August 6–11, 2006, Madison, WI, USA

8th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant. E-mail: babiarz@cae.wisc.edu URL: http://www.mercury2006.org/

August 21–25, 2006, Cambridge, England

International Glaciological Society Symposium: Cryospheric Indicators of Global Climate Change. Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, CB2 1ER UK. Tel.: +11-44-1223-355974 E-mail: igsoc@igsoc.org URL: http://www.igsoc.org/ symposia/2006/cambridge/

August 27–September 1, 2006, Davos, Switzerland

International Disaster Reduction Conference (IDRC Davos 2006). Contact: Conference Secretariat IDRC Davos 2006, Flüelastrasse 11, CH-7260 Davos Dorf, Switzerland. Tel.: +41-81-4170225 E-mail: davos2006@slf.ch URL: http://www.davos2006.ch

August 27–September 1, 2006, Fukuoka, Japan

17th International Sedimentological Congress (ISC 2006). Contact: Dr. Hiroki Matsuda: Secretary General, ISC2006 Secretariat Office, c/o Kinki Nippon Tourist Co., Ltd, Events & Conventions, Tokyo Kyodo Building, 6F, 2-2, Kanda-Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0051, Japan.

E-mail: isc2006-ec@or.knt.co.jp Fax: +81-3-32635961 URL: http://www.isc2006.com/

August 27–September 1, 2006, Prague, Czech Republic

17th International Mass Spectrometry Conference will focus on all aspects of applied and fundamental mass spectrometry and related disciplines. Contact: 17th IMSC Conference Secretariat, Institute of Microbiology, Videnska 1083, 142 20 Prague 4, Czech Republic. Tel.: +42-241-062645 Fax: +42-241-062749 E-mail: info@imsc2006.org

August 27–September 1, 2006, Melbourne, Australia

16th V.M. Goldschmidt Conference. Contact: Conference Managers, G.P.O. Box 128, Sydney NSW 2001, Australia. Tel.: +61-2-92650700 E-mail: goldschmidt2006@tourhosts. com.au URL: http://www.goldschmidt 2006.org

September 4–10, 2006, Yogyakarta, Central Java, Indonesia

Volcano International Gathering "Volcano: Life, Prosperity, and Harmony" is organized by University of Pembangunan Nasional "Veteran" Yogyakarta, Indonesian Association of Geologists, International Union of Geological Sciences and others. Topics include: Volcanic geology, volcanology, and geophysics; Volcanic hazard, measures, and monitoring; Volcanic environment and disaster management; Volcanic resources, groundwater, and hydrothermal potencies; Volcano, history, heritage, and archeology; Volcano and land use benefits; and Volcano, social, culture and economics challenges. Excursions are planned, as well as an international documentary film/photography festival.

Contact: Volcano International Gathering Secretariat, Faculty of Mineral Technology, UPN Veteran Yogyakarta, Indonesia. E-mail: info@vig2006.recent.or.id URL: http://www.vig2006.recent. or.id

September 6–10, 2006, Nottingham, UK

10th International Congress of the IAEG "Engineering geology for tomorrow's cities" is hosted by the Engineering Group of the Geological Society of London. The IAEG2006 Congress will debate the engineering geological issues raised by the development of the urban environment, the impact of environmental change on engineering construction, and practical solutions for the future. Technical sessions include: The geology of cities; Legacy of the past; Climate change; Megacities; Planning and geohazards; Urban site investigation; Dereliction, pollution and contaminated land: Environmental urban geotechnics; Substructures and underground space; Geodata for the urban environment; Infrastructure for the city and its region; Resources for the city; and Education and training in, and public awareness of, urban geoscience. Field excursions are planned. Contact: Congress Secretariat. E-mail: info@iaeg2006.com URL: http://www.iaeg2006.com

September 10–13, 2006, Philadelphia, PA, USA

7th International Conference on Hydroscience and Engineering (ICHE 2006) hosted by Drexel University focuses on improving the sustainability and safety of our water resources and aquatic environments through IT and modeling. Main topics: Computational modeling; Sub-surface hydrology; Surface hydrology and fluvial hydraulic; Sediment and pollutant transport; Hydraulic structures; Coastal and ocean engineering; Water management systems; and Distance learning and education. Contact: Michael Piasecki, Drexel University, 3141 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA, 19104, USA.

E-mail: Michael.Piasecki@drexel. edu

URL: http://www.thor.cae.drexel. edu/~ICHE2006

September 11–13, 2006, Mykonos, Greece

First International Conference on Environmental Toxicology: Environmental Toxicology 2006 is organized by: Wessex Institute of Technology, UK; and the Dept. of Planning and Regional Development, U. of Thessaly, Greece. It focuses on the need for exchange of scientific information on issues related to environmental toxicology, toxicity assessment and hazardous waste management. Contact: Katie Banham, Conference Secretariat, Environmental Toxicology 2006, Wessex Institute of Technology, Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AA UK. Tel.: +44-238-0293223 Fax: +44-238-0292853 E-mail: kbanham@wessex.ac.uk

September 10–15, 2006, Abuja, Nigeria

International Conference on Infrastructure Development and the Environment sponsored by the International Society for Environmental Geotechnology focuses on cross-disciplinary issues related to sustainable development. Topics include: Environmental and natural resource policies; Coastal and offshore environments; Air pollution and climate change; Surface water pollution and treatment; Land con-

tamination/degradation and remediation: Groundwater contamination and remediation: Environmental monitoring systems; Environment and human health; Industrial ecology and environmental conservation; and others. A complete list is posted on the website. Special sessions and short courses are planned. Contact: ICIDEN ABUJA 2006, Gustavo Borel Menezes, Global Institute for Energy and Environmental Systems, CARC 238, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, 28223, USA. Tel.: +1-704-6872182 Fax: +1-704-6873115 E-mail: gbmeneze@uncc.edu URL: http://www.iseg.giees.uncc.

September 10–15, 2006, Berlin, Germany

edu/abuja2006/callabstracts.cfm

First International FEFLOW User Conference (software FEFLOW) is organized by WASY GmbH Institute of Water Resources Management and Systems Research. Main topics include: Recent developments in finite element groundwater modeling; Software technology; and Applications. E-mail: feflow2006@wasy.de URL: http://www.feflow2006.

feflow.de

September 11–14, 2006, Carlsbad, Czech Republic

International Multidisciplinary Conference on Hydrology and Ecology: the Groundwater/Ecology Connection, (HydroEco2006) sponsored by Charles University of Prague, International Association of Hydrological Sciences, T. G. Masaryk Water Research Institute, Prague, and the U.S.G.S. This conference brings together scientists from groundwater and ecological disciplines. The unifying theme is the importance of groundwater and groundwater/surface water and hyporheic zone interaction to the ecological systems and processes of concern. Contact: K. Kovar, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (MNP), Bilthoven, 3720 AH The Netherlands. Tel.: +11-31-302743360 Fax: +11-31-302744435 E-mail: karel.kovar@mnp.nl URL: http://www.web.natur.cuni. cz/hydroeco2006/

September 17–23, 2006, Cape Town, South Africa

Atmospheric Chemistry at the Interfaces 2006, a joint IGAC/ CACGP/WMO symposium, focuses on atmosphere, climate, hydrology, and oceanography. Contact: Global Conferences. PO Box 44503, Claremont, 7735, South Africa. E-mail: enquiries@atmospheric interfaces2006.co.za

September 18–22, Opatija, Croatia

3rd Mid-European Clay Conference (MECC'06) is organized by the Clay Group of Croatian Geological Society and National Clay Groups of Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. Topics include: Crystal chemistry and structure; Physical and chemical properties of clays; Colloidal properties and surface chemistry; Genesis and synthesis; Geology of clays (and associated minerals); Clays in soils and weathering; Clays and protection of environment; Environmental geotechnics; Clays in industry; Clays in human history. Contact: Mr. Vanja Bievac, Mineralosko petrografski zavod PMF-a, Horvatovac bb, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia. Tel.: + 385-1-4605974 Fax: +385-1-4605998 E-mail: mecc06@gfz.hr URL: http://www.mecc06.gfz.hr

September 24–29, 2006, Cagliari, Italy

1st joint SWIM-SWICA International Joint Salt Water Intrusion Conference-Tutorials brings together researchers in hydrogeology, hydrochemistry, geophysics, and groundwater hydraulics and modeling from SWIM (Salt Water Intrusion Meeting) and SWICA (Salt Water Intrusion in Coastal Aquifers). SWIM, now into its 38th year, has been held in different European countries on a biennial basis since 1968. Main topics include: Coastal aquifer system hydrodynamics; Variable-density flow; Near-shore processes (tidal and wave effects): Island and atoll hydrogeology; Submarine discharge; Experimental methods to characterize salt and brackish waters origin and dynamics (isotopes, hydrochemistry, geophysics,...); Monitoring: surveying methods and new instrumentation; Numerical modeling; GIS-modelling; Optimization; Past and future climate change and its impact on coastal aquifer systems; Management of coastal aquifers: salinization prevention, control and remediation; and Site characterization and selected case studies (deltaic, karst and hard rock aquifers). A 3-day course on Modeling Saltwater Intrusion, taught by Dr. Clifford I. Voss (USGS) and other specialists will precede the meeting (Sept. 20) and focus on conceptual and practical aspects of variable-density flow modeling. Contact: Giovanni Barrocu, Department of Land Engineering, University of Cagliari, Italy. Tel. + 39-070-6755169 E-mail: barrocu@unica.it URL: http://www.swimswica. ditunica.it

September 25–29, 2006, Giens, France

International Symposium on Sea Level Changes: Records, Processes and Modeling. Themes include: Records, sedimentary processes, and modeling of sea level changes (amplitude-timing) on carbonate margins, siliciclastic, mixed margins, and deep sea settings, etc. Abstract deadline: March 1, 2006. Contact: Gilbert Camoin, CEREGE, Europole de l'Arbois, B.P. 80, Aix-en-Provence, 13545 cedex 4, France. Tel.: + 33-4-42971514 E-mail: gcamoin@cerege.fr URL: http://www.cerege.fr/news/ actualite.htm

September 25–30, 2006, Beijing, People's Republic of China

7th International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG) will bring together geochemists, environmental chemists, biologists, soil scientists, aquatic scientists and medical specialists working on a wide range of subjects in environmental science and technology. Main themes include: Geochemical records for environmental change and contamination; Geochemical surveys and mapping; Mining environments; Environmental contamination and cleanup; Geochemistry and health; Geochemistry and fragile habitats (karst, arid-semiarid environment); Persistent organic pollutants in the Environment: Coal use and environment: Water resources and aquatic environments; Geo-environments management and green food production; and Analytical environmental geochemistry. Contact: Conference Secretariat. Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, No. 46 Guanshui Road, Guiyang, Guizhou 550002, People's Republic of China. E-mail: iseg2006@sohu.com URL: http://www.iseg2006.com

September 26–28, 2006, Bochum, Germany

Third International Symposium on Integrated Water Resources Management is organized by Ruhr-University Bochum. UNESCO-IHE Delft, and United Nations University Bonn. Conference theme: Reducing the vulnerability of societies against water related risks at the basin scale sponsored by the International Commission for Water Resources Systems. Tel.: +49-3641-3533221 Fax: +49-3641-3533271 E-mail: water@conventus.de URL: http://www.conventus.de/ water URL: http://www.conventus.de/ water/index.php

October 4–6, 2006, Göttingen, _V Germany

Second Göttingen GIS and Remote Sensing Days (GGRS2006), organized by the University of Göttingen, Germany, focuses on global change issues in developing and emerging countries. Main topics include: Watershed management; Land degradation and desertification; Management of forested landscapes; Management of agricultural and agroforestry landscapes; and Dynamics of urban and peri-urban environments; Human health and epidemiology. Contact: Conference secretary, Catrin Kollatschny, Institute of Geography, Department of Cartography, GIS & Remote Sensing, Goldschmidtstr. 5, 37077 Göttingen, Germany. E-mail: ggrs@uni-goettingen.de URL: http://www.ggrs.unigoettingen.de/

November 9–12, 2006, Beijing, People's Republic of China

Open Science Conference on Global Environmental Change: Regional Challenges is organized by the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP) to progress in our understanding of the natural and social systems of global environmental change and to highlight the ESSP approach to the study of the Earth System. Themes include: Advances in our understanding of the physical, biogeochemical, biodiversity and human dimensions aspects of global environmental change; Science in support of sustainability with emphasis on global environmental change as it relates to food, water, carbon and human health; Dynamics, impacts and consequences of the interactions between natural and social systems at regional scales, including extreme events, and how they connect to global-scale phenomena; and Global environmental change in monsoon Asia. Prior to the main conference (7-8 November 2006), the 2nd International Young Scientists' Global Change Conference organized by ESSP's System for Analysis Research and Training will provide an opportunity for selected young scientists to present and discuss their work. Contact: Conference Secretariat, WCRP/ COPES Support Unit. Tel.: +33-1-44272182 Fax: +33-1-44272181 URL: http://www.essp.org/essp/ ESSP2006/

November 11–14, 2006, Carlsbad, Czech Republic

International Multidisciplinary Conference on Hydrology and Ecology (HydroEco 2006) is convened by Universita Karlova, Prague, International Commission on Groundwater (ICGW of IAHS); T.G. Masaryk Water Research Institute (VÚV), Prague; and the U.S.G.S. The main theme is: the importance of groundwater and/or surface water and hyporheic zone interaction to the ecological systems and related processes. The goals of the conference are to be better understand, simulate, and manage, interactions between groundwater and ecology and to improve the

technological basis for policy decisions for issues such as the reconstruction of ecologically valuable environments and the use of water resources in these environments. Contact: Conference Secretariat HydroEco2006, Ms. Radka Budská, Konevova 41, 130 00 Prague 3, Czech Republic. Tel.: +42-222-580079 Fax: +42-222-582082 E-mail: hydroeco2006@itctravel.cz URL: http://www.web.natur.cuni. cz/hydroeco2006

December 6–9, 2006, Brno, Czech Republic

7th European Meeting on Environmental Chemistry (EMEC7). Contact: Josef Čáslavský, Faculty of Chemistry, Brno University of Technology, Purkynova Street 118, 612 00 Brno, Czech Republic. Conference themes include: Sustainable development; Life cycle assessment; Risk assessment; Green chemistry; Soil contamination, depollution technologies; Ecotoxicology; Water treatment and reuse; Biodegradation of toxic compounds; Industrial clean technologies; Waste valorization; Atmospheric chemistry; Air pollution; Modeling of pollutants diffusion; Marine chemistry and Marine pollution: Analytical methods for Environmental Science; and Soilfreshwater-atmospheric systems. E-mail: caslavsky@fch.vutbr.cz URL: http://www.fch.vutbr.cz/ EMEC7 URL: http://www.minsocam.org/ MSA/SC/index.html

December 8–10, 2006, Menlo Park, CA, USA

Medical Mineralogy and Geochemistry short-course (Mineralogical Society of America/ Geochemical Society) is organized by Nita Sahai, U. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI and Martin A.

Schoonen, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY. Topics include: History and future of medical mineralogy and geochemistry; Medical geochemistry of Earth materials; Exposure pathways, dose-response, solubility, and reactivity; Trace element incorporation and uptake; Al in the human body; Fate of biological agents in the environment and human body; Respiratory disorders and lung diseases caused by airborne dust particles; Formation of mineral-derived radicals and their interaction with nucleic acids: Nucleation and transformation of the earliest mineral phases in bone and tooth biomineralization; Designing bioceramics for orthopedic or dental Implants; Bridging between macroscopic and molecular scales in bone nucleation at bioceramic and protein surfaces; Oxide-encapsulated cells for targeted drug delivery (nanovesicles); and Resources.

URL: http://www.minsocam.org/ MSA/SC

2007, Ljubljana, Slovenia

International Conference on Waste Management. Contact: Dr. Joze Kortnik, Department of Geotechnology and Mining, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia. Fax: +386-1-2524105 E-mail: joze.kortnik@uni-lj.si

2007, Accra, Ghana, Africa

First International Conference on Environmental Research, Technology and Policy on Africa. Contact: Prof. Ernest K. Yanful, Chair, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Western Ontario, Canada N6A 5B9. E-mail: eyanful@eng.uwo.ca

May 13–17, 2007, New Orleans, LA, USA

Sixth International Symposium on Coastal Engineering and Science of Coastal Sediment Processes (Coastal Sediments 07) provides an international forum for exchange of information among coastal engineers, geologists, marine scientists, shallow-water oceanographers, and others interested in the physical processes of coastal sediment transport and morphology change. Proceedings will be distributed to participants at the conference. Short courses are planned. Contact: The Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Insitute (COPRI) of ASCE, 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, VA 20191-4400 USA. Tel.: +1-703-2956370

Fax: +1-703-2956370 Fax: +1-703-2956371 E-mail: copri@asce.org URL: http://www.asce.org/ conferences/cs07/

June 18–22, 2007, Banff, Alberta, Canada

Alluvial Fans 2007 will be an interdisciplinary meeting for scientists interested in all aspects of alluvial fans: modern and ancient fans, sedimentology, geotectonics, climatic variations, and applications such as engineering, forestry, and hydrocarbons. Field trips will be an important component of the meeting, including day trips during the meeting. Contact: Dr. Philip Giles, Department of Geography, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. E-mail: alluvialfans2007@smu.ca

URL: http://www.husky1.smu.ca/ ~pgiles/AF2007/AlluvialFans 2007.htm

July 9–13, 2007, Lisbon, Portugal

11th Congress of the International Society of Rock Mechanics focuses

on themes: Rock engineering and environmental issues; The path from characterization to modeling; Slopes, foundations and open mining; Tunnel, caverns and underground mining; Earthquake engineering and rock dynamics; Petroleum engineering and hydrocarbon storage; and Safety evaluation and risk management. Contact: Congress Secretariat, Sociedade Portuguesa de Geotecnia, LNEC, Av. do Brasil, 101, 1700-066 Lisboa, Portugal. Tel.: + 351-21-8443321 Fax: +351-21-8443021 E-mail: spg@lnec.pt URL: http://www.isrm2007.org

July 12–19, 2007, Jinja, Uganda

1st International Conference on Carbon Dioxide Utilization and Climate focuses on agriculture, forestry, atmosphere, climate, biosphere, cryosphere, data/metadata issues, Earth and space science education, ecology, energy, and environmental chemistry. Deadline for abstracts: Sept. 30 2006. Contact: David Tenywa. Tel.: + 256-77-909831 Fax: + 256-43-121322 E-mail: bepauganda_2004@yahoo. com.uk

August 13–18, 2007, Kunming, People's Republic of China

Twelfth International Symposium on Water–Rock Interaction (WRI-12). Contact: Secretary General, Yanxin Wang, School of Environmental Studies, China University of Geosciences, 430074 Wuhan, People's Republic of China. Tel.: +86-27-67885040 Fax: +86-27-87481365 E-mail: wri12@cug.edu.cn URL: http://www.wri12.org/

September 3–7, 2007, Tromsø, Norway

The Arctic Conference Days in the International Polar Year 2007–2008 will consist of three separate, but tightly related conferences: (1) ICAM V, the Fifth International Conference on Arctic Margins on September 3–5 provides a forum for the exchange of information and presentation of current Arctic research; (2) AGReE II, the Second Conference on Arctic Geology, Resources and Environment on September 6–7; and (3) SEST, the Conference on "Shelf Edge and Shoreline Trajectories, a Dynamic Approach to Stratigraphic Analysis" on September 3–4. The Conference Days are hosted by the Geological Society of Norway (NGF) in cooperation with the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE).

URL: http://www.icamv.org

September 10–12, 2007, London, UK

Bicentennial Conference on Earth Sciences in the Service of Society: "the next 200 years" is organized by the Geological Society of London. Contact: The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG UK. Tel.: +44-20-74349944 E-mail: enquiries@geolsoc.org.uk

September 10–14, 2007, Torquay, Devon, UK

23rd International Organic Geochemistry Meeting (IMOG07) is organized by the European Association of Organic Geochemistry (EAOG). The conference will focus on advances in exploration for and exploitation of fossil fuels (oil, gas, tar sands, oil shales and coals), together with studies of palaeoenvironments, recent sediments and soils. Innovations in analytical techniques are also reported alongside novel structural elucidations at the molecular level. Contact: Sally Cornford, IGI Ltd, Hallsannery, Bideford, Devon EX39 5HE UK. Tel.: +44-1237-471749 Fax: +44-1237-421700 E-mail: sal@igiltd.com URL: http://www.eaog.org/ meetings/meetings.html

2008, Hong Kong, People's Republic of China

9th International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development is organized within the International Society for Environmental Geotechnology (Charlotte USA) conference series. Contact: Dr. Albert Yeung. Department of Civil Engineering, University of Hong Kong, China.

E-mail: eyeungat@hkucc.khu.hk

June 29–July 3, 2008, Fairbanks, AK, USA

9th International Conference on Permafrost (NICOP) is organized

during the International Polar Year in 2008. Conference themes include: contemporary climate change and paleoclimatic reconstruction in permafrost regions, remote sensing and geophysics in permafrost science, community development and planning in permafrost regions, permafrost and the global carbon balance, including greenhouse gases and gas hydrates, impacts of permafrost degradation on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, permafrost controls on hydrologic and surface heat flux processes, sea level changes and dynamics of coastal permafrost, cold-regions infrastructure and engineering techniques, results from the IPY: toward a systems understanding of permafrost changes, natural and technological hazards in mountainous and high-latitude permafrost regions, periglacial geomorphology, permafrost mapping, and cryostratigraphy, and history of permafrost research. Contact: Water & Environmental Research Center. Institute of Northern Engineering, University of Alaska Fairbanks, PO Box 755860, Fairbanks, AK 99775-5860 USA. Tel.: +1-907-4747808 E-mail: contact@nicop.org URL: http://www.nicop.org

August 5–14, 2008, Oslo, Norway

33rd International Geological Congress (IGC 33). Nordic countries: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. Special symposiums on Nordic and Arctic realms are planned. More information will follow later.

URL: http://www.ngu.no/igc 2008

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