

Peruvian Committee of the International Year of Planet Earth

Activities Report to May 2007

1. Formal constitution of the Committee, in line with the recommendation from the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), which is represented in Peru by the Institute of Geology, Mining and Metallurgy (INGEMMET). The Committee is structured as follows:

Executive Committee:

Dr. Víctor Benavides, President
Dr. José Macharé, Secretary
Dr. Víctor Carlotto, Treasurer
Eng. Francisco Herrera, Contact with IYPE Corporation

Members:

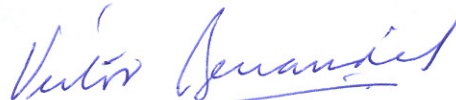
Dr. Fabiola-León Velarde
Dr. Roger Guerra-García
Eng. Alberto Giesecke
Dr. Modesto Montoya
Dra. Silvia Rosas
Eng. Eduardo Rubio

Scientific Work Groups:

- a. Megacities: Dr. Max Vega Centeno
 - b. Underground Water: Eng. Fluquer Peña y Dr. Nicole Bernex
 - c. Climate Change: Eng. Pablo Lagos, Navy Admiral Héctor Soldi
 - d. Earth & Health: Dr. Fabiola León-Velarde, Dr. Roger Guerra-García
 - e. Deep Earth: Dr. Humberto Tavera, Dr. Alberto Giesecke
 - f. Resources: Dr. Miguel Cardozo, Eng. Víctor Lay
 - g. Hazards: Eng. Lionel Fidel, Eng. Julio Kuroiwa, Eng. Jersy Mariño, Eng. Jorge Olarte
 - h. Ocean: Dr. Dimitri Gutiérrez
 - i. Soils: Eng. Carlos Zamora
 - j. Earth & Life: Eng. César Chacaltana, Dr. Jean-Noel Martínez.
2. Preparation of initial outreach publications: IYPE poster and brochure (1000 copies each, financed by INGEMMET). Distribution of this material is being made at all levels (Government, public and private institutions, schools, universities, etc.).
 3. A meeting with the Minister of Energy and Mines, aimed to inform him about the scope of the event and need for political and economic support to achieve the desired success, took place on October 2006. The Minister offered all possible government support, and now this requires the drawing of a follow-up plan.
 4. A Memorandum Of Understanding adapted to Peru was achieved in consultation with Dr. Eduardo de Mulder. This MOU was signed by Committee President Víctor Benavides.

5. A request from the British Geological Service to support the drawing of the Geologic Map of the World at a 1: one million scale was received on September 2006. INGEMMET responded positively committing to work in said project in the Latin American context. We have not had further news on this project.
6. Regarding Outreach, a first list of communication activities has been drafted with the purpose of seeking funding.
7. On 20 October 2006, Eng. Eduardo Rubio, IYPE representative for Latin America, delivered a keynote conference on the IYPE in the context of the XIII Peruvian Geological Congress.
8. A virtual group designated **planetatierra@ingemmet.gob.pe** was created to disseminate information through electronic mail. The list is being used by members of the Committee for communication and outreach.
9. The official launch of the International Year of Planet Earth in Peru took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 29 March 2007, and was attended by national scientific, academic and political guests.
10. Committee President Víctor Benavides delivered a keynote conference about the IYPE on 20 April 2007, during a Climate Change event that took place at the Faculty of Geographic and Environmental Sciences of National University Federico Villarreal in Lima. Upon request, a copy of the conference was delivered to the representative of UNESCO in Peru.

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