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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) welcomes Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP) as a Liaison Organization. ESIP's admission to the AGI Federation was formally approved by the AGI Executive Committee earlier this month.

ESIP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, volunteer, and community-driven organization that advances the use of Earth science data through meetings and virtual collaborations focused on Earth science data-related topics. Created by NASA in 1998, ESIP was formed in response to a National Research Council recommendation calling for the involvement of community stakeholders in the development of NASA's Earth Observing System Data and Information System as a critical element of the U.S. Global Change Research Program. Since its inception, ESIP has continually grown and attracted a diverse group of partners, which now includes more than 150 partner organizations. ESIP partners include federal data centers, government research laboratories, research universities, education resource providers, technology developers, and various nonprofit and commercial enterprises.

"Earth science data are critical to every facet of the geoscience enterprise, which engages the most pressing challenges and promising opportunities facing society today," said AGI Interim Executive Director Sharon Tahirkheli. "Welcoming ESIP as a Liaison Organization enhances the strength of our federation and the network of connections that make data-driven partnerships and collaborations possible throughout the geoscience community."

"We find significant value in working together with other geoscience societies to improve the quality of life, economic opportunities, and stewardship of the planet through collaborating to improve our collective services," added ESIP Executive Director Susan Shingledecker. "ESIP facilitates connections across traditional boundaries — organizations, sectors, disciplines, systems and data — allowing our partners and participants to leverage their collective expertise and technical capacity to address common challenges related to Earth science data."

As a Liaison Organization approved for membership by the AGI Executive Committee, ESIP is now a non-voting participant in the AGI Member Society Council and receives priority treatment in the development of collaborations in areas of joint mutual interest with AGI. ESIP joins the ranks of AGI Liaison Organizations including the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, the National Academies' Board on Earth Sciences and Resources, the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences, the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, Energistics, GeoScienceWorld, the U.S. Department of Energy's Geothermal Technologies Office, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

To learn more about ESIP, see <https://www.esipfed.org>. For a list of all AGI's Member Societies and information about other membership categories, go to <https://www.americangeosciences.org/member-societies>.

### About ESIP

Earth Science Information Partners (ESIP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, volunteer and community-driven organization that advances the use of Earth science data through meetings and virtual collaborations more than 30 Earth science data-related topics.

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### **About AGI**

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of scientific and professional associations that represents over a quarter-million geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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