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Editor's Page

A new management committee is constituted to strengthen the administrative structure of the Journal. I continue to be the Editor for some more time, with reduced responsibilities. I earnestly request the Earth system scientific community to support the Journal, as in the past.

Studies on multi scale interactions involving all the segments of the Earth System to understand the complex hierarchy of various phenomena on wide ranges of temporal and spatial scales are extremely essential to plan various developmental/ disaster management programs. For a meaningful development of this segment of research we need to encourage interdisciplinary interactions. IGU is ready to provide a platform for initiating such an interaction involving peers, young researchers and students. As a part of this, IGU plans to have a workshop/Brain storming session on "Tsunamis" at N.G.R.I during the first week of September, 2005.

In the last issue I requested the planning experts and scientists to study in detail all the facets of 26th Dec, 2004 Tsunami phenomenon, before going ahead with Tsunami surveillance network. One of the first steps in that direction is to have rapid analysis of Global Seismographic Network (GSN) data. A systematic processing of this data may take at least 4 to 6 months, especially to build the "source rupture" model, an essential input for existing/planned Tsunami hazard assessment procedures.

We are planning to organize, jointly with Barkatullah University, Bhopal, the 42nd annual convention of IGU. First circular is expected to be released in a fortnight's time. All the supporters of IGU are requested to send abstracts to Hon. Secretary, IGU before 30th September, 2005 as the convention is planned during the first week of December, 2005.

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