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Alexandria, VA – The Spring 2015 issue of Geospectrum has been published by the American Geosciences Institute. Geospectrum provides an inside look of the latest news from geoscience community. Download the complete spring issue of Geospectrum for free at: http://www.americangeosciences.org/geospectrum/info.

This issue features stories on the celebration of the *International Year of Soils*, how one geologist saw more than met the eye in Prudhoe Bay, and a summary of the Oso Landslide. AGI International Associate, the International Association for Promoting Geoethics, poses critical questions of the community in the face of global challenges. Thoughtful pieces containing advice for early-career geoscientists and those still in university have also been shared in this issue. The Education chapter is loaded with free resources for classrooms, as well as scholarships, travel and internship opportunities for those still in pursuit of their geoscience degree. Geoscience Policy covers how federal legislation affects geoscientists from different sectors, and where geoscientists are providing leadership to U.S. Legislators.

This issue also has a special feature written with the U.S. Geological Survey EDMAP program to broadly share tips and eligibility requirements for the upcoming Best Student Geologic Map Competition before geoscientists leave on their summer field season. The next competition will be held at the 2015 Geological Society of America Meeting in Baltimore Maryland.

The American Geosciences Institute is a nonprofit federation of geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. 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.

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