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AGI to Offer New Membership Category: International Associates

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce a new membership category, International Associate (IA).

Since 1948, the AGI Federation has largely been comprised of U.S. earth science societies. With the addition of International Associates, groups with predominately international memberships (less than 25 U.S. professional members) will be able to participate within the AGI Federation. AGI President Richard Powers said “The geosciences are truly global in scope and the ability to work in concert with geoscience organizations around the world benefit our profession enormously. Societal problems involving the geosciences know no borders and efforts to improve the exchange of knowledge across geoscience organizations worldwide are sorely needed and we are hopeful that this step helps to close the knowledge and communication gap.”

The inclusion of International Associates will provide better communication between U.S. and international geoscience organizations. This will open the door for new opportunities for joint partnerships and programs of shared interest. Like traditional AGI Member Societies, International Associates will be able gain access to AGI products and services. IAs will be non-voting members of the AGI Member Society Council.

All International Associates must be approved by the AGI Executive Committee. If your group is interested in obtaining membership through the IA program, please contact the AGI Executive Director, Dr. P. Patrick Leahy at pleahy@agiweb.org.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 47 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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