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President's Message

Dear IAMAS colleagues,

We are fast approaching IUGG2011, the exciting event that we have been planning for almost two years. IAMAS will sponsor 14 IAMAS symposia and lead 13 joint symposia. The report provided by the local organiser on 11 May shows that there will be 686 oral presentations and 398 poster presentations in these 27 symposia, which accounts for 20% of the total presentations of IUGG2011. That's really impressive given the fact that IAMAS is one of 8 associations of IUGG. One of the IAMAS-led symposia, JM10: Monsoons, Tropical Cyclones and Tropical Dynamics has received more than 200 submissions. This is very appropriate given that Australia has experienced its first ever recorded category 5 cyclone (TC Yasi), which affected the north of Queensland in February.

I believe there wouldn't have been so many submissions without the conveners' efforts and I understand it is an expensive trip for many of us. My heartfelt thanks to all the conveners, EC officers and the scientists that have decided to attend the assembly. I'm sure you will find the trip rewarding and worthy.

In Melbourne, there will also be two IAMAS EC meetings. All the EC officers and IAMAS National Correspondents are invited to attend.

EC meeting 1: 3-6 pm, Wednesday, 29 June 2011, Room: BM120

EC meeting 2: 3-6 pm, Monday, 4 July 2011, Room: BM930

The meeting agenda has been sent to all of you one month ago. You will see that many important issues will be discussed and approved. In particular, the revision of statutes and the election of a new IAMAS bureau (2011-2015). These issues concern the future of IAMAS and your opinions are highly valued.

I will officially step down as the IAMAS president after IUGG2011. I enjoyed working with Secretary General Hans Volkert, Deputy Secretary General John Turner, our immediate Past President Mike MaCracken and other IAMAS EC officers in the past four years. Everything continues to go smoothly with regard to our voluntary work within IAMAS. In particular, over the last year we held teleconferences on monthly basis to discuss grant distribution, setting up new awards, statutes revision, proposing an IUGG commission on climate, and many other important issues. It seems that the "communication, cooperation & continuity" (Co-Co-Co) working motto is



known and loved in the IAMAS community and I hope the tradition can be continued. As Past President I will continue to support and promote IAMAS activities whenever and wherever I can.

I look forward to sharing a stimulating 10 days of scientific exchange with all of you in 2 weeks.

See you in Melbourne.

Guoxiong Wu, President, IAMAS.

Upcoming meetings

2011

IUGG General Assembly, 28 June - 7 July 2011, Melbourne, Australia.

DOAS Workshop, 13-15 July 2011, Mainz, Germany.

ICAE, International Conference on Atmospheric Electricity, 8-12 August 2011, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2012

ICCP, International Conference on Cloud and Precipitation, July, Leipzig, Germany.

IRC, International Radiation Symposium, 5-12 August 2012, Berlin, Germany.

IGAC meeting; Atmospheric chemistry in the Anthropocene, 17-21 September 2012, Beijing, China.

2013

DACA-13; Davos IAMAS-IACS Assembly, 8-12 July 2013, Davos, Switzerland.

Special Appreciation

The Secretary General of IAMAS sent a "Letter of Special Appreciation" to Zheng Lin, better known as "Jenny" with copies to Chinese institutions. In this way her valuable voluntary work for IAMAS over some 8 years is acknowledged, as well as the relevant international bureaus in Chinese scientific institutions. Thank you very much Jenny!



IAMAS at IUGG-2011

At the time of writing the printed programme book for IUGG-2011 is being finalised. It will assist in a classical way personal selections during the assembly and give directions within the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). Later it should help to conserve the flavour of the this multi-disciplinary event, in combination with the online version which also reflects last minute changes.

During the business meetings of the IAMAS Executive Committee and the majority of IAMAS's International Commissions, all participants are asked to provide self-critical feedback on the success or otherwise of the general strategy of IAMAS to have fewer but longer and more integrated symposia. Furthermore, ideas will be collected for topical symposia at the next joint IAMAS-IACS Assembly in Davos, Switzerland, which will take place on 8-12 July 2013 under the title DACA-13.

IAMAS past president Michael MacCracken led the Nomination Committee which came up with a well-balanced list of candidates for the various offices (go to the bottom of the page at www.IAMAS.org/officers).

I am looking forward to a rewarding IUGG-2011 Assembly and to meeting many of you in person in Melbourne.

Hans Volkert, Secretary General, IAMAS

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We welcome short reports from the individual IAMAS Commissions at any time.

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