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### WELCOME!!

It is better late than never!

Welcome to the first edition of the West African Region bulletin of the Geological Society of Africa. For us in West Africa this is historic and with a sense of nostalgia. When one remembers that the ideas, thoughts and vision for this great Society was nurtured in this region and given birth to in East Africa by the combined effort of Nigeria's Prof. O. Oyawoye and Prof. R. Black. Therefore to see the Society experience such a resurgence as had been witnessed in the last few years and more significantly in the last one year is encouraging and fulfilling.

Perhaps a few of these is worth recounting here; The society now has apart from regular official portfolios, regional Vice Presidents and councillors, in all the regions that have been highly functional and had made the society to have impact. Membership issues and collection of membership fees and dues have been streamlined. Now a new mode of payment is being worked out, Membership is growing in all the regions and there is increased

enthusiasm. The Society is at the verge of being registered officially and legally in Ethiopia as already agreed to by the Council.

For us in GSAf West Africa, the challenge is still enormous Though our membership drive is yielding results especially in Nigeria and Ghana our efforts in the Francophone states is yet to be effective. This is being addressed. A regional conference / workshop is also being planned. Many of the old members are being encouraged to pay up their dues and the response is encouraging.

Dear colleagues, we will be sharing with you in this maiden edition our efforts in membership drive, important updates on The International Year of Planet Earth IYPE, Our unflinching support for Professor Sospeter Muhongo, our candidate for the UNESCO DG position. We will also be sharing with you locations and contacts of some of the universities in West Africa, and of course tit bits on forthcoming events. In the subsequent edition, we hope to incorporate simultaneous French translations. Please bear with us. Meanwhile, please enjoy this maiden edition

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*In our efforts to mobilise colleagues from the region for the Society, we produce below the list of our colleagues, especially Nigeria, that have shown interest in joining the Society*

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## *UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH (IYPE)*

At the meeting of Science Implementation Team Leaders and National Committee Chairs (Africa) of the International year of planet earth held between 18-19th May in Pretoria, South Africa) The need to continue the IYPE initiative beyond 2009 was agreed upon with a consensus to establish national and regional nodal points to facilitate interaction between members. It was generally agreed that **Africa** will continue with the activities of the Year. This is going to be however under these broad themes.

1 Science, Outreach and Fundraising: This is partly because many of the African National committees (NC) have just begun to be active and hence they will find themselves having unfinished tasks at the end of the Year. They proposed to continue beyond 2009, more specifically, 2009 - 2012.

2. Africa will embark on the mega project initiated by Prof Maarten de Wit and Dr John Anderson (South Africa), on “Africa Alive Corridors.”

3. Africa’s IYPE NCs should operate under the tutelage of Africa’s Ministries responsible for Science and Technology and/or any other national umbrella that is found to be suitable to the country in question.

4: A Regional (Africa) coordinating body/committee should be in place and that this body will be composed of representatives from the five sub-regions of Africa (preferably, of NC Chairs) and a representative from the Geological Society of Africa. They will select their own Chair

5. IYPE NCs should be named as National Committees of Planet Earth. With a request to be sent to Germany requesting to use the IYPE logo beyond 2009.

Finally, A global coordinating body/committee should be in place, composed of representatives from all the continents active in post IYPE activities. Each continent will have two representatives on this committee.

Other important issues that emanated from the meeting especially from the contributions of Dr Toteu ,includes the activities of the different Africa Countries. He made reference to the special issue of the Journal of African Science, which is under preparation and Africa's declaration on IYPE. He noted that it is envisaged to get all the NC representatives as well as two students from each country to attend the Lisbon meeting in 2009. Dr Toteu pointed out that the IYPE NC should be composed of representatives of the founding bodies (IUGS and UNESCO), representatives of relevant governmental bodies, major nongovernmental organisations and national geo-scientific

organisations. He suggested that the NC should only have three officers: the chairperson, the secretary and the contact person. He noted that to register a NC, the chairperson of the NC and the executive director of the IYPE should sign a Memorandum of Understanding. He also discussed the Africa Earth Observatory Network (AEON) initiative where several crosscutting projects are being conducted. He reported that the epic history of the Earth could be told in a chronological series of book volumes (corridors) where important and well-preserved geological/biological/cultural features represented the chapters (nodes) within each volume. He pointed out that each corridor and each node is geologically and biologically unique, which in turn forged unique human cultural history. He described the 20 known corridors in Africa and discussed in detail the Cameroon Volcanic Line Corridor. As a way forward, he urged the marketing of the corridors so that people could be

attracted to carry out research, thereby improving the lives of the scientists working in the different corridors and which should involve the Diaspora scientists. He strongly felt that at the end of the Year, the Africa Alive Corridors Project could be endorsed as the legacy of the IYPE.

The Africa Alive Corridors project was highly regarded as a remarkable initiative that involves interdisciplinary research efforts. It was recommended that the

local communities. He emphasised the need to create networks among initiative be continued and the GSAf was encouraged to be involved in the Africa Alive Corridors project. It was noted that the 20 corridors mentioned in his presentation were not the only ones and scientists are encouraged to propose more corridors and submit their proposals to AEON. For more on the activities of IYPE check the website at:

<http://www.yearofplanetearth.org>

### ***GSAf West Africa supports Prof Sospeter Muhongo as candidate for the Director-General of UNESCO***

Last month the final list of the 9 candidates for the forthcoming election for the position of Director General of UNESCO was published. Distinguished geoscientist, Prof Sospeter Muhongo has been nominated by Tanzania as one of the candidates and if elected will be the first geoscientist to hold that position. Prof Muhongo is a firm believer in "science for the benefit of the global society" and development of policy informed by scientists first -

and politicians next. He places food security, human health, and climate change, as the world's top emerging issues against a backdrop of increasing world population (projected to reach 10 billion by 2050). In 2004 Prof Muhongo was the first recipient of the Robert Shackleton Award for Outstanding Research in the Precambrian Geology of Africa. He is currently the Executive Director of the ICSU Regional Office for Africa, and Chairperson of the

UNESCO/IUGS International Geoscience Program (IGCP).

UNESCO deserves a DG with outstanding leadership Qualities in order to realise her visions and objectives for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond. Such a leader must be dynamic, with excellent management skills. Transparency, innovation, efficiency, quality productivity and high-impact delivery are obligatory. High integrity, impeccable morals, respect and diplomacy are a must. The UNESCO DG should also be an

excellent communicator and public speaker.

Prof Sospeter Muhongo, (Dr. rer.nat.) FAAS, FGSAf, FGIGE, FTWAS, FCAGS, MASSAf, FGS, CGeol, EurGeol. possesses all of these leadership qualities.

**In order to encourage academic interactions in the Geosciences and promote inter universities cooperation in the West Africa region, we publish below in this first batch, list of Universities in west Africa offering geosciences and related courses . Contacts where available have also been included**

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**Département des Sciences Géologiques** (*Department of Geological Sciences*)

[http://www.univ-ouaga.bf/html/formations/ufr\\_SVT/frFormtnsSVTdip1.html](http://www.univ-ouaga.bf/html/formations/ufr_SVT/frFormtnsSVTdip1.html)

**Departamento de Ciência e Tecnologia** (*Department of Science & Technology*)

<http://www.unicv.edu.cv/dct>

Graduation in Geography and Territorial Planning; MSC in GIS, and in Environmental Management & Policies

**Universidade de Cabo Verde** (*Cape Verde University*)

<http://www.unicv.edu.cv/>

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**Departamento de Engenharia e Ciências do Mar** (*Department of Engineering and Marine Science*)

<http://www.unicv.edu.cv/decm>

MSc in Marine Resources and Coastal Management

## CAPE VERDE

**Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde** (*Jean Piaget*

*University of Cape Verde*)

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**Ecologia e Desenvolvimento** (*Ecology and Development*)

<http://www.unipiaget.cv/pdf/cursos/ecdm.pdf>

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**UFR des Sciences de la Nature** (*Unit for Training and Research on Nature Sciences*)

<http://www.uabobo.ci/formation/UFR-SN/index.htm>

**UFR des Sciences de la Terre et des Ressources Minières** (*Unit for Training and Research on Earth and Mineral Resources*)

[http://www.univ-cocody.ci/struct\\_formation/strm/index.php](http://www.univ-cocody.ci/struct_formation/strm/index.php)

**Université de Cocody** (*Cocody University*)

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**Matière et Technologie** (*Unit for Training*

*and Research on Matter Structure Sciences and Technologies*)

[http://www.univ-cocody.ci/struct\\_formation/ssmt/index.php](http://www.univ-cocody.ci/struct_formation/ssmt/index.php)

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**Geological Engineering**

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**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology**

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**GUINEA BISSAU**

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**LIBERIA**

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## ***FORTHCOMING MEETINGS***

We produce below ,a list of forthcoming geoscience meetings, conferences, and workshops. Further information could be assessed from the Calendar section of the IUGS website: <http://www.iugs.org/Calendar.html> and other relevant websites

August 23-28, 2009. IAMG 2009, International Association for Mathematical Geology Conference,

Stanford University, California, USA. See: <http://iamg09.stanford.edu/>.

September 2-6, 2009. 13th Congress RCMNS (Regional Committee on Mediterranean Neogene Stratigraphy), Naples, Italy. The RCMNS is a Sub-Commission of the Neogene Stratigraphy within the IUGS - ICS. Congress details at: <http://www.sociedadgeologica.es/documentosPDF/CircularRCMNS2009.pdf>.

September 14-22, 2009. 3rd International Earth Science Olympiad 2009 (IESO 2009), National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei. IESO is an important activity of IGEO (International Geoscience Education Organization). More information at: <http://www.ieso2009.tw/main/home/home.html>. Online registration [http://www.ieso2009.tw/main/home/1b\\_registration.html](http://www.ieso2009.tw/main/home/1b_registration.html). For inquiries, please contact Chun-Yen Chang Chairman, IESO 2009 Local Organizing Committee (email:[changcy@ntnu.edu.tw](mailto:changcy@ntnu.edu.tw)).

September 28 - October 10, 2009 "Advanced School on Non-linear Dynamics & Earthquake Prediction." Trieste, Italy. Online applications only at: <http://cadsagenda5.ictp.trieste.it/fulldisplay.php?ida=a08182>.

October 5-8, 2009. 99th Annual Meeting of the Geologische Vereinigung (GV). Held at the Geoscience Centre GZG, Universität Göttingen, Germany. (NOTE originally scheduled for September 2009 but now changed to the dates shown) Theme "Earth Control on Planetary Life and Environment". For information see: <http://www.gv-tagung2009.de>. Queries to Gerhard Wörner email: [gwoerne@gwdg.de](mailto:gwoerne@gwdg.de).

October 5-9, 2009. 2nd International Symposium on the Geology of the Black Sea Region, Ankara, Turkey. Register through the website at: <http://www.mta.gov.tr/isgb/>. Email contacts: [isgb@mta.gov.tr](mailto:isgb@mta.gov.tr) or [okay@itu.edu.tr](mailto:okay@itu.edu.tr).

October 9-13, 2009. IUGG Scientific Workshop on 13 October to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the IUGG. Melbourne, Australia. At this venue the IUGG Executive Committee, and the IUGG Bureau, will hold their annual meetings from 9-12 October.

October 12-16, 2009. 3rd Hemispheric Conference on Medical Geology (3rd HCMedGeo), the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Montevideo, Uruguay. For queries email [centeno@afip.osd.mil](mailto:centeno@afip.osd.mil) and/or [tonycent@comcast.net](mailto:tonycent@comcast.net), with a copy to [nmanay@fq.edu.uy](mailto:nmanay@fq.edu.uy). For information on the program, excursions, participants, etc see: <http://www.geologiamedica.com/>>

October 12-16, 2009. The AGID Working Group for Geoethics are Convenors of the International Section "GEOETHICS" being held at the Mining Pribram Symposium, Pribram, Czech Republic. For more information email Lidmila Nemcova at: [lidmila.nemcova@quick.cz](mailto:lidmila.nemcova@quick.cz). The Geoethics newsletter can be downloaded at <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/search/search.cfm?q=agid+GeoethicsNews> Web: [www.bgs.ac.uk/agid/](http://www.bgs.ac.uk/agid/)

October 18-21, 2009. Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Portland, Oregon USA. Theme "From Volcanoes to Vineyards: Living with Dynamic

Landscapes" Details available at:  
<http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2009/>

October 18-23, 2009. The VIII International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (8 ISEG), Ouro Preto City, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Jointly with the XII Brazilian Geochemical Congress (12 CBGq). The XII CBGq/VIII ISEG is a forum for discussion and scientific experience exchange in all congress topics. See: <http://www.12cbgq.ufop.br/12cbgq/presentation.htm>

October 25-28, 2009. First World Young Earth Scientists (Y.E.S.) Congress 2009, Beijing, China. Theme "The Young Earth Scientists for Society". This Congress is aimed at young representatives from geological associations and institutions, young leaders in politics, and delegates from administrative bodies to meet at the congress to establish a worldwide network between future leaders and policy makers and future earth science advisors. See: <http://www.yescongress2009.org>

October 26-31, 2009. International conference on GEOSCIENCE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT (GeoDev). Dhaka, Bangladesh. Jointly organized by AGID (Association of Geoscientists for International Development), BGS (Bangladesh Geological Society), GSB (Geological Survey of Bangladesh), and IGEO (International Geoscience Education Organization). The Registration Form and Abstracts for GeoDev due 31 May 2009. See: <http://www.geoscied.org/GeoDevFirstAnnouncement.doc>

November 12-15, 2009. International symposium on Geology, Natural Resources and Hazards in Karst Regions (GEOKARST 2009). Hanoi, Vietnam. For more information contact Assoc. Prof Pham Quy Nhan. E-mail: [phamquynhan@yahoo.com](mailto:phamquynhan@yahoo.com).

November 15-18, 2009. IAH-WRC Groundwater 2009 Conference. "Groundwater - Pushing the Limits". Somerset West, South Africa. Organised by the Geological Society of South Africa. See: <http://www.kruger-associates.com/groundwaterconference2009/home/default.asp>

November 20-22, 2009. The Planet Earth Lisbon Event 2009 (PELE2009). Hosted by the Portuguese Government, will be a major event in Lisbon, to commemorate the end of the IYPE triennium, and to launch new initiatives for the next decade building on the IYPE legacy. All IYPE International Partners will be invited to participate in the meeting with the IYPE leadership and to expose their products in a special exhibition. Fundraising has started and a professional Congress office selected. See <http://www.planetearthlisbon2009.org/>

November 22-26, 2009. XII Chilean Geological Congress, Santiago, Chile. Contact Sociedad Geologica ([info@sociedadgeologica.cl](mailto:info@sociedadgeologica.cl)) or see <http://www.congresogeologico2009.cl/public/?/>

December 1-5, 2009. The 6th Symposium on the Atlantic Iberian Margin -MIA 09. Geology

Department, Oviedo University, Oviedo, Spain. Deadline for abstract submission 31 July 2009  
See:

<http://www.uniovi.es/mia09/index-ing.html>

December 3-4, 2009. 2nd International Workshop on Sinkhole Phenomena. Auditorium, ISPRA-Geological Survey of Italy, V. Curtatone 7, 00185. Rome, Italy. This workshop is free to attend and is open to all earth science related researchers. To participate, online registration is necessary by 30 November 2009. Go to: [http://www.isprambiente.it/site/en-GB/Archive/Events/Documents/090520\\_sinkhole.html](http://www.isprambiente.it/site/en-GB/Archive/Events/Documents/090520_sinkhole.html)

April 11-17, 2010. The 5th Conference of the African Association of Women Geoscientists. Grand-Bassam, Cote D'Ivoire. Theme: "Women & Geosciences for Peace" - organised by The African Association of Women Geoscientists (AAWG). Deadline - reply to the 1st Circular by 30 June 2009. To download the First Circular go to: <http://www.aawg.org/AAWG/spip.php?rubrique20>

April 26-28, 2010. 1st International Applied Geological Congress. Department of Geology (IAGC), Faculty of Sciences Islamic Azad University - Mashhad Branch (IAUM) Mashhad-Iran. Theme "New Directions of Investigations in Earth Sciences and Related Subjects". Abstract submission by 15 September 2009. E-mail: [info@iagc.ir](mailto:info@iagc.ir); See <http://www.iagc.ir>  
April 26-30, 2010.

INTERPRAEVENT 2010 International Symposium in Pacific Rim. Taipei, Taiwan. The main topic of the symposium "Natural Disasters Mitigation Including Floods, Storms, Debris flows, Mass movements and Earthquakes etc." Deadline for submission of full-paper manuscript 30 November 2009. Abstracts submitted on the web at: <http://congress.interpraevent.at/>  
For more information see: <http://interpraevent2010.nchu.edu.tw/index.aspx>

July 5-11, 2010. INHIGEO 2010 Annual Meeting. Almadén-Iberian Pyritic Belt, Spain. Theme: "History of Mining and Mineral Resources". Details available by the end of 2009. See <http://www.inhigeo.org>.

July 10-18, 2010. The 8th International Conference of INZA on the Occurrence, Properties and Utilization of the Natural Zeolite "Zeolite 2010", Sofia, Bulgaria (including field-trip). See: <http://www.zeolite2010.org>

August 1-6, 2010. The 19th World Congress of Soil Science, Brisbane, Australia. Theme "Soil Solutions for a Changing World". Papers must be submitted using the on-line process no later than 31 October 2009. See: <http://www.19wcss.org.au/>