

Houston G&G Leaders Meeting

RE: INVITATION

Come for a quick update or stay for more details. This is your invitation (or your choice of an associate) to join us for breakfast this Friday at The Houston Club. If interested, please R.S.V.P. by reply-email or call Ralph Baird at the number below. You may attend either or both parts of the meeting; we want to meet you. The event details are as follows:

Topics: "Update, the International Year of Planet Earth 2007-2009"
"Houston Launch Event and the Joint Meeting of GSA/GCAGS, October, 2008"
"Earth Science Professional, Educational and National Common Interests"

Date: Friday, March 7, 2008

Times: 7:30 am Cont'l Breakfast- available throughout meeting
8:30 am Short Program, Dr. Ed de Mulder, Executive Director, IYPE
Announcement, 2008 Joint Meeting GCAGS-GSA,
Dave Rensink, HGS/GCAGS
Exclusive pre-view event video, Dan Molina, ex-NBC
9:30 am Adjourn

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10:30 am Optional attendance Part 2: Development Committee Workgroup

Location: The Houston Club, 811 Rusk, Magnolia Room, 9th Floor
Parking is in building, enter from Rusk Ave. side.

Cost: Paid by sponsor Baird Petrophysical International of Houston

Please R.S.V.P.

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Further details:

Houston Geological and Geophysical Leaders Meeting, Friday March 7

I am hosting a short meeting this Friday, March 7, to help plan support for the October GSA/GCAGS Event (<https://www.acsm meetings.org/>) and introduce Dr. Ed de Mulder (Norway) and Dr. Larry Woodfork (USA) to Houston geoscience leaders. Ed is Executive Director of the International Year of Planet Earth, which is gathering tremendous momentum (<http://yearofplanetearth.org/>). Woodfork is Chairman of the IYPE Corporation (a non-profit). The joint meeting of GSA and GCAGS in October this year is supporting IYPE in its theme as the GSA did last year and will next year.

This is an opportunity for the Houston leaders of the professional and educational geoscience community to become associated with IYPE and benefit from international recognition by such an association. You will find de Mulder delightful.

If interested, please reply to me from this e-mail as your probable attendance Friday (we need a head count). The meeting has two parts. The first part will be an update on activities and will emphasize the October Houston event and how important this is for Houston and the Energy Geosciences Community. Marlan Downey (who you may remember from his dedication to the profession, past president AAPG, and a long list of accomplishments) is also flying in to attend the meeting. The second part will concern leadership development needs and is optional as it relates to IYPE development business, and you are welcome to attend and offer advice.

I promise to keep the meeting short and that you will enjoy meeting those joining us.

Ralph Baird, Chairman, Development Committee, IYPE 2007-2009

And, Further Background:

Sputnik was a success 50 years ago. So were international efforts by scientists to measure the Earth's systems during the highly successful International Geophysical Year (IGY). NASA was formed the following year, placing Houston on the technology map. IYPE is a 50 year anniversary initiative of the IGY. The IGY 1957-1958, fifty years ago and before the internet, involved 69 countries by my count, 67 by others'. (<http://www.nas.edu/history/igy/>)

You may be aware of the activities of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year and the current efforts by the international Earth science and engineering communities to improve public awareness of Earth sciences including mineral and oil and gas extraction.

The purpose is for Houston leaders to meet Dr. de Mulder and to hear the latest about the United Nations sponsored "International Year of Planet Earth" associated with the 50th anniversary of the very successful International Geophysical Year (1957-1958) and other 'Geophysical Years' initiatives, now in progress.

International Year of Planet Earth and UN Proclamation information:

<http://yearofplanetearth.org/content/proclamation.html>

There are now 68 countries with IYPE National Committees, including the US National Committee.



International Year of Planet Earth