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## International Photography Contest: “Exploring Earth Science Around the World”

Alexandria, VA—The American Geological Institute is sponsoring an international photography contest to celebrate both the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) and Earth Science Week 2009. The theme of the contest is “Exploring Earth Science Around the World.”

The contest is open to people of all ages worldwide. Contest entrants are encouraged to submit photos that capture the spirit of IYPE by illustrating earth processes and geoscience research where they live. Appropriate subjects include rivers and streams, changing weather, topography, oceans, glaciers, or researchers in the field or lab. Entries will be judged for both creativity and relevance to the topic.

To learn more about this contest, including rules for submissions, deadlines, and prizes, visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/iypephotocontest/>.

Earth Science Week is an annual event held the second week of October to promote an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences. It is organized annually by AGI with support from a number of other geoscience organizations, including the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, National Park Service, U.S. Department of Energy, ExxonMobil and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation. To learn more about this event, please visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 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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