Annual Report on the ICG (International GNSS Committee) Activities

Attendance to the following three ICG meetings:

• Informal Preparatory Meeting for the 2nd ICG meeting held in Vienna, Austria, 5th June 2007. The main purpose of the Informal Preparatory Meeting was the organisation for the upcoming 2nd ICG meeting held in Bangalore, India, 4th – 7th September 2007.

• 2nd ICG meeting held in Bangalore - India, 4-7 September 2007. Attendance at the Plenary Sessions and the meetings of WG-C (Information Dissemination and Coordination Issues). WG-C drafted the following recommendations to the ICG:

1. The ICG should support the GNSS training activities of the UNOOSA regional centres and in the future its information centres around the world.
2. The ICG should work with UNOOSA to develop a curriculum on GNSS as a course discipline for these centres.
3. GNSS-related training should include applications specific to the individual requirements of the developing countries of the participating students (e.g. mining, agriculture, tracking, etc.)
4. ICG members should work through their WGC representatives with UNOOSA to provide speakers at various venues, as possible.
5. ICG members should consider providing sponsorship of participants from developing countries to GNSS educational activities, such as those discussed today.
6. The ICG should accept as final the draft ICG brochure and logo, as prepared by Shafa Gadimova with additional material provided by the provider agencies.
7. ICG members should provide specific information on educational programs already in place around the world that they are aware of to UNOOSA for inclusion in the website. This should include long distance learning (Internet courses, etc.), text books, magazines, and any other sources of educational materials.

• Informal Preparatory Meeting for the third meeting of the ICG Vienna, Austria, 18th/19th February 2008. The main purpose of the Informal Preparatory Meeting was the organisation for the upcoming 3rd ICG meeting to be held in Pasadena, 8th – 12th December 2008. Furthermore item small changes of the ICG TOR (ICG/TOR/SEP2007) have been discussed (adoption planned in Plenary at ICG-3). It has to be mentioned that according to the ICG TOR decisions are made by consensus of the Members (not observers). A further preparatory meeting will be held in June 2008 in Vienna.

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