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Dear Professors Riccardi and Professor Bjorlykke

On behalf of the Indian Geoscience Community, Ministries of Mines and Earth Sciences of the Government of India and the Indian National Science Academy and the academies of the Co-hosting countries, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Srilanka, I am pleased to enclose the details of a joint South Asian bid for IUGS-2020 to be held in Delhi during Nov 29-Dec.5, 2012. These dates have been chosen in view of the adverse weather conditions in the sub-continent during July-August (the monsoon period) and in view of the teaching schedules in the Universities across the world.

Our interest in hosting the event comes from a keen desire to partner our science with the global community for universal good. We will like to present our science and learn from the best of experts in the world. We anticipate that a large pool of scientists that exists in the region will get charged to take their science to higher level. We will also be seeking to partner the new faculties that have been created in region and create series of partnerships in the process that will enrich ours and global science. I may mention that it is over 5 decades that the region had an International Geological Congress and given the human dimensions, geological challenges and new geology that the region presents, it will be eminently appropriate that the IGC comes to the sub-continent in near future.

We have tried to include all the information as per your letter of August 2011 and we will be willing to address to any of the specific queries that may arise. The choice of Delhi stems from its near one stop connectivity, an excellent convention center with large space that can cater to over 10,000 participants and availability of a large number of dwelling units and hotel rooms of all categories, with in 20-30 min drive. Additional space for IUGS office, IUGS business lounge and accommodation for council members across the road are available for efficient organization.

Delhi as a venue, provides a window into ancient and modern India with its large historical background, large museums, cultural events and the culinary culture. The recent successful conduct of the Commonwealth Games has demonstrated that it has a world class infra structure for hosting large events.

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Given that we are keen on forging a partnership in science, we have kept the registration fee at a low level and this is because our business model is Science driven and not Economics or Profit driven. We have taken steps to secure substantive funds from the Government of India and given the Government's commitment to Science, we see no difficulty in securing a very substantive support through its ministries of Mines and Earth Sciences. We anticipate additional support from the Industry which will be used to enhance the participation of the young, future Geoscientists. We therefore would create an excellent Geohost program. Webcast of events for larger outreach will be carried out via our Edusat (satellite for education).

The Indian National Science Academy will provide additional venues for the IUGS bureau meetings and we will host these without any costs to the IUGS.

This letter has several enclosures as listed in the enclosed sheet. We will be happy to address to any of your queries and will appreciate an acknowledgement.

With warm regards



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