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III. reports of IAG symposia
IV. reports by commissions, special commissions or study groups
V. symposia announcements
VI. book reviews
VII. fast bibliography

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**General Announcements**

**IAG Young Authors Award**

The International Association of Geodesy (IAG) grants the Young Authors Award for important contributions of authors of 35 years of age or younger in the IAG Journal of Geodesy (JoG) (see [http://www.iag-aig.org/index.php?tpl=text&id_c=13&id_t=108](http://www.iag-aig.org/index.php?tpl=text&id_c=13&id_t=108)). Up to two awards are granted for each two-year period preceding a General Assembly or a Scientific Assembly. The next Scientific Assembly will be held in Potsdam, Germany, September 2013; therefore nominations are invited for publications in 2011 and 2012 (JoG volumes 85 and 86). At least three IAG Fellows or Associates may send a joint nomination by 1st of March 2013 to the IAG Secretary General (iag@dgfi.badw.de). Fellows are listed in the Geodesist’s Handbook or online at [http://iag.dgfi.badw.de/fileadmin/IAG-docs/Fellows_1991-2011.pdf](http://iag.dgfi.badw.de/fileadmin/IAG-docs/Fellows_1991-2011.pdf); IAG Associates are all geodesists active in IAG (e.g. as an IAG officer or member, or by participation in an IAG General or Scientific Assembly).

HERMANN DREWES  
IAG Secretary General

**Invitation for proposals for changes to the IAG Statutes and Bylaws**

Article 16 of IAG’s Statutes specifies that the Association shall review its Statutes and Bylaws to ensure an up-to-date structure of its scientific organization every eight years. The last time such a review was initiated was about eight years ago under the presidency of Gerard Beutler. It is now therefore time that we again take a fresh look at our Statutes and Bylaws. To achieve this goal, a Review Committee (traditionally called the Cassinis Committee) was appointed in the fall of 2011 by the IAG Executive. The committee is chaired by Michael Sideris and includes as members Harald Schuh, Ruth Neilan and Yoichi Fukuda. A proposal with all suggested revisions will be made by the Cassinis Committee for consideration by the IAG Executive and possibly the Council at the 2013 Scientific Assembly. In this way, we are hoping to get the Council’s reaction and input to the proposed changes before these are finalized and approved at the next IUGG General Assembly in 2015.

With this announcement, the Cassinis Committee is inviting proposals for changes of any article of the Statutes and Bylaws. Proposals can be submitted through the IAG website Forum ([www.iag-aig.org/proposals](http://www.iag-aig.org/proposals)). The actual Statutes and By-laws can be found on the IAG website. All proposals submitted between March 1, 2012 and February 1, 2013 will be considered by the Cassinis Committee.

We are very much looking forward to receiving your contributions.

MICHAEL SIDERIS, HARALD SCHUH, RUTH NEILAN, YOICHI FUKUDA

**Meeting Announcements**

**IAG Scientific Assembly 2013**

Deadline for abstract submission is April 21, 2013. For technical instructions on how to prepare your abstracts and for further conference information, please visit our homepage [http://www.iag2013.org](http://www.iag2013.org).

All abstracts accepted and presented at the Assembly (oral or poster) may be submitted as papers for publication in the peer-reviewed IAG Symposia Series at Springer Publisher within one month after the Assembly.

Please note: There is an abstract fee of EUR 40 for each submitted abstract. The fee of the first abstract will be credited against the registration fee when you register (on-line or on-site). Fees for additional abstracts will not be refunded.

IAG 2013 will offer you an interesting and comprehensive scientific program together with a variety of unique cultural events.
Meetings Calendar

**17. Internationale Geodätische Woche 2013**
*February 17-23, 2013, Obergurgl, Austria*
URL: [http://www.mplusm.at/ifg/programm2013.htm](http://www.mplusm.at/ifg/programm2013.htm)

**Munich Satellite Navigation Summit 2013**
*February 26-28, 2013, Munich, Germany*
URL: [http://www.munich-satellite-navigation-summit.org](http://www.munich-satellite-navigation-summit.org)

**EGU-IVS Training School for the Next Generation Geodetic and Astrometric VLBI**
*March 2-5, 2013, Helsinki, Finland*
URL: [http://www.evga.org/vlbi_school.html](http://www.evga.org/vlbi_school.html)

**21st European VLBI for Geodesy and Astrometry (EVGA) Working Meeting**
*March 6-8, 2013, Helsinki, Finland*

**Cryosat 3rd User Workshop**
*March 12-14, 2013, Dresden, Germany*

**50 Jahre Gletscherforschung - Symposium der Kommission für Erdmessung und Glaziologie der BAdW**
*March 14-15, 2013, Munich, Germany*
URL: [http://www.glaziologie.de/Symposium2013/](http://www.glaziologie.de/Symposium2013/)

**IDS AWG Meeting**
*April 4-5, 2013, Toulouse, France*
URL: [http://ids-doris.org/](http://ids-doris.org/)

**European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2013**
*April 7-12, 2013, Vienna, Austria*
URL: [http://www.egu.eu/meetings/meeting-overview.html](http://www.egu.eu/meetings/meeting-overview.html)

**ETS 2013**
*April 15-19, 2013, Warsaw, Poland*
17th International Symposium on Earth Tides „Understand the Earth”

**7th GNSS Vulnerabilities and Solutions Conference**
*April 18-20, 2013, Baska, Krk Island, Croatia*

**The European Navigation Conference ENC 2013**
*April 23-25, 2013, Vienna, Austria*
URL: [www.enc2013.org](http://www.enc2013.org)
International Symposium on Mobile Mapping Technology 2013  
April 30 - May 2, 2013, Tainan, Taiwan  
URL: http://conf.ncku.edu.tw/mmt2013/wm02.htm

Seventh IVS Technical Operations Workshop  
May 6-9, 2013, Westford, MA, USA

FIG Working Week 2013  
May 6-10, 2013, Abuja, Nigeria  
URL: http://www.fig.net/fig2013/

IERS Workshop on Local Ties and Co-locations  
May 21-22, 2013, Paris, France

5th International Conference on Spacecraft Formation Flying Missions and Technologies (SFFMT)  
May 29 - 31, 2013, Munich, Germany  
URL: http://www.sffmt2013.org/

International Symposium: Reconciling Observations and Models of Elastic and Viscoelastic Deformation due to Ice Mass Change  
May 30 – June 2, 2013, Ilulissat, Greenland  
URL: http://www.dtu.dk/subsites/iag.aspx

SGEM 2013  
June 16-22, 2013, Albena, Bulgaria  
URL: http://www.sgem.org

VIII Hotine-Marussi Symposium  
June 17-21, 2013, Rome, Italy  
URL: http://w3.uniroma1.it/Hotine-Marussi_Symposium_2013

Munich Satellite Navigation Summit 2013  
June 18-20, 2013, Munich, Germany  
URL: http://www.munich-satellite-navigation-summit.org/

TransNav 2013  
June 19-21, 2013, Gdynia, Poland  
URL: http://transnav2013.am.gdynia.pl

ICEO-SI 2013  
June 23-25, 2013, Tainan City, Taiwan  
International Conference on Earth Observations and Societal Impacts  
URL: http://2013.iceo-si.org.tw/

IRI-2013 Workshop "IRI and GNSS"  
June 24-28, 2013, Olsztyn, Poland  
URL: http://www.uwm.edu.pl/kaig/iri_workshop_2013/

AOGS2013  
June 24-28, 2013, Brisbane, Australia  
URL: http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2013/

International Symposium on Planetary Sciences (IAPS2013)  
July 1-4, 2013, Shanghai, China  
URL: http://202.127.29.4/meetings/iaps2013/
**GI Forum 2013 – Creating the GISociety**

July 2-5, 2013, Salzburg, Austria

**2013 Beacon Satellite Symposium**

July 8-12, 2013, Bath, UK
URL: [http://people.bath.ac.uk/ee3jarr/beaconsatellite2013/](http://people.bath.ac.uk/ee3jarr/beaconsatellite2013/)

**Joint IAMAS-IACS Assembly**

July 8-12, 2013, Davos, Switzerland
Davos Atmosphere and Cryosphere Assembly 2013, Ice & Air – Process Interactions
URL: [www.gi-forum.org](http://www.gi-forum.org)

**Joint IAHS-IAPSO-IASPEI Scientific Assembly**

July 22-26, 2013, Gothenburg, Sweden

**26th International Cartographic Conference**

August 25-30, 2013, Dresden, Germany

**ISDE 2013**

August 26-29, 2013, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia
8th International Symposium on Digital Earth 2013

**12th IAGA Scientific Assembly**

August 26-31, 2013, Mérida, Mexico
URL: [www.iaga2013.org.mx](http://www.iaga2013.org.mx)

**IAG Scientific Assembly**

September 1-6, 2013, Potsdam, Germany
URL: [http://www.iag2013.org](http://www.iag2013.org)

**2nd Joint International Symposium on Deformation Monitoring (JISDM)**

September 9-11, 2013, Nottingham, UK

**ESA Living Planet Symposium 2013**

September 9-13, 2013, Edinburgh, UK

**TGSMM 2013**

September 11-20, 2013, St Petersburg, Russian Federation
IAG Third Symposium "Terrestrial Gravimetry: Static and Mobile Measurements - TGSMM-2013

**Scientific developments from highly accurate space-time reference systems**

September 16-18, 2013, Observatoire de Paris, Paris, France

**ION GNSS 2013**

September 16-20, 2013, Nashville, TN, USA
URL: [http://www.ion.org/meetings/?conf=gnss](http://www.ion.org/meetings/?conf=gnss)

**Statusseminar der DFG-Forschergruppe Referenzsysteme (FOR1503)**

September 19-20, 2013, Berlin, Germany
Reports

**International Technical Laser Workshop 2012**

The IRLS held an International Technical Laser Workshop 2012 (ITLW-12) on “Satellite, Lunar and Planetary Laser Ranging: characterizing the space segment” at the Frascati National Laboratories of the INFN-LNF, Frascati (Rome), Italy on November 5-9, 2012, in conjunction with a one-day Workshop on "ASI-INFN ETRUSCO-2 Project of Technological Development and Test of SLR Payloads for GNSS Satellites”. The meeting focused on the laser ranging space segment including retroreflector arrays for Earth orbiting satellites and the Moon, with special attention to the expanding role of ranging to GNSS and geosynchronous satellites. Topics also included receivers in space for time transfer experiments (T2L2), one-way ranging to lunar orbiters (LRO) and interplanetary spacecraft (MLA, MOLA), and data relay systems. Workshop presentations and proceedings papers are available through the workshop website, [http://www.lnf.infn.it/conference/laser2012/](http://www.lnf.infn.it/conference/laser2012/).
Attendees of the ITLW-12
Frascati, Rome, November 5 - 9, 2012.

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