



Newsletter 01 – January 2009

IGU Commission *Mountain Response to Global Change*

Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

welcome to everyone in the mountain community. This is the first newsletter of the new International Geographical Union Commission “Mountain Response to Global Change” which was constituted during the International Geographical Congress (IGC) in Tunis 2008. Please feel motivated to conduct further mountain research, to inform other members about it and to participate in the activities and meetings of the new Commission!

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The Commission invites all interested scholars to register in an e-mailing list. For subscription please send an email to pape@giub.uni-bonn.de. The mailing list of the former Commission "Diversity in Mountain Systems" has already been transferred.

Please also visit our new website: <http://www.giub.uni-bonn.de/igu-mountains.de>

Yours,

Jörg Löffler

Forthcoming Events

A regular service on forthcoming conferences and workshops is provided e.g. by the Mountain Partnership. Please visit the website: <http://www.mountainpartnership.org/events/default.asp>

This newsletter also aims at providing a forum for the announcement of forthcoming events. Thus, we would like to invite you to send announcements with some short background information to pape@giub.uni-bonn.de.

Some events during the next months (for further events, please check our new website):

Februar 2009

Monday, Feb 02, 2009 – Thursday, Feb 05, 2009: Land Use Change and Human Health in Eastern Himalaya Project Workshop: Summarizing Year one and Planning Year two"
Kunming, China
<http://www.icimod.org/?page=183>

Sunday, Feb 08, 2009 – Friday, Mar 13, 2009: KTGAL Regional Meeting
<http://www.icimod.org/?page=183>

Sunday, Feb 08, 2009 - Tuesday, Feb 10, 2009: DIVERSITAS Scientific Committee Meeting
Washington, DC, United States
Contact: DIVERSITAS Secretariat (secretariat@diversitas-international.org)

Wednesday, Feb 11, 2009 – Friday, Feb 13, 2009: Inception Workshop on Capacity building for improved monitoring of snow, ice and water resources in the Indus basin
(<http://www.icimod.org/?page=183>)



Wednesday, Feb 11, 2009 – Friday, Feb 13, 2009: Workshop on Evaluating and Improving Climate Projections
Toulouse, France
(http://wcrp.wmo.int/Meeting_WCRP_upcoming.html#link2009)

Thursday, Feb 19, 2009: Klimamaßnahmen unter der Lupe
Basel
<http://www.cipra.org/de/cc.alps/veranstaltungen>

March 2009

Tuesday, Mar 03, 2009 - Friday, Mar 06, 2009: Joint IPCC-IGBP-WCRP Workshop: new science directions and activities relevant to the IPCC AR5
Hawaii, United States
<http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=633780>

Thursday, Mar 05, 2009 - Saturday, Mar 07, 2009: Beyond Kyoto: Addressing the Challenges of Climate Change. Science meets Industry, Policy and Public
Århus, Denmark
<http://klima.au.dk/dk/forside/konferencebeyondkyotoconferen/>

Tuesday, Mar 10, 2009 - Thursday, Mar 12, 2009: Climate Change – Global Risks, Challenges and Decision, International Scientific Congress on Climate Change
Copenhagen, Denmark
<http://climatecongress.ku.dk>

Friday, Mar 13, 2009 - Saturday, Mar 14, 2009: 11. österreichischer Klimatag
Wien
<http://www.cipra.org/de/cc.alps/veranstaltungen>

Sunday, Mar 22, 2009 – Friday, Mar 27, 2009: AAG Annual Conference
Las Vegas.
<http://www.homeofgeography.org/uk/>

Monday, Mar 23, 2009 – Wednesday, Mar 25, 2009: 19. TourismusForum Alpenregionen in Pontresina
Pontresina
<http://www.cipra.org/de/cc.alps/veranstaltungen>

April 2009

Thursday, Apr 02, 2009 – Friday, Apr 03, 2009: Kühler Kopf im Treibhaus - Bewusst handeln im Klimawandel
Bozen
<http://www.cipra.org/de/cc.alps/veranstaltungen>

Friday, Apr 03, 2009 – Saturday, Apr 04, 2009: International climate-conference
Bolzano
<http://www.cipra.org/de/cc.alps/veranstaltungen>



Saturday, Apr 18, 2009: MRI workshop at EGU

Vienna

<http://mri.scnatweb.ch/events/mri-events/mri-workshop-at-egu-18-april-2009-vienna-at.html>

Sunday, Apr 19, 2009 – Friday, Apr 24, 2009: Mountain Hydrology and Climatology: present state and future scenarios

European Geosciences Union

Vienna, Austria 19. -24. April

<http://www.mountainpartnership.org/events/>

Thursday, Apr 23, 2009: Internationale Klima-Bündnis-Konferenz 2009

Brüssel / B

<http://www.mountainpartnership.org/events/>

Sunday, Apr 26, 2009 - Thursday, Apr 30, 2009: 7th IHDP Open Meeting 2008: Social Challenges of Global Change

Bonn, Germany

<http://www.ihdp.org>

Organisations

This time, we would like to present a definitely not complete list of organisations dealing with the topic of mountain response to global change. This list will also be available at the new website – please help us to complete it!

- AK Hochgebirge <http://www.giub.uni-bonn.de/ak-hochgebirge/> in the German Geographical Society (DGfG) <http://www.geographie.de/english/index.html>
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Hochgebirgsforschung: <http://www.lrz-muenchen.de/~a2901ad/webserver/webdata/Arge/index.html>
- Centre for Mountain Studies: <http://www.cms.uhi.ac.uk/>
- Commission Internationale pour la Protection des Alpes (CIPRA): <http://www.cipra.org/>
- Eidg. Forschungsanstalt für Wald, Schnee und Landschaft (WSL): <http://www.wsl.ch>
- Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA): <http://gmba.unibas.ch/index/index.htm>
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD): <http://www.icimod.org>
- International Geographical Union (IGU): <http://www.igu-net.org/>
- Mountain Forum: <http://www.mtnforum.org/>
- Mountain Research Initiative (MRI): <http://mri.scnatweb.ch>
- Mountainpartnership: <http://www.mountainpartnership.org>



- Norsk Geografisk Selskap: <http://www.geografisk.no/>
- Royal Geographical Society: <http://www.rgs.org/HomePage.htm>
- The Mountain Institute: <http://www.mountain.org/>
- Villa Celimontana: <http://www.homeofgeography.org/uk/>
- Zentrum für Naturgefahren- und Risikomanagement (alpS): <http://www.alp-s.at>

Networks and Research Projects

This chapter provides a forum to introduce networks and research projects to the community, either if they are planned, established or recently completed. You are invited to present your network or research project with some background information.

- Alpine Space Programme: <http://www.alpine-space.eu/the-projects/running-projects/>
- Centre for Mountain Studies: <http://www.cms.uhi.ac.uk/activities.htm>
- FOR 402 "Climate and Geo-Ecology of the Timberline in the Mountains of Southern Ecuador": <http://www.bergregenwald.de>
- FOR 816 „Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of a Megadiverse Mountain Ecosystem in South Ecuador“: <http://www.TropicalMountainForest.org>
- Forschungsstelle für Gebirgsforschung - Mensch und Umwelt: <http://www.uibk.ac.at/igf/forschung/projekte/index.html.de>
- Global Observation Research Initiative in Alpine Environments (GLORIA): <http://www.gloria.ac.at/>
- University of Innsbruck "Research Platform Alpine Space – Man and Environment": <http://www.uibk.ac.at/alpinerraum/gruppen.html.en>

Recent Publications

Barry, Roger G. (2008) Mountain, Weather and Climate. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Beck, Erwin, Jörg Bendix, Ingrid Kottke, Franz Makeschin, Reinhard Mosandl (eds) (2008): Gradients in a Tropical Mountain Ecosystem of Ecuador. Ecological Studies 198. Berlin: Springer.

Löffler, Jörg, Jörg Stadelbauer (eds.) (2008): Diversity in Mountain Systems. Bonn / St. Augustin Colloquium Geographicum; 31.