



The Global Promotion Committee of The International Programme on Landslides (IPL)

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To Member of Board of Representatives of ICL

Call for New IPL Projects

Dear Colleagues,

Following the 2008 Tokyo Declaration Strengthening the International Programme on Landslides (IPL) with UN-ISDR, we hope to intensify the IPL Project activities and the organization of the Second World Landslide Forum.

To promote IPL and WCoE, a new IPL and WCoE Network Committee was proposed at the 2009 Steering Committee of ICL at FAO, Rome, Italy on 19-20 May 2009. The establishment of Committee was approved by Mr. Salvano Briceno (Chairperson of IPL-GPC and Director of UN-ISDR) and Mr. Badaoui Rouhban (Deputy Chairperson of IPL-GPC and Director for Disaster Reduction of UNESCO) as well as two deputies of IPL-GPC (Director of IPL World Centre: Kyoji Sassa and President of ICL: Paolo Canuti) on 15-16 June 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Committee members are

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- I call for New IPL Project proposals from BOR members in the attached form.
- I will attach the explanation of IPL and IPL-Global Promotion Committee and also the list of on-going IPL Project (as seen in the ICL web)
- BOR members including WCoE which have not yet on-going IPL projects are strongly requested to propose IPL New projects to intensify the objectives of ICL and IPL and to report those results in our journal *Landslides*.

Proposal of new IPL Project must be electronically submitted **by 10 October 2009** to the IPL and WCoE Network Committee: ipl-wcoe@iclhq.org.

New project proposals will be examined by IPL and WCoE Network Committee and reported to the 4th IPL Global Promotion Committee to be held at UNESCO Headquarters on 18 November 2009.

In the last IPL Global Promotion Committee held at United Nations University on 17 November 2008, IPL Award of Success was decided as below.

- (1) The IPL award will be given for three success projects implemented within IPL at each World Landslide Forum by evaluating the previous 3 year activities.

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- (2) Awards for the winner(s) are 3000 USD and Certificate.
- (3) Judging for the award will be by members of the IPL Award committee.

According to this, 3 IPL projects will be identified at the Second World landslide Forum as IPL Award of Success. All IPL on-going projects in 2011 are candidates of IPL Award of Success.

I request all of BOR members which have no IPL projects at present are encouraged to propose new IPL projects. Members which have on-going IPL projects are also requested to update or develop new IPL projects suitable for their current statuses and societal needs.

I hope to receive your proposal to be approved in November at UNESCO, Paris.

With best regards,



Kyoji SASSA
Director of IPL World Centre

P.S.

- 1) If you will need the invitation or entry VISA from UNESCO, Paris to participate the 8th BOR and 4th IPL-GPC, please inform it to us: secretariat@iclhq.org.
- 2) Previous ICL letters in 2009 are seen in the ICL WEB <http://iclhq.org/>

Attached:

- 1) IPL Project Proposal Form
- 2) Explanation of IPL and IPL-GPC
- 3) List of on-going IPL projects