

Dear CMOS members,

As you may already be aware, the next CMOS Congress will be held in Montreal at the Palais des Congrès as part of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) General Assembly. The general assembly runs from July 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (<http://iugg2019montreal.com>). It will be a unique congress because CMOS is co-hosting the IUGG (<http://iugg.org>) General Assembly along with the Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU) (<https://cgu-ugc.ca>). The CMOS specific portion will run between July 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. IUGG general assemblies are held every four years and attract between 3000 and 5000 participants. The Montreal general assembly will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IUGG with the theme: "Beyond 100: The next century in Earth and Space Science". The decision of CMOS National Executive to co-host the IUGG General Assembly in 2019 with CGU affected the organization of a typical CMOS Congress, a CMOS local arrangement committee needed to organize the annual general meeting and the annual banquet, but no need for a scientific committee. IUGG, as an organization has specific rules for organizing a general assembly that must be followed.

There is no standard call for session submissions. The IUGG Scientific Committee (composed of the Chairs of the 8 IUGG associations + a national representative, Spiros Pagiatakis professor at York U.) generally renews the same program general assembly after general assembly. This time, thanks to Spiros, we had a few opportunities to submit some session proposals (called symposia when more than one association is implied). The IUGG Local Arrangements Committee, it is composed of CGU members, an event planner firm (<http://www.jpdl.com/fr/accueil>) and two CMOS reps.

The opportunity for CMOS members to attend an international conference within the frame of the annual congress is an extraordinary one. Apart from the usual CMOS annual congress activities (banquet, awards presentations, committee meetings and AGM), the quantity and quality of the presentations and guest speakers, are a wonderful opportunity to experience. I would like to inform you that **it is possible to use this great assembly to organise parallel workshops** (within the limits of room availability, which are free for CMOS members during the general assembly –if you are interested, please contact Dominique Paquin at [paquin.dominique@ouranos.ca](mailto:paquin.dominique@ouranos.ca) as soon as possible). Also, in order to provide flexibility in everyone's schedule, we have arranged for a daily rate instead of paying the higher full registration rate, which is not usually offered at IUGG general assemblies. For your information, note that the association sessions linked to CMOS (IAMAS – meteorology and atmosphere; IAPSO – oceanography; IACS – cryosphere; IAHS – hydrology) will take place during the first days of the congress, the second week being dedicated to earth sciences.

It is now possible to register and submit abstracts for the 239 sessions and symposia. CMOS members are eligible for a \$ 50 rebate for a full registration; to be eligible, you must provide your CMOS membership number and the code appearing on the CMOS home page when logged in as a member. Note that payment for the July 11 CMOS banquet is done during the registration process and is an extra charge. We strongly encourage you to come because this will be one of the only occasions where CMOS members will meet. Hope to see you all at the 2019 event.

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