



## **GEO NEWS February 2006**

### **Introduction**

EFG Office will edit each month a page of GeoNews. This page would like to inform about:

- Fond available for the Geologists Professionals
- Relevant information
- Event relevant and urgent information. More information about event you can find in the EFG web: <http://www.eurogeologists.de/events.htm>

This page it is open to receive also the information that you consider relevant to include.

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### **1. FOND**

#### **1.1. DG Information Society Technologies**

##### ICT for Environmental risk management

This Strategic Objective covers ICT aspects of services for GMES (Global Monitoring for the Environment and Security1) end-users and those aspects that are relevant to the monitoring, the preparation and the response phases of environmental risk/crisis management co-ordinated at European level.



<http://www.cordis.lu/ist/so/risk-management/consultation-0506.htm>

## 1.2. DG Environment

Environmental Technologies Action Plan

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/etap/funding.htm>

Funding opportunities

- [Existing community programmes promoting Environmental technologies](#)
- [Future community programmes promoting Environmental technologies](#)
- [Community programmes in the field of development promoting Environmental technologies](#)



Funding Opportunities

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/funding/intro\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/funding/intro_en.htm)

The purpose of this section is to give an overview of the current funding opportunities available from Environment DG. Where possible, links are also provided to environment related funding opportunities in other DGs of the Commission. Given their specialised nature, actions for nuclear safety have not been included.

[Call for expressions of interest 2006-2009 \(CEI/AMI\)](#)

Between the description of fields to be covered by the Call Expressions of Interest:

Communication: Organisation of conferences and events between others

Civil protection

Protection and conservation of soils

Climate change and energy

Climate change and water resources

Water policy and implementation of legislation in Europe

## 1.3. DG Development

EU Water Initiative <http://www.euwi.net/index.php?main=1>

The Development Policy must address the need for equitable and sustainable management of water resources

ACP-EU Water Facility 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for proposal is expected to be published by the end of March 2006. <http://www.euwi.net/index.php?main=8&work=shownews&id=70>



#### 1.4. DG Research

On Marie Curie Actions: <http://europa.eu.int/mariecurie-actions>

On calls for proposals: <http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/calls>

Helpdesk: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/helpdesk/index.cfm>

National Contact Points: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/information/ncp\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/information/ncp_en.html)

Descartes Research Prize: to trans-national research teams in recognition of scientific excellence in any field of sciences.

The new call for proposals for the 2006 Descartes Research Prize was published on 17 December 2005 and the closing date is 4 May 2006.

All relevant information to submit a proposal, such as the standard forms to complete in the guide for proposers, can be found on the following website:

[http://fp6.cordis.europa.eu.int/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6DetailsCallPage&call\\_id=266](http://fp6.cordis.europa.eu.int/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6DetailsCallPage&call_id=266)

General information on the Descartes Prizes can be found at the following website:

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/descartes/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/descartes/index_en.htm)

#### 1.5. Others

Support form graduated trainees

Your company can have a support form graduated trainees from Spain.

A new phase of ARGO Project has started ([www.becasargo.net](http://www.becasargo.net)), and therefore, if your company is interested to receive new graduated trainees, we would be very pleased to manage the selection process for you.

To make it possible, you just have to access the Web Page of ARGO Project with the access data we have already sent you and follow the instructions. If you do not remember your access data, or if you need any further information you can contact directly the ARGO administrative manager who has contacted you before or you can contact me.

## 2. Relevant Information

### 2.1. 2008 'International Year of Planet Earth'

The General Assembly of the United Nations, at its Plenary Session of 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2005, proclaimed 2008 as the UN Year of Planet Earth by consensus. This UN Year is the core year of the 2007-2009 triennium during which the International Year of Planet Earth (Earth Science for Society) will operate. This will be the first ever UN Year for the Earth Sciences.



<http://www.yearofplanetearth.org/proclamation.htm>

The Year enjoys the support of 23 Associate Partners including EFG

The Year's purpose, encapsulated in its strapline Earth sciences for society, is to:

- Reduce risks for society caused by natural and human-induced hazards
- Reduce health problems by improving understanding of the medical aspects of Earth science
- Discover new natural resources and make them available in a sustainable manner
- Build safer structures and expand urban areas, utilizing natural subsurface conditions
- Determine the non-human factor in climatic change
- Enhance understanding of the occurrence of natural resources so as to contribute to efforts to reduce political tension
- Detect deep and poorly accessible groundwater resources
- Improve understanding of the evolution of life
- Increase interest in the Earth sciences in society at large
- Encourage more young people to study Earth science in university

## **2.2. Digital Geological maps from the Argentina Republic, scale 1:250.000**

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## **2.3. ENGINE: ENhanced Geothermal Innovative Network for Europe**

Celebrated in Orleans, France last 13 – 15 February 2006

EFG PE on Geothermal Energy has participated in the session: How to promote geothermal energy through dissemination of knowledge, education and training.

Technical Sessions:

- State of the art in current and future geothermal activity in Europe
- What needs for successful investigation of Enhanced Geothermal Systems?
- Where to find new geothermal resources at depth at the scale of Europe?
- What lessons from the oil and geothermal field exploitation for the stimulation of the reservoir?
- How to improve exploitation and cost-effectiveness of geothermal energy and manage environmental and social impacts?
- How to promote geothermal energy through dissemination of knowledge, education and training

A lot of information will be available through web site soon (<http://engine.brgm.fr>).



## 2.4. Commission struggles to get workers on the move

### [Commission struggles to get workers on the move](#)

In an effort to lift restrictions for people willing to move to other countries or regions to find a job, the EU Commission has launched the [European Year of Workers' Mobility](#).  
[European Year of Workers' Mobility to be launched](#) (16 February 2006)

The Commission's view that mobility is crucial for getting people into jobs is confirmed by the Eurobarometer study: 59% of people who looked for work outside their home region found work within a year, while only 35% of those who stayed in their home region found a job during the same period.

- Geographical mobility
- Occupational mobility

## 3. Events

### 27-31 May 2006

International Conference "Geoheritage for Sustainable Development"  
Druskininkai,  
Jonas Satkunas, [jonas.satkunas@lgt.lt](mailto:jonas.satkunas@lgt.lt)

(Lithuania)

### 07-10 August 2006

First International Environmental Best Practices Conference EBP,  
The objective of this joint conference of environmental best practices is to bring together researchers from academic, governmental and industrial institutions to discuss new developments and results in the fields of environmental remediation, wastewater treatment, alternative energy sources and environmental stewardship. It is anticipated that attendees will develop a knowledge and understanding of a broad spectrum of environmental applications and solutions to the challenges facing the world today.

EFG has proposal a special session under the title of "Geology" to do presentation on the topics of Natural Risk, Hydrogeology and Impact Assessment.

Olsztyn, Poland  
<http://www.uwm.edu.pl/wosir/EBP/>

### 11-13 May 2006

LE TROISIEME COLLOQUE MAGHREBIN DE GEOPHYSIQUE APPLIQUEE (CMGA 3)

«La géophysique au service du développement»

OUJDA, Morocco  
Email : [cmga33@yahoo.fr](mailto:cmga33@yahoo.fr) <http://webserver1.univ-oujda.ac.ma/coste.htm>

### 10 to 14 July 2006

Asia Oceania Geosciences Society's 3rd Annual Meeting (AOGS 2006)  
Will be taking place in Singapore,



**AOGS 2006 invites your participation and welcomes submissions in topics below**

Email your enquiries to [info@asiaoceania-conference.org](mailto:info@asiaoceania-conference.org)

- Planetary Science (PS)
- Solar Terrestrial (ST)
- Solid Earth (SE)
- Hydrology (HS)
- Ocean Science (OS)
- Atmospheric Science (AS)
- Interdisciplinary Work Groups (IWG)

Submit your abstract online – log on to [www.asiaoceania-conference.org](http://www.asiaoceania-conference.org)

Abstract submission deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006

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**2-5 April 2007**

6<sup>th</sup> international symposium on Eastern Mediterranean Geology

9<sup>th</sup> international geological conference of Jordanian Geologists Association

The symposium has been designed to set up a forum to promote discussions on Earth and Environmental Sciences in the region. Contributions to the scientific program are invited.

Sponsors between others by Union National Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and EFG.

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