

## **IUGG Grants Programme 2008-2011**

### *Guidelines*

IUGG has established a new Grants Programme for 2008-2011 to complement its existing programme of funding symposia and workshops organised or co-sponsored by Union Associations and Union Commissions. Key priority areas are defined for the Grants Programme in line with IUGG overall scientific strategies:

- (a) Creation of New Knowledge in Geodesy and Geophysics;
- (b) Dissemination of Data and Information on Geophysics and Geodesy;
- (c) Geo-science for Sustainable Development;
- (d) Geo-science and Policy Interface;
- (e) Geo-science in Africa.

Proposals of high quality related to the Priority Areas will be funded for a fixed term. The Grants Programme follows the procedures of several other organizations within the ICSU family. The IUGG Grants Programme aims to support projects of importance to the international geophysical and geodetic community, which will explore new scientific ideas and develop future international initiatives. A typical proposal may be for a workshop or a meeting of experts from several disciplines to develop a specific scientific programme or assessment, particularly addressing an enhancement of geophysical research and Earth science education in the underdeveloped and developing countries. Although the range of activities supported is broad, the project proposals should be of scientific and societal importance, and their results are expected to provide clear recommendations to politicians and other decision makers at national and local levels and to the general public in terms of the urgent actions to be undertaken. The deliverables of the projects should bring increased visibility to IUGG and Union Associations.

Proposals can be submitted by IUGG Associations and Union Commissions *only*. Associations' bodies (e.g., Commissions, Task and Work Groups) seeking funding for a project should submit their proposals via relevant Union Associations or Union

Commissions. Preference will be given to proposals that are multidisciplinary and truly international, especially those involving more than two of the IUGG Associations and Union Commissions and representatives of several nations and countries. Proposals should be global or regional in scope and involve a multi-national group, especially scientist from developing countries, women, and younger researchers.

The number of proposals to be funded per year is not fixed, but depends upon relevance, quality, proposal budget requests, and total amount of funds available for the Grant Programme. The total funding for the Programme in 2008-2009 is US\$75,000 (\$50,000 for Priority areas *a-d*, and \$25,000 for Priority area *e*). The same amount of funds are reserved for 2010-2011. Typical size of the grants will range between US\$5,000 and US\$10,000. Co-sponsorship from other sources is encouraged.

Deadline for project proposal submission is 1 March 2008 for the first call and 1 March 2010 for the second call. Following a biennial call, all proposals are peer-reviewed in open competition by the IUGG Bureau. If necessary, specialized experts may be invited to participate in the review process. Successful applicants will be notified by 1 October 2008 and 1 October 2010, respectively.

Grants will be made for periods of one to two years commencing from 1 November 2008. Funds will be allocated as a function of need and quality, and projects may be cancelled if progress has been unsatisfactory. For funded projects, an annual report is to be sent to the IUGG Secretariat by 30 November 2009 and subsequently annually on the same date by all multi-year projects. A final report is to be submitted within three months of the date of the project termination.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications electronically. Application form can be obtained from the IUGG Secretariat on a request of Union Association or Union Commission Secretaries General. Proposals should be submitted by e-mail to the IUGG Secretariat at [secretariat@iugg.org](mailto:secretariat@iugg.org) with a copy to the IUGG Secretary General ([Alik.Ismail-Zadeh@gpi.uka.de](mailto:Alik.Ismail-Zadeh@gpi.uka.de)).