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GEO Science and Technology Committee
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Geneva, 20 December 2007

Dear Science and Technology Committee Members,

On behalf of the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR), it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the sixth meeting of the Committee.

The 6th STC meeting will take place on the 11th and 12th of February 2008 at the **BGR Headquarters, Geozentrum Hannover Stilleweg 2 D-30655 Hannover, Germany.**

A number of rooms have been blocked with Hotel Ibis, Hannover City. Please book your room individually with reference GEO SCIENCE by phone (+49 511 388 110) or fax (+49 511 388 11 333) or by mail (H3365@accor.com). A shuttle service will be organised between Hotel Ibis Hannover City and venue of the meeting on the days 11th and 12th of February. Should you need any assistance with the hotel booking please do not hesitate to contact the local organiser M. Kosinowski (m.kosinowski@bgr.de, Phone +49 511 643 2559).

The meeting will consider, among others, outcomes of the GEO Plenary and Ministerial, assessment of progress with respect to the implementation of tasks of the GEO work plan assigned to STC, the transition of IGOS-P to GEO and the progress on the development of the GEOPortal. A detailed agenda for the meeting will be published in due course.

To this end, I would strongly encourage the Committee Members and the Leads of tasks falling under the Science and Technology Committee to attend this meeting. To ensure continued synergy between committees, Co-chairs of other GEO Committees are also encouraged to consider attending the meeting.

Please confirm your participation by e-mail to the GEO Secretariat (secretariat@geosec.org) with a copy to Mrs. Alexia Massacand (amassacand@geosec.org) and to Mr Giovanni Rum (grum@geosec.org). Please indicate "STC-6 Meeting Hannover" in the subject line of your communication. Responses should be sent by **20 January 2008**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the GEO Secretariat if you have any questions or require additional information. The central address for electronic mail communications is secretariat@geosec.org. Or you may contact us by telephone: +41 22 730 8505 or by fax: +41 22 730 8520.

Yours sincerely,



José Achache
Secretariat Director

Additional Information on Hotels

The Hotel Ibis Hanover City is 7 km away from Hannover airport and 2 km from Central station. The rate is 64.50 € per night including breakfast. Your booking should be placed before the 23rd of January. The hotel requires a credit card number including the expiry date. The address of the Hotel Ibis Hanover City is Vahrenwalder Straße 113 in 30165 Hannover. From Hannover main train station, take U1 or U2 subways towards Langenhagen and Alte Heide. Alight at Dragoner Strasse. The hotel is on your left. From the airport, take an S Bahn suburban train heading for main train station and catch a U1 or U2 subway

Other hotels that could be used are: Kastens Hotel (www.kastens-hotel-luisenhof.de), Loccumer Hof (www.loccumerhof.de) or Maritim Grand Hotel Hannover (via www.maritim.de).