

Dear Colleagues,

The IAG Scientific Assembly will be held in Beijing on June 28–July 2, 2021. The Scientific Assembly is a quadrennial event, in the middle of the periods between the IUGG General Assemblies. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Scientific Assembly will be organized as a virtual meeting. Due to the exceptional and challenging circumstances, it took time to finalize all details and to ensure that we will have a full and high-quality programme.

The Theme of the Symposium is Geodesy for a Sustainable Earth. There will be eight Symposia, with topics covering the activities of IAG Commissions, Services, Inter-Commission Committees and a timely topic on Geohazards. Full list of the scientific programme and sessions therein can be found on the official web site http://www.iag2021.com. The web site is open for registration and abstract submission.

Important dates and deadlines (see more details on the web site http://www.iag2021.com):

Registration Deadline:

Abstract submission Deadline:

Acceptance of the Abstracts:

Pre-recorded video upload Deadline:

E-poster upload Deadline:

June 5

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Scientific Assembly: June 28-July 2

Registration

The local organizers and the IAG have worked to keep on-line registration fee as low as possible, and IAG individual members receive a discounted fee. For non-IAG members the fee is US\$ 150, and for IAG members US\$ 75. Abstract submission fee is US\$ 40. Additionally, the participation fee will be waived for members of several groups, who must send a request to the Secretary General of the IAG to receive this fee waiver:

- Full-time students from undergraduate to PhD students, who must also submit a student certificate or letter from their department.
- Early career scientists (below age 35) if they have an accepted presentation (oral or poster) in the Symposium.
- Scientists from developing countries.

Opportunity for free, open access publication in the IAG renowned Symposia Series

The Assembly participants are invited to submit an abstract for oral or poster presentation at one of the Symposia. Authors of accepted presentations (oral or poster) are welcome to offer the full paper in the IAG renowned Symposia Series published by Springer. This series is now fully Open Access and the primary mode of publication is on-line (individual papers, and an e-book once all papers are finished). The papers will be on-line and Open Access shortly after each paper is accepted, so that they do not have to wait for the entire volume to be completed. All papers will eventually be searchable through the volume once the volume is finalised. The Open Access fees for the IAG Scientific Assembly participants are covered by the IAG; thus, the first author shall be the participant of the Assembly. The IAG Symposia Series is indexed in Web of Science (book by book) and in Scopus (as a series).

The LOC and SOC have done their best that the Symposium will offer a full experience regardless of the demanding circumstances. We have increased the interactive part of sessions with the possibility of meeting speakers virtually and having discussions with them. Poster sessions will also have interactive possibilities and to ask questions of the authors.

We hope to see you in the IAG Scientific Assembly 2021. You are very warmly welcome.

Markku Poutanen IAG Secretary General.