

Foreword

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Every four years, after every General Assembly, the International Association of Geodesy publishes the Geodesist's Handbook as a special issue of the Journal of Geodesy. This is the 7th edition of this Geodesists handbook describing the International Association of Geodesy.

This issue of the Geodesist Handbook describes the new structure of the IAG established prior to and at the IUGG XXXIII General Assembly in Sapporo, July, 2003.

The structuring of the Geodesist Handbook 2004 is also changed compared with previous versions to reflect the new structure of the IAG.

The first part describes the new IAG structure for the period 2003-2007. It contains an introduction, history, the IAG internet pages as well as an overview of the IUGG and IAG structure

The second part contains the detailed description of the structure and organization of the International Association of Geodesy for the 2003-2007 period.

The third part is a report of the XXXIIrd General Assembly, held in Sapporo in July, 2003. This part contains the president's address, Guy Bomford prize and Levallois prize acceptance, Meeting reports, Secretary General's report and resolutions adopted by the IUGG.

The fourth part describes the administration of the IAG and includes the new statutes and bylaws as adopted on the 8th August, 2001, as well as rules for the IAG.

The fifth part presents scientific and miscellaneous information related to geodesy. The most recent listing of parameters of common relevance of astronomy, geodesy and geodynamics by E. Groten is found. Information on educational establishments, datacenters, national representatives, publications is also found in this final part along with the IAG Directory listing of names and addresses of persons related to the International Association of Geodesy.

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Most of the information contained in this volume is also available on the IAG Web pages

<http://www.iag-aig.org>

Here you will always find the most recent version of the documents appearing in the Geodesists Handbook, as well as other relevant information to geodesy.

Corrections and updates to the Geodesist's Handbook will be published in the IAG Newsletter, as part of the Journal of Geodesy.