keep those days free so you can attend this important event.

The main issues we propose to cover are:

- work planning for the remainder of eGY, which ends in December 2008
- post-eGY planning (IUGG Union Commission, CODATA Working Group)
- status reports for eGY and related programs (I*Ys, WDCs, CODATA, GEOSS)

Suggestions for items to cover from the above list and additional agenda issues are welcome.

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Sputnik Website

Sputnik was launched 50 years ago on October 4, 1957. eGY participants interested in the history of the space race associated with the IGY will want to look at the extensive information available on the following web site:

<http://www.russianspaceweb.com/sputnik.html>

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Session Proposals Due Soon for 2008 Joint Assembly

The American Geophysical Union is organizing its 2008 Joint Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on May 27-30, 2008. Proposals for special sessions are solicited until October 31. eGY Participants are encouraged to organize sessions focusing on eGY issues. Information about the

meeting and directions on how to propose a special session is given at <http://www.agu.org/meetings/ja08/>.

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[eGY National Committee for China Established](#)

Prof. Liu Chuang informs us that the National eGY Committee of China was established on 25 September 2007. It is organized by the Chinese Association of Geophysics which is celebrating its 60th anniversary. The eGY Committee of China will organize several activities in the next year.

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[eGY Demonstration Projects at Fall AGU Meeting](#)

eGY will again sponsor a booth at the Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco on December 10-14. We will feature existing and new eGY demonstration projects. Contact Bill Peterson (bill.peterson@lasp.colorado.edu) if you have a demonstration project you would like to include. Volunteers are also needed to help man the booth.

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[Society of Exploration Geophysicists Support of eGY](#)

SEG (<http://www.seg.org/>) continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of eGY. The October issue of the SEG publication The Leading Edge includes a special section on eGY. Papers from this section will be put on the eGY web site when they are available. A formal report from the SEG eGY Committee, chaired by Ralph Baird, has been posted on the eGY web site (<http://www.egy.org/reports.html>).

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[Updates to the eGY Web Site Are Coming](#)

The new eGY, with its wiki format, will be going live the week of October 1. Most areas of the web will be available for input, including new calendar features, meeting information, documents, and presentations. The goal of

the overhaul is to make the website easier for anyone interested in eGY to post their content directly to the page. In the next few weeks, we will be adding a new set of pages in support of the eGY-Africa initiative. Thanks to Ransom Christofferson for his help implementing the new site. If you experience any problems with the site or need a wikipage established for your eGY working group, event, etc., please contact [Ransom](#) or [Emily CoBabe-Ammann](#).

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[VOiG Conference Declared Successful by Participants and Sponsors](#)

The very first Virtual Observatories in Geosciences conference was held in downtown Denver from June 11-14 in 2007. Approximately 70 attendees participated in workshop activities and the main conference and social events. Full details on the program and activities are available at <http://www.voig.net> and the detailed agenda and presentations are available [here](#). The results of the meeting will be made available in two forms: peer-reviewed proceedings of about 10 submissions for a special issue in the new journal Earth Science Informatics, and a full volume on Virtual Observatories in Geosciences to be published in the AGU Geophysical Monograph series. Based on the success, we are planning to hold another VOiG conference in September 2008 in Denver, CO, USA. Watch the web site for details and announcements or contact voig@voig.net for more information.

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