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During the period 5-14th August 2008, the 33rd International Geological Congress (IGC-33) will be arranged in Oslo as a joint venture between the Nordic countries. Excursions will take place both before and after the Congress and cover a wide region, including Greenland, Svalbard, Russia and the UK, in addition to the Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, and Denmark). The main Congress activities, including the pre- and post congress excursions, will last for almost a month, between July 26th and August 21st, 2008.

Our intention is that the IGC-33 should be beneficial for Earth Science at large, attracting participants from all fields of the Geosciences. The programme will highlight the global theme 'Earth System Science: Foundation for Sustainable Development'. The scientific programme of the congress is only in its initial stages of development, and is therefore open for suggestions; we are writing now to solicit interaction and participation.

Our aim is that IGC 33 will be the main international forum for exposure of on-going Earth Science research in 2008, as well as being the main international meeting place for geoscientists for that year. Therefore, we hope to avoid collision with other events during the summer of 2008, and welcome integration.

With this background, we invite Your organisation to arrange its 2008 activities in cooperation with IGC-33. Examples of joint events can be common excursions, seminars, special sessions, themes symposia, or business meetings. At IGC-33, we can offer meeting facilities and the necessary logistics. We think that arranging Your meetings under the umbrella of a large international event, such as the IGC, may attract more people and also give easier access to attractive key-note speakers, etc. Of course, joining forces will also be beneficial to us as organisers of IGC-33, and as such would lead to a win-win situation.

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In summary, therefore,

- Please be aware that IGC-33 activities are scheduled to take place between July 26th and August 21st, 2008, with the main Congress being held in the period 5-14th August.
- You are hereby invited to contact the IGC-33 Organising Committee for arranging joint events in Oslo, either directly before or after the Congress or fully integrated under the umbrella of IGC-33.

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The IGC-33 web-site is under construction. However, you will find current information about the congress at www.ngu.no. Look under "Geological Congress 2008".

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely Yours

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