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This monthly newsletter is intended to keep IUGG Members and individual scientists informed about the activities of the Union, its Associations and interdisciplinary bodies, and the actions of the IUGG Secretariat, Bureau, and Executive Committee. Past issues are posted [here](#). E-Journals may be forwarded to those who will benefit from the information. Your comments are welcome.

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1. IUGG – The People at the Forefront (LII): María del Puy Papí Isaba, Chair of the IUGG Early Career Scientist Committee, 2025-2027



María del Puy Papí Isaba

I am María del Puy (you can choose to call me María or Puy), originally from Spain and currently based in Vienna, Austria, where I am pursuing my PhD at the Complutense University of Madrid in collaboration with GeoSphere Austria. My path into geophysics started with a general curiosity about how the Earth works, but it quickly became clear to me that I was especially interested in those processes that directly affect society, such as earthquakes. My academic background combines physics, geophysics, and geodesy. I obtained a five-year degree in Physics, specialised in Geophysics, at the Complutense University of Madrid, and later completed a Master's degree in Geodesy and Geomatics at the Vienna University of Technology. What attracted me to this interdisciplinary approach was the possibility of connecting fundamental science with real-world applications.

My doctoral research focuses on seismicity in the Vienna Basin between 2021 and 2024. In the first part of my PhD, I studied the spatial and temporal evolution of earthquake sequences, improved event locations using nonlinear techniques, and analysed focal mechanisms and seismicity parameters. In the second part, I focus on developing intensity and ground-motion prediction equations tailored to the region to improve rapid impact assessments. The societal motivation behind this work is central to me: better seismic models ultimately contribute to safer buildings, improved preparedness, and more resilient communities.

Although I am convinced that strong scientific research is essential and continuously helps me grow and improve in my work, one of the most rewarding aspects of my work occurs outside academia. At GeoSphere Austria, I contribute not only to research but also to operational multi-hazard support, providing scientific advice through European and national rapid-response frameworks such as ARISTOTLE, supporting the European Commission's Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC), and AMAS, the Austrian multi-hazard alert system. Beyond earthquake-related advisory tasks, I coordinate and deliver training on standard operational procedures and contribute to the development of new, end-user-tailored services, maintaining a coherent multi-hazard perspective across the entire value chain – from monitoring and analysis to decision support during crisis situations. This continuous feedback loop, from research to operations and back to research, is where I feel my work has its strongest and most immediate impact.

My involvement with IUGG and IASPEI began during the 2023 IUGG General Assembly in Berlin, when I was invited to participate in an interview highlighting scientific advances presented at the meeting. This experience introduced me to the early career scientist (ESC) community within IASPEI and marked the beginning of my more active engagement. Since then, I have been involved in strengthening the IASPEI-ECS network, helping to create a more connected and visible community. Together, we organise online meetings, social events, and in-person gatherings at conferences, and support communication through social media channels.

What I particularly value about IUGG is its strong interdisciplinary character and its international openness. IUGG meetings provide a unique space where scientists from different fields and career stages can exchange ideas, build collaborations, and feel part of a global community. For ESC, this environment is especially important.

To students and fellow ESCs, I would encourage active participation in the scientific community from an early stage. Getting involved in associations like IASPEI and IUGG offers opportunities that extend far beyond presenting research, and include networking, outreach, and leadership experiences.

Maintaining a healthy work-life balance remains a challenge in science. I have learned that balance is not fixed but evolves. Setting priorities, accepting that not everything can be done at once, and working within supportive teams have been essential to my staying motivated and grounded.

2. IUGG – Proposals for Changes of Statutes and By-Laws

IUGG Member Countries, IUGG Bureau Members, and the IUGG Statutes and By-Laws Committee are now invited to [submit](#) proposals for changes to the [Statutes and By-Laws](#).

You are encouraged to review the Statutes and By-Laws and to determine whether they require revision to improve the Union’s operations. The deadline for submissions is **15 January 2027**.

Any changes to the Statutes and By-Laws should be adopted by the IUGG Council at its next meeting during the [IUGG General Assembly 2027](#) from 16 to 22 July 2027 in Incheon, Rep. of Korea.

For more information, please contact the [IUGG Secretariat](#).



3. IUGG – Joint Earth Day Statement

IUGG celebrates Earth Day on 22 April 2026 together with its partners and published the following statement. This year more than 20 societies and unions support the statement.

Earth Day Statement:

The 2026 Earth Day theme, “Our Power, Our Planet”, underscores the importance of both individual and collective action to preserve the integrity of Earth’s dynamic systems. Geoscience informs meaningful actions through diligent and continuous study of Earth’s systems and their interactions with human enterprises and technologies. This knowledge empowers society to manage and use Earth’s resources prudently and sustainably.

Geoscientists across many fields and professional settings have embraced the responsibility to balance social, environmental, and economic interests. This Earth Day, the global geoscience community reaffirms its commitment to applying its expertise to meet today’s needs while safeguarding opportunities for future generations to thrive.

The graphic features a central illustration of a green Earth globe surrounded by silhouettes of diverse people and plants. A circular logo in the top right corner reads 'Earth Day 2026'. Below the text is a row of logos for supporting organizations: AGU (Advancing Earth and Space Sciences), EOS (Earth Observing System), ugm (United Geomorphologists), DGG (Deutsche Geophysikalische Gesellschaft), BVGeo (Bundesverband Geowissenschaftler), EAG (European Association of Geographers), EGU (European Geosciences Union), IAG (International Association of Geographers), The Geological Society, geochemical society, IGU (International Geographical Union), IUGG (International Union of Geographical and Demographic Statistics), IUGGI (International Union of Geographical and Demographic Statistics), IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences), IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences), IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences), African Geophysical Society, and IUGI (International Union of Geographical and Demographic Statistics).

This is now the fifth time that the Global Geosciences Societies have issued a joint statement to mark Earth Day.

4. IUGG – Meet us at the EGU General Assembly 2026 (Reminder)



Learn more about IUGG and our forthcoming General Assembly 2027, by visiting us at the IUGG exhibition booth (#X217, Exhibition Hall X2) at the 2026 General Assembly of the European Geosciences Union ([EGU2026](#)), which will be held in Vienna, Austria, 3 to 8 May 2026.

The IUGG also invites Union and Association Officers as well as representatives of National Committees to a ‘Meet & Greet’ event, which will take place as a splinter meeting (SPM87) on Thursday, 7 May 2026, from 14:00 to 15:45 in Room 2.83. Several colleagues from the IUGG leadership

including the President, President-Elect, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary plan to attend the ‘Meet & Greet’.

5. IAPSO – Prince Albert I Medal 2027: Call for Nominations

On behalf of the Prince Albert I Medal Award Committee, I would like to kindly invite you to send us your nominations for the recipient of the Prince Albert I Medal 2027.



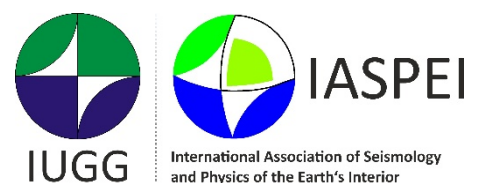
The Prince Albert I Medal is awarded to a scientist who has made outstanding contributions to the enhancement and advancement of the physical and/or chemical sciences of the oceans.

Nominations must be submitted by [email](#). The deadline for nominations is **30 November 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered. More information about the medal, the nomination procedures, and previous medal winners can be found [here](#).

Silvia Blanc, IAPSO Secretary General

6. IASPEI – Scientific Assembly 2029: Call for Invitations

The International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior ([IASPEI](#)) is now calling for bids to host the Scientific Assembly in 2029.

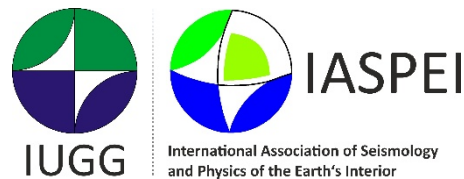


IASPEI National Correspondents who are interested to invite the IASPEI community to their country should contact [me](#).

Johannes Schweitzer, IASPEI Secretary General

7. IASPEI – Discovery Award in Seismology: Call for Nominations

The International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior ([IASPEI](#)) calls for nominations for the newly established Discovery Award in Seismology. Awardees will be recognised for impactful recent discoveries in the field of seismology and physics of the Earth's interior, broadly speaking. Their work should have opened up new avenues of research or provided new insights into geological, geophysical or geodynamic processes. Selected discovery proposals will be presented at a dedicated IASPEI symposium during the 2027 IUGG General Assembly in Incheon, Rep. of Korea.



More information on the nomination process can be found [here](#) (page 2). Nomination deadline is **15 December 2026**.

Johannes Schweitzer, IASPEI Secretary General

8. SCAR – Fellowship 2026: Call for Applications



The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research ([SCAR](#)) launched its [2026 Antarctic-related Fellowships for early-career researchers](#). In 2026, additional funding is being provided by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation through the [Polar Initiative](#). SCAR will therefore once again be awarding four to five Fellowships of up to USD 15,000 each for 2026. The SCAR Fellowship Programme is designed to encourage the active involvement of early-career researchers in furthering our understanding of Antarctica. The Fellowships enable early-career researchers to join a project team from another country, opening up new opportunities and often creating partnerships that last many years and over many Antarctic research seasons.

The deadline for the SCAR Fellowship applications is **4 September 2026**.

9. ISC – Fellowship 2026: Call for Nominations

The 2026 call for nominations to the ISC Fellowship is now open. Nominations for the next intake of ISC Fellows can be submitted by **22 May 2026** and the new Fellows will be announced in July 2026.



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The ISC Fellowship recognises scientists, science-policy leaders and distinguished individuals who have made outstanding contributions to advancing science as a global public good, particularly at the international level.

The ISC welcomes nominations that help strengthen the diversity of the Fellowship, including nominations of mid-career researchers, particularly those working in the Global South, researchers in engineering and other underrepresented disciplines in the ISC community, scientists working in the private and international development sectors, and individuals in the science-policy sphere beyond academia.

Further information including the brochure, terms of reference for the Fellowship, nomination criteria and the nomination form are available [here](#).

ISC Members including the IUGG can nominate ISC Fellows. Please contact the [IUGG Executive Secretary](#), by 14 May 2026, if you are interested in being nominated by the IUGG.

10. Important IUGG Deadlines

31 August 2026: [Submit Nominations for IUGG Awards 2027](#)

15 October 2026: [Submit Nominations for IUGG Bureau and Finance Committee Members \(2027-2031\)](#)

15 January 2027: [Submit Invitations to Host the IUGG General Assembly in 2031](#)

15 January 2027: [Submit Proposals for Changes of IUGG Statutes and By-Laws](#)

31 March 2027: [Submit Draft Resolutions for the IUGG General Assembly 2027](#)

11. Meeting Calendar

This calendar includes meetings which are planned to be organised under the umbrella of IUGG, and major conferences of IUGG's partner organisations (in *italics*). The calendar is updated regularly and is also available [online](#). If you would like to add a meeting, or report changes, please contact the [IUGG Secretariat](#).

May

- 3-8, *EGU, Vienna, Austria*, [EGU General Assembly 2026](#)
- 9-16, IASPEI, IAVCEI, IAPSO, IUGG, Izmir, Türkiye, [IHFC Heat Flow Summer School 2026](#)
- 13, IAG, Trieste, Italy, [Hydrologic Signature in Geodetic Observations](#)
- 18-22, IAGA, IUGG, Beijing, China, [13th International Workshop on Long-Term Changes and Trends in the Atmosphere](#)
- 18-22, IAGA, IUGG, L'Aquila, Italy, [The Heliospheric Space Plasma Physics in the Era of Multipoint Space Missions](#)
- 18-29, IACS, Karthaus, Italy, [Summer School on Ice Sheets and Glaciers in the Climate System](#)
- 24-29, *JpGU, AGU, Chiba, Japan*, [JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting 2026](#)
- 25-29, ILP, Liblice, Czech Republic, [6th International Workshop 'Seismic Anisotropy, Heterogeneity and Dynamics of the Lithosphere-Asthenosphere System \(ADLAS\)'](#)
- 26-28, *GEO, Geneva, Switzerland*, [2026 GEO Symposium and GEO-21 Plenary](#)
- 26-29, IAVCEI, Sopron, Hungary, [IAVCEI Volcandpark 2026 Conference](#)

June

- 1-5, IAG, Santiago de Chile, Chile, [IGS Workshop 2026](#)
- 1-5, *SCOSTEP, Thessaloniki, Greece*, [16th Quadrennial Solar-Terrestrial Physics Symposium](#)
- 3-5, IAG, GFZ, Potsdam, Germany, [EU-wide Community Workshop on Quantum Gravimetry](#)
- 8-18, IACS, IUGG, McCarthy AK, USA, [International Summer School in Glaciology 2026](#)
- 9-12, IAGA, IAMAS, Åland/Ahvenanmaa, Finland, [Space Climate 10 Symposium](#)
- 10-11, IAVCEI, Angeles City, Philippines, [Commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of the Pinatubo Volcano Eruption](#)

- 10-15, IAGA, IUGG, Taoyuan City, Rep. of China, [10th IAGA/ICMA/SCOSTEP Workshop on Vertical Coupling in the Atmosphere-Ionosphere System](#)
- 15-19, IAVCEI, Vulcano, Italy, [Vulcano Summer School](#)
- 16-18, IAMAS, Charleston SC, USA, [21st Workshop on Antarctic Meteorology and Climate](#)
- 23-25, IAG, Paris, France, [EUREF Symposium 2026](#)
- 23-25, IAG, Wiesbaden, Germany, [IDS Workshop 2026](#)
- 25-26, IAVCEI, Bend OR, USA, [Oregon origins Project VIII: Echoes Eruption](#)
- 29 – 3 July, SEDI, Townsville, Australia, [SEDI 2026](#)
- 29 – 3 July, IAG, IUGG, Douala, Cameroon, [Geodesy for a Resilient Africa: Empowering Solutions for Floods, Droughts, Sea-Level Rise, Water Scarcity, and Fisheries Sustainability](#)
- 29 – 10 July, ICTP, IUGG, Trieste, Italy, [7th Summer School on Theory, Mechanisms and Hierarchical Modelling of Climate Dynamics - Estimating Ocean Transports: Single Sections, Box Models and Reanalysis Products](#)

July

- 1-3, IAG, Zagreb, Croatia, [International Conference of Environmental Remote Sensing and GIS \(ICERS 2026\)](#)
- 4-11, ISPRS, Toronto, Canada, [15th ISPRS Congress](#)
- 5-10, IAVCEI, Guadeloupe, France, [Soufrière 50](#)
- 6-11, IAHS, Rabat, Morocco, [5th International Conference on African Rivers](#)
- 7-9, IAVCEI, Catania, Italy, [7th Alfred Rittmann Conference](#)
- 7-10, IAMAS, IAVCEI, IUGG, Geneva, Switzerland, [ITU Global Initiative on Resilience to Natural Hazards Through AI Solutions](#)
- 13-14, IAHS, IUGG, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, [ICSH-STAHY / ICGW Workshop 2026](#)
- 13-17, IAMAS, Barcelona, Spain, [18th International Conference on Atmospheric Electricity](#)
- 20-24, IAMAS, Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya, [Precipitation & Urban Extreme Weather Workshop: The African Continent](#)

August

- 1-9, COSPAR, IUGG, Florence, Italy, [46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly](#)
- 2-7, AOGS, Fukuoka, Japan, [AOGS Annual Meeting 2026](#)
- 2-8, IAGA, IUGG, St. John's NL, Canada, [27th Electromagnetic Induction Workshop](#)
- 3-7, IAMAS, IUGG, Madison WI, USA, [7th Conference on Cloud Physics \(CCP\)/The 17th Conference on Atmospheric Radiation \(CAR\)](#)
- 3-7, IASPEI, IUGG, Mexico City, Mexico, [Latin American and Caribbean Seismological Commission Assembly](#)
- 3-7, IAVCEI, IUGG, Nyeri, Kenya, [LIP-IDC 2026 International Conference on Large Igneous Provinces and Their Dyke Swarms](#)
- 8-19, SCAR, Oslo, Norway, [12th SCAR Open Science Conference](#)
- 15-22, URSI, Krakow, Poland, [36th URSI General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026](#)
- 21-25, IAVCEI, Eastern Bushveld Complex, South Africa, [Bushveld Complex: The Largest Fossilized Magma Chamber in the Earth Crust?](#)
- 23-28, IAMG, CMG, Montreal, Canada, [Annual Meeting of the International Association for Mathematical Geosciences](#)
- 24-28, IAGA, IASPEI, IAVCEI, Kumamoto, Japan, [EMSEV2026](#)
- 25-28, IAG, Aalborg, Denmark, [Summer School: Satellite-Based Hydrological Data Assimilation](#)
- 31-3 September, IAG, Neustrelitz, Germany, [Workshop on GNSS Ionosphere](#)

September

- 6-11, IASPEI, IUGG, Istanbul, Türkiye, [40th General Assembly of the European Seismological Commission](#)
- 7-11, IAG, Genoa, Italy, [XI Hotine-Marussi Symposium](#)
- 7-11, IAMAS, Heraklion, Greece, [CACGP-IGAC 2026 Conference](#)
- 8-10, SCOR, Helsinki, Finland, [2026 SCOR Annual Meeting](#)
- 9-13, IAHS, IUGG, Canberra, Australia, [10th International Symposium on Water Resources Management – IWRM](#)
- 13-19, IAVCEI, IUGG, Mount Rainier WA, USA, [Field Workshop on Volcano-Ice Interactions and Associated Hazards at Mount Rainier](#)
- 14-16, IAG, Hailsham, UK, [ITGRF Workshop 2026](#)
- 14-18, IAG, Manchester, UK, [17th European VLBI Network Symposium](#)
- 14-18, IUGG BRAZIL, INPE, São José dos Campos, São Paulo, Brazil, [4th International Workshop on Equatorial Plasma Bubbles \(EPB-4\)](#)
- 15-16, IAG, Vienna, Austria, [VieVS Days 2026](#)
- 17-19, IAHS, Como, Italy, [International Commission on Continental Erosion \(ICCE\) Meeting](#)
- 18, CCEC, Budapest, Hungary, [CCEC Symposium 2026. European and Global Wildfires: The GeoSciences Perspective from Cause to Impact](#)
- 20-26, IAVCEI, IUGG, Los Alamos NM, USA, [9th IAVCEI Caldera Collapse Commission Field Workshop](#)
- 21-23, UCPS, Wuhan, China, [2nd IUGG Symposium on Planetary Science \(IUGG-PS 2026\): New Observations and Advances in Solar System](#)
- 28 – 1 October, IAG, IACS, IASPEI, IAVCEI, Gävle, Sweden, [TIGER Symposium in Geodesy](#)

October

- 1-7, IAG, Gävle, Sweden, [GGOS Days 2026 + GGOS Topical Meeting on Geohazards](#)
- 5-9, IAPSO, IUGG, Klaipeda, Lithuania, [4rd World Conference on Meteotsunamis](#)
- 12-16, IAMAS, IUGG, Pune, India, [APARC General Assembly](#)
- 12-18, IAG, IUGG, New Delhi, India, [Gravity, Geoid and Height Systems Symposium 2026](#)
- 13-15, IAG, IASPEI, Tirana, Albania, [21st WEGENER Assembly](#)
- 19-21, IASPEI, Grenoble, France, [7th IASPEI / IAEE International Symposium on the Effect of Surface Geology on Seismic Motion \(ESG\)](#)
- 19-23, IAMAS, Porto, Portugal, [6th International Atmospheric Rivers Conference](#)
- 19-23, IAVCEI, IUGG, Santorini, Greece, [2nd Submarine Volcanism Workshop](#)
- 19-23, IAVCEI, IUGG, San Carlos de Bariloche, Patagonia, Argentina, [Field Trip Workshop 'The Record of Normal and Unusual Volcanic-arc Activity at the Foot of the Andes, Patagonia, Argentina: How does Volcanism Affect the Sediment Routing Systems?'](#)
- 11-16, IACS, IUGG, Banff AB, Canada, [International Partnership in Ice Core Science \(IPICS\) Open Science Conference 2026](#)
- 25-30, IAGA, Ishioka City, Japan, [XXIst IAGA Workshop on Geomagnetic Observatory Instruments, Data Acquisition, and Processing](#)
- 26-30, ICTP, IUGG, Trieste, Italy, [2nd Workshop on Organisation and Maintenance of Tropical Convection and the Madden Julian Oscillation](#)
- 27-29, IAVCEI, IUGG, Naples and INGV Osservatorio Vesuviano, Italy, [Enduring the Unrest, Facing the Eruption – Cities and Volcanoes 2026: Global Volcano Communities](#)
- 28-30, IAHS, Arusha, Tanzania, [27th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence and Big Data to Enhance Climate Resilience in Integrated Water Resources Management in Eastern and Southern Africa](#)

November

- 2-5, IAVCEI, IUGG, Nevados de Chillan, Chile, [2nd International Conference of the IAVCEI Commission on Volcanic & Igneous Plumbing Systems \(VIPS\)](#)
- 3-6, IAG, IUGG, Montevideo, Uruguay, [SIRGAS Symposium 2026](#)
- 12 – 1 December, IACS, Bernal Glacier, Chile, [Patagonian Icefields Research Program](#)
- 16-19, UN-GGIM, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, [Third United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress](#)
- 23-27, ICL, IUGG, IUGS, ISC, Faridabad, India, [7th World Landslide Forum](#)
- 30 – 3 December, IASPEI, IUGG, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, [5th General Assembly of the African Seismological Commission](#)

December

- 7-11, AGU, San Francisco CA, USA, [AGU Fall Meeting 2026](#)

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