

## NOTES

### 31<sup>st</sup> International Geological Congress

*The 31<sup>st</sup> International Geological Congress will be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil between 6-17 August, 2000. The first circular has just been issued. We reproduce below the Message from the President of the Congress Umberto Cordani (Ed.)*

For the first time after more than a century of international geological congresses, the IGC will be held in South America. The headquarters will be in Rio de Janeiro, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The event will occur during a very special year - the transition from the second to third millennium and the commemoration of 500 years after the arrival of Portuguese navigators in Brazil.



The IGC will certainly stimulate great advances in the knowledge of geology in South America. Moreover, for the world community, it will also provide an introduction to the main geological features of the continent and acquaintance with its geoscientific and technical developments.

The Congress will focus on "Geology and Sustainable Developments: Challenge for the Third Millennium". This is to remind geologists of their major responsibilities and to trace a clearer picture of a sustainable society. In my view, our expertise in dealing with the surface of the Earth will be required at an ever-increasing

rate in the future and will be shared with our colleagues - engineers, economists, ecologists, and the like - to produce the necessary integrated plans for the proper management of our planet and its resources.

I look forward to seeing you all in Rio at the 31<sup>st</sup> International Geological Congress

Umberto Cordani  
*President, 31<sup>st</sup> IGC*

The meeting is designed to create a forum for a broad debate of the most significant advances in the geological sciences and to promote a discussion of the theme: 'Geology and Sustainable Developments: Challenge for the Third Millennium'.

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