



International Year of Planet Earth Student Contest

The Global Launch Event of the **International Year of Planet Earth** (IYPE) will be held on 12 and 13 February, 2008 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.

The preliminary Programme of the Global Launch Event includes four themed sessions: **Resources, Hazards, Megacities** and **System Earth**.

An estimated 350 students from all over the world, selected through their participation in the **IYPE Student Contest** at national level, will be invited to attend the Event. Four of these winning students will also be chosen to participate actively in the themed sessions.

Students from 18 to 22 years of age are invited to participate in the **IYPE Student Contest**. Participants must produce an original work in writing (English or French) such as, an article, an essay or a poem. The work must relate to the general IYPE theme “Earth Science for Society”, or to any of the ten **IYPE Themes**. This IYPE Student Contest gives a rare opportunity for students to take part in this interesting international event.

Students are invited to participate in the IYPE Student Contest through the Geological Society of Australia. Students must be an existing member, or registered as a new member ahead of the closing date of the contest (<http://www.gsa.org.au/membership/join.html>). The winner will travel to Paris to take part in the IYPE Global Launch.

Submit your entry to:

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IYPE Student Contest
Geological Society of Australia
Suite 706, 301 George Street
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The best competition entries will be selected by National IYPE Committees. The primary contact for Australia's National IYPE Committee is:

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The successful students will be advised by the third week of **November 2007**.

Interested students will find the rules and regulations for participation on the IYPE website: www.yearofplanetearth.org under '**Global Launch Event Student Contest**'.