



## LAUNCHING OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PLANET EARTH COSTA RICA, April 22

Using its own motto like the equation: ROCKS+AIR+WATER+LIFE=PLANET EARTH, and with a sphere on scale like emblem of our Planet Earth, the 22 of April World-wide Day of the Earth, Costa Rica, led by the National Committee of International Year of Planet Earth, said yes to the importance of sciences of the Earth in the life of all Costa Ricans, in a geo-scientific fair, made in the Culture Square, an emblematic public site of the capital, scenery carefully designed for the occasion with the sponsorship of state organizations like the National Bank of Costa Rica International Year of Planet Earth a. A solemn official ceremony was held for launching of the International Year of Planet Earth with the presence of authorities of Government and UNESCO



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### The ceremony

The main podium: right to left: Percy Denyer, director of the Central American School of Geology; Jorge Ellis, director of program UNESCO of Sciences of the Earth for Central America; Johnny Araya, Mayor of San Jose; Jorge Rodriguez, Vice-Minister of Environment and Energy and Enid Gamboa, Coordinator of the National Committee of International Year of Planet Earth, Costa Rica



The geologist Enid Gamboa, coordinator of IYPE National Committee, in her opening speech, emphasized the meaning of the Declaration of the United Nations and its importance in the life of the country's population.



Students of all the national territory came together and great amount of public who crowded together before an unexpected event of positive energy. Students of De La Salle School Band were in charge of the musical recital, High school students from country side schools came to the event.



### **Geo-Scientific Fair**

Passed the ceremony, the public and private institutions present in the Fair, showed laboriously to all assistants the importance of Earth sciences in our daily life. Subjects like: the interior of the Earth, climatic impact, underground waters, mineral and power resources, the natural grounds, oceans, natural threats among others, caught the attention and the senses of thousands of assistants

#### **Institutional and academic diffusion**

The Direction of Geology and Mines, displayed its knowledge. Innumerable amount of public was crowded together around to its stand.





The Central American School of Geology, another one of the protagonists



The National Service of Underground Waters

Agronomic Tropical Centre



Costa Rican National Museum

Days before the event, it was announced in radio and television spots, exhorting the importance of geo-sciences in our daily life. Also, the same day, Enid Gamboa, coordinator of the National Committee, spoke on a national radio program with a commentary on this important celebration.

## PRIVATE SECTOR



CEMEX: Cement company



HOLCIM: construction material demo



Two Pines Dairy Cooperative: recycling program.



Recycling program: Glass Company (VICAL)



Solid handling remainders program (CYMA)