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département de l'Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique.

Dear all,

We are looking for a little help on the PSS-CCS and other projects (see links below). Feel free to forward this information to any good candidates you may know.

Kind regards,

Vacancy details:

Nederlands: http://www.natuurwetenschappen.be/institute/jobs/index_html

Français: http://www.sciencesnaturelles.be/institute/jobs/index_html

English: http://www.naturalsciences.be/institute/jobs/index_html

Staff vacancies currently exist at George Fisher Mine for Underground Mine Geologists, reporting to the Geology Superintendent.

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There is evidence that the results of research are not always fully exploited. It is thus important to improve the dissemination of research results so that they are both more usable for policy makers and help to communicate understanding of environmental issues to the general public.

That is the reason why DG Environment has decided to establish this service in order to reinforce the links between science and policy.

The target audience are policy makers as well as the wider public.

This service provides scientific information in the field of the main themes of the Environmental Action Programme and relevant to DG Environment policy priorities in support of the knowledge based approach.

The sources for this service are provided on one hand by the specialised staff of the contractor, on the other hand by EC officials and are scientific results of achieved or

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- **Urban Environment**
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- **Water**

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Four priority areas for urgent action

The programme identifies four environmental areas to be tackled for improvements:

- Climate Change
- Nature and Biodiversity
- Environment and Health and quality of life
- Natural Resources and Waste

The Sixth Environment Action Programme of the European Community 2002-2012
Environmental Thematic Strategies on Soil
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/soil/index.htm>

Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/natres/index.htm>
(adopted 21/12/2005)

EVENT

Please consider this an official letter of invitation to participate at the exhibition of the 5th European Congress on Regional Geoscientific Cartography and Information

Systems to be held at the Barcelona Congress Palace in Barcelona, Spain, June 13-16, 2006. We hope you will find the people you meet, projects you see and ideas you share rewarding and stimulating. The program and logistics can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.icc.es/econgeo2006/home.html>.

Should you, your Chairman, Dean, Administration, Embassy or Consulate need more information please contact the Technical Secretariat Office (econgeo2006@carlsonwagonlit.es). "Earth and Water" is the name of the meeting. The Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya, Geological Survey of Catalunya, together with the Catalan Ministry for Land Planning and Public Works are the sponsors.

RTD-Info n°48: New edition available online

* Feature: The oceans and climate - Mysteries of the ocean / What is happening in the North Atlantic? / The unique relationship between the sea and CO2 / The strange world of oceanic methane

* Other articles: A scientific conclave and public meeting / Concerted voices on strings / Women WISE up for space/ The wild card of distributed production / Action stations for in vitro / Wolfgang Heckl's straight talking / The added value of mobility / Analysis of a stalled constitution ...

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/rtdinfo/48/index_en.html

PE on Mineral Resources

Hablar de la reunion con Eromine

Dar acceso a los documentos

Presentar lo del Forum

PE on Hidrogeology.

Presentar el estado en groundwater:

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COM (2003) 550

COM (2005)282

Informe de Gareth

PE on Geothermal energy

Informar de Engine conferencia y dar la web donde encontrar nuestra contribución

PE on Natural Hazards

Flood Envi News 3

<http://www.munichre.com/>

Publications, GeoRisk Research

There are a lot of information concerning Cost-benefices that we was discursing during the weekend

ENVIRONMENT

FLOODS

Co-decision - first reading

Consideration of a draft report

The ENVI Committee will examine a draft report on Flood assessment and management (Richard Seeber, EPP-ED, Germany). The proposed Directive seeks at reducing and managing the risks which floods pose to human health, the environment, infrastructure and property. It will provide for flood mapping in all areas with a significant flood risk, for coordination within shared river basins, and for producing flood risk management plans through a broad participatory process. Given the diversity across the EU in terms of geography, hydrology and settlement structure, the proposed Directive provides considerable flexibility for Member States to determine the level of protection required, the measures to be taken to achieve this level of protection, and the timetables for implementing flood risk management plans.

Deadline for amendments: 29 March

Adoption in ENVI Committee: 24-25 April

Adoption in Plenary: May II

NATURAL DISASTERS

Own initiative report

Consideration of a draft report

The ENVI Committee will examine an own initiative report on Natural disasters (fires and floods) - environmental aspects (Edite Estrela, PSE, Portugal).

Following a resolution on natural disasters, adopted by Parliament during the September I plenary, the Conference of Presidents authorised the drawing up of reports by ENVI, REGI and AGRI committees on fires, droughts and floods. A joint hearing of the three committees will take place on 20 March.

The ENVI rapporteur focusses on the environmental aspects related with natural disasters, including their environmental causes and implications

Deadline for amendments: 30 March

Adoption in ENVI Committee: 24-25 April

Adoption in Plenary: May I or May II

PE on Sustainable Use and management of natural resource

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COM (2003) 319 SOIL?
COM (2005) 670

INSPIRE

Co-decision - second reading

Adoption of a draft recommendation

The ENVI Committee will adopt a draft recommendation on the infrastructure for spatial information in the Community (INSPIRE) (Frederika Brepoels, EPP-ED, Belgium).

The Parliament delivered its first reading on 7 June 2005 and adopted 49 amendments. The rapporteur considers that the Council has not taken on board Parliament's views on the most important issues. She underlines that free access must be guaranteed for search and view services. She also wants to exclude intellectual property rights from the list of exception on which there would be restrictions on access to environmental information.

Amendments tabled: 43

Adoption in Plenary: June

Adoption in Plenary: May II

PE water

<http://www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/tools.asp?lan=spa>
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