



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GEOLOGY ASSOCIATION. IMGA

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This is a regular e-newsletter of IMGA. We hope to receive your input on medical geology activities and issues in your countries. If we receive reports, information on activities, photos etc they can be included in the newsletters for distribution to all members.

Next Biannual newsletter

The next regular newsletter on CD will be ready in **August** and sent to all members of IMGA.

Website

Please see the website regularly. It is normally updated at least every second week.

Short courses

In June IMGA had a short course in Mexico. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Brazil, Short course and the 2nd Hemispherical Conference in Medical Geology October 21-26, 2007, Sao Paolo, Brazil.

We are also planning short courses in some additional countries in 2007 and 2008.

Conferences

**2nd Hemispherical Conference in Medical Geology
October 21-26, 2007, Sao Paolo, Brazil**

On behalf of the International Medical Geology Association (IMGA) and the Organizers of the Brazilian Geochemistry Congress, we would like to invite to participate at the 2nd Hemispherical Conference on Medical Geology to be held the week of October 21-26, 2007 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The aim of this conference is to bring together scientists from South America, Central and North America, Canada and the Caribbean Basin to share the most recent advances and latest information on Medical Geology research with particular emphasis on this part of the globe. The 1st Hemispherical Conference on Medical Geology was organized in Puerto Rico with participation from over 50 delegates and with representation from each of the regions.. The 2nd HCMG is expected to bring together a wide range of disciplines in geosciences and biomedical research with particular interest on Medical Geology. Among the general topics of this international meeting will include:

1. Soils, water, air and public health
2. Environmental surveillance and public health
3. Emerging and re-Emerging Diseases and Medical geology
4. Geochemical and Human Health Databases
5. Tools of the Trade in Geosciences and Public Health

The dead line for submitting papers to the II Hemispheric Conference (and to the Geochemical Congress) is MAY, 13th.

Papers must be of 4 pages at maximum. These will be printed as the conference proceedings;

Website: <http://www.acquacon.com.br/xicbgq/>

<http://www.angelfire.com/nd/isterh/suggestions.html>

There will be a one-day short course on medical geology on Sunday, Oct. 21.

33 International Geological Congress, Oslo Norway, 16-14 August 2008

There will be several topical symposia under the framework of International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE)

- *Earth and health/medical geology*
- *Groundwater – geopollution, contamination and health aspects*
- *Emerging issues in geotoxicology –other aspects of geology and health*
- *Occupational and geohazard applications of medical geology*
- *Quantitative aspects of medical mineralogy*

Half-day symposium to set out the key questions posed by the IYPE's Theme Earth and Health

6 Invited speakers, half a day. Facilities for linked poster session can be made.

Theme of the Day

Major aspects of Earth Science that are particularly relevant for society today will be highlighted during the 33rd IGC. Seven themes have been selected for particular emphasis. They are all related to the priorities of the International Year of Planet Earth.

One of the themes is Monday 11 August:

- *Water, human health and the environment*

The daily schedule for the 'Themes of the Day' are being built up around lunch-time Plenary Lectures, the 'Norsk Hydro Lecture' preceded by morning sessions of related Geoscience. Afternoon sessions will focus on the relevance of the theme for society and include social, economic, political and other aspects. A Panel Debate and Press Conference will be held at

the end of the day.

Short courses

There will be two short courses held in medical geology:

- *Medical Geology*
- *Quantitative aspects of Medical Mineralogy*

Business meetings

The International Medical Geology Association, IMGA, will have a business meeting where all are invited. More details will be presented later

Other issues

International reports, publications, conferences and other issues will be included in the CD newsletter in August.

Important notice for all members!

We now have almost 400 full members in the association.

I want to remind those in category 1 (see below) who have not payed their fees to do so. Next CD will be sent only to those who have paid (category 1) and to category 2-4.

Bank account, fees

We have a bank account since February:

Bank: Plusgiro (NORDEA), Sweden
Account no: 166 95 46-2
Bankaccount no: 9960 341669 5462
IBAN: SE30 9500 0099 6034 1669 5462
BIC-kod (SWIFT-adress): NDEASESS

All registrered members of **category 1** should send their dues to the bank account. If you wish to pay by credit card you can use the IBAN and BIC code at the bank office.

If you pay by cheques add 10 USD to the fee.

We will soon have the possibility of paying directly with credit cards.

The cheapest way to pay is by PayPal.

You can use PayPal (www.paypal.com) . You register on that site and send the dues from your credit card to olle.selinus@home.se . This is for free for you, almost no charges for us and the dues will then be moved to the IMGGA account.

Within a month we will also have the opportunity to pay directly by credit card from the website.

Following are the countries in category 1

Andorra	Portugal	Saudi Arabia	Sweden
Greece	Bahamas, The	Brunei	Cyprus
New Caledonia	Iceland	Italy	Liechtenstein
Aruba	Puerto Rico	Singapore	Switzerland
Greenland	Bahrain	Canada	Denmark
New Zealand	Ireland	Japan	Luxembourg
Australia	Qatar	Slovenia	United Arab
Guam	Belgium	Cayman Islands	Emirates
Norway	Isle of Man	Korea, Rep.	Faeroe Islands
Austria	San Marino	Spain	Macao, China
Hong Kong of	Bermuda	Channel Islands	United Kingdom
China	Israel	Kuwait	Finland

Malta
United States
France
Monaco

Virgin Islands
(U.S.)
French
Polynesia

Netherlands
Germany
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