



Working with ICSU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

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- April 2005 Regional Consultation on Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
- 17 – 18 January 2006: First Meeting of ICSU Regional Committee.
- 1 June: Director appointed
- 1 August: Office established
- 19th September: Agreement between Government of Malaysia and ICSU formally signed and Regional Office inaugurated



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- 1 June:
Director Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific appointed
- 1 August:
Office of ROAP established.
- 14 August:
Administrative Officer recruited



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- 17 September:
Hosted the 2nd Meeting of the Policy Committee for Developing Countries (PCDC) and held Joint Meeting of PCDC and Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific.



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- 20th September:
2nd Meeting, ICSU
Regional Committee
for Asia and the
Pacific.
- Initial priorities of the
Regional Office
decided.



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Past events with “others”

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International Council for Science

2nd SCAR Open Science Conference

“Antarctica in the Earth System”

Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th July 2006

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- 18 and 19th September:
Organized Regional Conference on Natural and Human Induced Environmental Hazards and Disasters.
- With UNESCO (Jakarta Office)



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- 7th October:
Presented ICSU
(ROAP) at Thailand
Research Expo
- With National
Research Council of
Thailand (NRCT)



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- Meeting with Science Council of Japan 22 January 2007



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- 3rd Regional Committee Meeting
 - Tehran, Iran
 - 6 & 7 March 2007
 - Host: University of Tehran



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- Facilitating interaction amongst scientists
 - Forum on Implications of Warming in Polar Regions on Earth Systems 23 March 2007
 - With SCAR



**Working with
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Events planned**

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- Planning and coordinating research
 - 3 priority research themes
 - Hazards and disasters
 - Ecosystem approach to water and food systems
 - Energy sustainability



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- Professor Harsh Gupta selected to lead Planning Group on Hazards and Disasters
- Professor Muhamad Awang selected to lead Planning Group on Ecosystem Approach.



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Hazards and disasters

- 8-person planning group appointed
- Will meet 4 & 5 June in Kuala Lumpur
- 1st Draft end August
- RC October
- National Members, Unions and IBs - early November



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Ecosystem approach

- Scope narrowed to water and food systems
- 6 persons identified to be invited



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Energy sustainability

- Scope to be determined and elaborated at Regional Consultation in November



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- **Seeding new initiatives**
 - Long-term collaboration with UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific
 - Regional capacity building and information network for hazards and disasters
 - Regional bio-energy information and training centre
 - Science and technology literacy for sustainable development



Hubert Gijzen Director UNESCO Jakarta Office

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- **2nd Regional Consultative Forum**
 - 21 & 22 November '07
 - Hosts: National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) and Chiang Mai University
 - Science plans on hazards and on ecosystems to be tabled
 - Consultation on ROAP programme on energy



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The First World Landslide Forum

**Implementing the 2006 Tokyo Action Plan on
the International Programme on Landslides (IPL)**

**-Strengthening Research and Learning on Earth System Risk Analysis
and Sustainable Disaster Management within UN-ISDR as Regards “Landslides”-**

Date: 18-21 November 2008

Venue: United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan

Organizers

International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) *, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN/ISDR), United Nations University (UNU), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Bank (IBRD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Council for Science (ICSU), World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), Kyoto University (KU), Japan Landslide Society (JLS)

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- Contact with Unions – until present:
 - International Union for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM)
 - International Union for Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR)
 - International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST)
 - International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO)
 - President of IUBS a member of Regional Committee
 - Kan Zhang a member of the European Commission of the International Union of Psychology is also a member of Regional Committee.

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- Working with Unions – future:
 - Welcome Union participation in implementation of ROAP Science Plans (hazards, ecosystems, energy)
 - Will explore other areas of interest e.g. health
 - Outcome and recommendations of the current meeting will have a strong influence on future direction
 - Engagement with Unions must be justified based on needs recognized by the scientific community and policy- and decision-makers in Asia and the Pacific
 - Serves broad regional interests and clientele/stakeholders

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Concluding points:

- Formative stage
- Planning of priority areas of work has started
- Strategic and work plan under development
- Initial discussion with Unions and other partners have been held.



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Thank you for your attention.

