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Chair’s Welcome

The Royal Society issued the invitation to the IGU to hold the 30th IGC in the UK in 2004 and this personal invitation to you to attend the Congress in Glasgow in August 2004 comes from the two main academic societies for geography in the UK - the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) (RGS-IBG) and the Royal Scottish Geographical Society (RSGS). In addition, the organising committee will draw on the full support of the UK academic community through the university heads of department, as well as that from all the other geographical bodies in the UK including the Geographical Association and the Scottish Association of Geography Teachers, both of which have a strong focus on school geographical education. The Organising Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the Royal Society and British Academy.

The UK has one of the most strongly established geographical traditions in the world. This will provide the basis for an exciting and rewarding visit to Scotland. The Scottish reputation for hospitality and Glasgow’s unrivalled heritage and conference facilities offer the promise of a highly successful Congress in 2004. The last Congress in the UK in London in 1964 is still remembered as a highly successful, friendly and open meeting. We intend to build on the ‘spirit of the IGC 1964’. That spirit will be supplemented by the extensive use of multi-media support to participants, enabling broad involvement of all countries. On behalf of the IGU, the Organising Committee and all geographical organisations involved, I welcome you to Glasgow for IGC-UK 2004.

Ken J. Gregory
General Information

Travel Information

Air - Glasgow is served by two international airports. Glasgow International Airport is approximately 14 kilometres (15 minutes) from the city centre and Glasgow Prestwick International Airport is approximately 30 kilometres (45 minutes) from the city centre.

There are regular air services direct to Glasgow from many international destinations and over 40 flights a day from UK airports including London Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted. Glasgow is increasingly well served by the budget airlines.

Rail - Glasgow is well served by the UK rail network through its two principal stations, Central and Queen Street. Rail travel from central London takes approximately 5.5 hours.

Road - Glasgow can be accessed by several main road links, from the north via the A82 and M8, from the south via the M74 and M8 and both the east and west via the M8. Driving from London, via the M1 and M6 motorways, takes approximately 8 hours.

Glasgow

The city of Glasgow has been transformed from its industrial past into a modern commercial centre for Scotland with major new hotels and a redevelopment of its cultural and heritage facilities. It offers examples of successful urban regeneration and facilities of international status in art, culture and shopping. Glasgow was European City of Culture in 1990 and was UK City of Architecture and Design in 1999. It hosted the Festival of Visual Arts in 1996 and is the site of a major new Science Centre, which opened in the summer of 2001.

Congress Venue

The Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) and adjacent Glasgow Moat House Hotel offer one of the finest integrated conference and exhibition centres in Europe. Situated by the River Clyde, the SECC is five minutes drive from the centre of Glasgow and 15 minutes from Glasgow International Airport. The venue has its own railway station and bus terminus linking with Glasgow’s excellent public transport system and, in addition to on-site parking, the Conference Centre is within easy reach of a wide range of accommodation facilities.

Accommodation

A wide range of accommodation will be available for delegates from university accommodation and budget hotels to 4 and 5 star hotels. Glasgow also has a large number of low cost Bed & Breakfast establishments and hostel accommodation.
Congress Theme

The Congress theme of "One Earth - Many Worlds" seeks to be all-inclusive of physical, human and environmental concerns, and to demonstrate the role of modern communications in geographical education.

Within the main theme there will be the following sub-themes:

- Geography and Sustainability
- Environmental Innovation
- Global Trends - Local Challenges
- Resource and Hazard Management
- Environmental Sensitivity
- Communication and Diversity
- Implications of the Knowledge Economy

Scientific Programme

The programme for the Congress will be based strongly on providing the best possible opportunity for the 32 Commissions and various specialised Study Groups to meet. The strength of the IGU lies in its specialisms and diversity, and the Congress will celebrate this. There will also be a strong emphasis on fully integrating Commission meetings with keynote sessions and presentations by internationally eminent speakers. We expect the Congress to celebrate leading aspects of world geography and concern with the environment. There will be five plenary lectures including presentations by Professor Peter Haggett (16 August) and Professor Will Graf (20 August). We also intend the Congress to be the cornerstone of a range of other events planned to coincide with your visit to Glasgow.
The following IGU Commissions and Study Groups have indicated that they will be participating fully in the 30th Congress programme at Glasgow:

Climatic Changes and Periglacial Environments
Climatology
Coastal Systems
Dynamics of Economic Spaces
Evolving Issues of Geographical Marginality
Gender and Geography
Geographical Education
Geographical Information Science
Geography and Public Policy
Geography of the Information Society
Geomorphological Challenges of the 21st Century
Hazards and Risks
Health and Environment
History of Geographical Thought
Karst
Land Degradation and Desertification
Marine Geography
Modelling Geographical Systems
Monitoring Cities of Tomorrow
Population and Environment
Sustainability of Rural Systems
World Political Map
Biogeography and Biodiversity
Diversity in Mountain Systems
Fluvial System Research
Geographie Appliqué
Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change
Global Change and Human Mobility
Land Use and Land Cover Change
L’Approche Culturelle en Geographie
Local Development
Water Sustainability
Exhibitions
An exhibition for those organisations wishing to exhibit goods and services will accompany the Congress. Space equivalent to 70 3m x 3m booths will be provided for hire by commercial companies, academic exhibitors and participating countries. Contact the Secretariat for further information about exhibition costs.

Special exhibitions of geographical interest will be on show at galleries and museums in Glasgow.

Excursions
A full programme of excursions will be provided. These will include local one day trips, more extended excursions across Scotland and Ireland (both before and after the Congress) and a pre-Congress excursion to Iceland. Further information will be made available in the second announcement and on the Congress website.

Social Programme
The programme will include a Welcome Reception, Gala Dinner, Farewell Party and a series of sightseeing tours.

In addition, delegates may wish to visit other parts of Scotland, the British Isles and Europe. Glasgow’s cultural facilities, Edinburgh (50 minutes away by train with its International Festival which is being held at the same time - www.eif.co.uk), Scotland’s scenery, whisky tasting, golf, fishing, cultural and other attractions offer rich opportunities which will be available for leisure and partner programmes.

Publications
Abstracts of papers to be presented by delegates who have registered for the Congress will be published.

Special editions of leading UK geographical journals will be published to accompany and celebrate the Congress.

International Schools' Poster Competition
Schools around the world are invited to submit A1 sized posters for the competition on the theme of "Our Home Area". National committees are invited to hold competitions, initiated in as many countries as possible, and the winning entries will be forwarded to Glasgow to form an exhibition in August 2004. The main prize will consist of up to six invitations to the winners to visit Scotland during the week of the Congress. Detailed rules of the poster competition and expression of intent forms are being circulated to all recognised national geography teacher associations. Details are also available on the
website or alternatively contact Barbara Lee, Linlithgow Academy, Braehead Road, Linlithgow, West Lothian, EH49 6EY, Scotland, UK, Email: barbara.lee@westlothian.org.uk.

**Collaborating Associations' Events**
A number of related organisations are to meet in Glasgow co-jointly with the Congress. Information is detailed below.

**Geomorphology Conference**
A major Geomorphology Conference will be held from Tuesday 17th August 2004 (arrive) to Saturday 21st August (depart) to coincide with the 30th IGU Congress. This Conference, organised by the British Geomorphological Research Group (BGRG), will comprise the BGRG Annual General Meeting joint with a thematic meeting of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) and the IGU Commission on Geomorphological Challenges of the 21st Century. The conference theme will be “Geomorphology and Sustainability: Towards a Sustainable Future” and will include the three sub-themes (1) Geomorphology and Instability, (2) The Managed Landscape and Restoring Nature, and (3) Submitted papers. The programme will include addresses by Professor Mario Pannizza (IAG), Professor Will Graf (IGU plenary lecture), the BGRG Linton Award recipient for 2004 and the BGRG Frost Lecturer.

**Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Annual Conference**
The annual conference will be held during the congress, with a plenary day on 17th August and meetings of the 23 research groups of the RGS-IBG, many linking with IGU Commissions. Contact: Dr Lorraine Craig, RGS-IBG, email: rhed@rgs.org. The Chair of the conference will be Professor Susan Smith. Sessions will mainly relate to the IGC Conference themes.

**Association of Geographic Information (AGI)**
The AGI is planning sessions during the IGC and will participate in the exhibition. The theme of the AGI sessions will cover the importance of geographic information and technology in delivering benefits to the citizen, business and governance.

**International Cartographic Association (ICA) and British Cartographic Society (BCS)**
The ICA and BCS are planning sessions during the IGC and will participate in the exhibition. The themes of the cartographic sessions will cover National and Regional Atlases and the use of maps and imagery as Geographic Information.
Further Information
To receive the second announcement, please complete the reply form and your name will be added to our database for receipt of future information. Those with Internet access can keep up to date by regularly visiting our website at www.meetingmakers.co.uk/IGC-Uk2004

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I plan to submit an abstract

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