



OneGeology Newsletter

INTRODUCTION

Welcome! 2008 has already started incredibly well for OneGeology. There has been a busy schedule of meetings and events as well as preparation for the

official launch of OneGeology at the 33rd IGC in Oslo in August. We hope that many of you will be able to join us there. In the meantime, here are some short articles to keep you updated with our progress...

International Year of Planet Earth Global Launch, UNESCO, Paris, 12 and 13 February 2008

OneGeology was given centre stage at the Global Launch Event of IYPE in Paris. The event attracted international dignitaries, ambassadors and senior scientists from around the world and OneGeology was included in the speeches of many of these, including the Director General



of UNESCO. We had a OneGeology booth there which attracted much interest and helped in our mission to raise awareness around the world. As a result participation in OneGeology continues to grow. OneGeology was always in demand and a several TV interviews were given, including one on Italian national TV.

Link to Italian news clip:
<http://www.skylife.it/videoTg24Single/63042>

Further information on the IYPE event can be viewed at:
<http://yearofplanetearth.org/index.html>





Technical Working Group Meeting

The second meeting of the Technical Working Group was held on 27–29 March at BRGM (Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières) in Orleans, France.

This was a highly successful meeting. It was attended by 30 participants representing 13 countries around the world. Discussion focussed on development of the Prototype Portal, the registration process, improvements leading to V1.1 of the Cookbook and preparations for Level 2 WFS Cookbooks. The meeting was concluded with a live demonstration of using the WMS Cookbook V1.0 and the registration of 'real' map data.

Could all OneGeology participating nations now please follow the Cookbook instructions to register

your OneGeology conformant WMS service and provide any feedback you can to onegeologyhelp@bgs.ac.uk. This feedback will be essential for producing Cookbook V1.1, hopefully available in April.

The regional French TV station came to film the Working Group meeting and several of the team appeared in a substantial slot on the regional news that evening.

See the news clip at:

www.onegeology.org/technical_progress/orleans_movie.html

Notes and actions from the meeting can be viewed at:

www.onegeology.org/meetings/technical_meetings.html





Operational Management Group Meeting

The second meeting of the Operational Management Group was held in Paris on 1st March 2008. The meeting was attended by 17 participants and included discussion and action on the following topics: funding and support, communication and website, organisation, governance, roles and responsibilities, and planning for the 33rd IGC.

The meeting was held at Chez Jenny, Place de la République.

The agenda, meeting notes and actions can all be viewed at: http://www.onegeology.org/meetings/operational_meetings.html



Why did we choose to hold the OneGeology meeting at the Place de la République?

— **Liberty, Equality, Fraternity** is the motto of the French Republic

— What about OneGeology?

Liberty to access geologic maps,

Equality of all participants in the initiative,

Fraternity through the Buddy system, ... and **Interoperability**



Liberté



Egalité



Fraternité



Interopérabilité

OneGeology-Europe proposal to the EC



Twenty-one European geological surveys have submitted a 3.25€ million OneGeology-Europe proposal to the EC for funding under the eContentplus programme. The proposal has received a very positive technical and scientific evaluation and subject to negotiations to take place in Luxembourg on 10 April, is looking likely to be funded. The project could start as early as June 2008.

Coming soon!

In the next few weeks look out for a major addition to the **OneGeology website** — **OneGeology-eXtra!**

Within **OneGeology-eXtra** will be **OneGeology-Showcase** — some of the best uses of geological map data on the web and **OneGeology-Culture** — an introduction to the role that geology has played and continues to play in the most aesthetic parts of all our lives. In the following months we plan to add **OneGeology-Schools** — a part of our website for children.





OneGeology@33IGC

OneGeology will have a big presence at the 33rd IGC in Oslo 6–14 August 2008. The main event for us will be the formal and official launch of OneGeology on 6 August.

We will have a full programme of events and meetings taking place throughout the course of the IGC. Some of the events are outlined below. As more information is available and dates and times are firmed up, these will be updated on the website.



Commonwealth meeting on 26 February 2008 at the British Geological Survey, Keyworth, UK

Eleven Directors of Commonwealth geological surveys met at BGS in Keyworth. As part of their visit they were given a presentation on OneGeology. As a result several new nations are now participating in OneGeology.

The events and meetings currently planned are:

- Official Launch at the IGC Opening Plenary (6 August)
- OneGeology Open House (7 August)
- Booth at the exhibition
- OneGeology — Transparent Earth symposium
- Steering Group meeting
- Operational Management Group meeting
- Technical Group meeting

The other dates and times will be announced in the coming months.

Come and join us!

The number of countries and Geological Surveys' signing up to become involved in OneGeology is increasing rapidly. We enthusiastically encourage all those interested but not yet registered to get in touch.

Further Information can be found on the OneGeology website, which is regularly updated or by contacting onegeology@bgs.ac.uk

