

Highlights of CODATA Activities: June, July and August 2003

So what have been happening in the CODATA Community over the summer months?

June 2003

- Meeting of the U.S. National CODATA Committee. A report on this meeting will be available shortly on the CODATA website. Shuichi Iwata met with the committee to discuss CODATA activities; the committee also reviewed national activities and convened an S&T Data Management and Policy Discussion on Security Controls on Dissemination of S&T Data and Information.
- A meeting of the Planning Committee for the *Inter-American Workshop on Access to Environmental Data Workshop* took place in the United States. This meeting is now confirmed and takes place 4-6 March 2004, Campinas, Brazil. Details on this invitation only workshop, including background documentation and draft agenda will be available shortly <http://www.codata.org>
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July 2003

- Fundamental Constants Task Group held its meeting in Paris. For more information on this Task Group and its activities, please see <http://www.codata.org/taskgroups/TGfundconst/index.html> and <http://physics.nist.gov/constants>
- In preparation for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), Geneva 2003, ICSU published an Agenda for Action, as identified by the scientific community at the ICSU/CODATA/UNESCO Workshop on “*Science and the Information Society*” in March 2003. This can be found on <http://www.icsu.org/index2.htm?http&&www.icsu.org/events/WSIS/workshop.html>.
- ICSU and CODATA participated as observers at the WSIS Inter Sessional meeting at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. During the meeting, the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action for WSIS Precom III were re-drafted. Both draft documents can be found on http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/03/wsispc3/doc/S03-WSISPC3-DOC-0002!!MSW-E.doc and http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/03/wsispc3/doc/S03-WSISPC3-DOC-0003!!MSW-E.doc.
- The “new look” CODATA website was launched <http://www.codata.org>. Comments on how the website can be further improved are welcome.

August 2003

- CODATA Newsletter No 85 was made available electronically on <http://www.codata.org/newsletters/newsletter85-2.pdf>
- CODATA announced the launch of its 19th International CODATA Conference, which takes place 7-10 November 2004 at the Hotel Steglitz in Berlin, Germany. For more information, see <http://www.codata.org/04conf/index.html>. Details on the International Scientific Program will be available over the coming months.

September 2003

- Editorial published in Science on September 12, Vol 301 entitled “Science and the Information Society” written by Jane Lubchenco, President ICSU and Shuichi Iwata, President CODATA. PDF can be found on http://www.icsu.org/Library/Central/Otherpub/Science_Editorial.pdf
- ICSU and CODATA will participate at prepcom III of WSIS in Geneva

Additional information on September activities will appear in the final quarterly report of 2003

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