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Earth Science Week Contest Expanded Internationally

Alexandria, VA -- The American Geological Institute (AGI) is expanding eligibility for its annual Earth Science Week photography contest to allow members of AGI International Affiliates to participate for the first time.

Previously open only to residents of the United States, the photo contest has always been a major part of Earth Science Week, which this year is being celebrated October 9-15.

“By celebrating the theme of ‘Our Ever-Changing Earth,’ Earth Science Week 2011 focuses attention on the natural forces that shape our planet,” says Ann E. Benbow, Ph.D., AGI’s Director of Education and Outreach. “This is the perfect time to invite our colleagues and friends around the world to join this celebration of Earth science.”

Members of AGI International Affiliates are encouraged to enter this year’s Earth Science Week photography contest, “A World of Change in My Community.” These individuals are invited to use a camera to capture evidence of the long- or short-term changes taking place around their planet and even in their own neighborhoods.

For more information on the photo contest, including guidelines, deadlines, and information on how to correctly submit your entry, please visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/>.

Earth Science Week is organized annually by AGI with support from U.S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, NASA, the National Park Service, ExxonMobil, ESRI, and others. To learn more about Earth Science Week, please go to <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 50 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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