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YES Network becomes AGI's First International Associate

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce that the YES Network, a professional global network for the support of early-career professionals and students in the geosciences, is the first International Associate of the AGI Federation.

The YES Network is a global network of individuals who are early-career geoscientists, students, or professionals interested in supporting the development of the next generation of geoscientists. The YES Network was formed as a result of the International Year of Planet Earth in 2007. Its first international Congress was in Beijing, China in 2009. That meeting focused on climate, environmental and geoscience challenges facing today's society, as well as career and academic pathway challenges faced by early-career geoscientists.

Since the congress, the YES Network has more than tripled its membership and now has members in 102 countries working on geoscience projects in every corner of the globe. The YES Network aims to establish an interdisciplinary global network of individuals committed to earth science solutions to the global society's challenges, and furthering the IYPE motto of "Earth Sciences for Society." As the YES Network is a fully self-organizing network, there are no membership fees or dues.

"With the addition of YES to the larger AGI community, we are broadening the profession's discussion not only internationally, but also more deeply with the emerging generation of geoscience leaders. I cannot think of a better group to be the inaugural International Associate than the YES Network. The member society council looks forward to working with this new organization to ensure that AGI is fulfilling its mission to serve as a voice of shared interest in the profession not just in the U.S. but throughout the world." says AGI Executive Director, Dr. P. Patrick Leahy.

All information about YES Network activities and its ongoing events are posted on the YES Network site: <http://www.networkyes.org>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 49 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 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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