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Prof. Edward F. J. de Mulder

Executive Director, IYPE

Dear Prof. de Mulder.

Herewith, you will find details of the constitution of Costa Rican National IYPE Committee, which has been sponsored by local UNESCO representation. The Committee represents two important local initiatives which are organizing diverse activities related to the celebration of International Year of Planet Earth.

One of them is the IX Central American Geological Congress which the Organizing Committee has already informed you and that the Costa Rican Government supported and declared on August 9th 2007 as priority of public interest. The other, is a series of popular oriented celebration known as "Geo-science for the people", which is been directed by Central Government through Geology and Mines Direction (Geological Costa Rican Service).

About five months ago, Geology and Mines Direction, dependency of the Ministry of the Environment and Energy, with the spirit to participate common people in this celebration, it summoned the national geo-scientific sector (the academy, Central Government, geologic managements of state companies and the Chamber of Mines-ACCIMA-) to organize activities in order to take geo-sciences to the streets. The initiative was welcome by all parties involved and a Commission was formed. It is organizing the Earth Fair, a geo-scientific festival which would be held 22 of April, 2008 (World wide Day of Planet Earth), in a much concurred public place in the center of the capital, known as "Culture Square". At the Fair, diverse state institutions as well as private initiatives, based on the ten subjects of the Proclamation, will show the fundamental importance of geo-sciences in daily life and well being of the population. Additionally to this fair, throughout the month of April, an exposition focused on these subjects would be channeled thru 60 bus stops posters exhibitors around the capital perimeter. The Ministry of the Environment and Energy has yielded television and radio spaces in order to promote these activities.

It is important to emphasize that the execution of the activities is being accomplished with geo-scientific personnel and own resources of the parties involved.

With the above mentioned introduction, attached, find the integration of the Costa Rican IYPE Committee:

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Marlene Salazar, Assistant Director of Geology and Mines, Ministry of Environment and Energy.

Percy Denyer, Dean of Central American Geology School, University of Costa Rica.

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Ileana Sanchez, Executive Director, Chamber of Mines (ACCIMA).

Jorge Ellis, Natural Science Programm, UNESCO, San Jose.

I am attaching the Memorandum of Understanding. Regarding availability of web sites, the Central American Geological Congress is building www.congresogeologico.com, which would be ready soon and would contain all information regarding these activities and others which would arise.

I will be expecting your comments on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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