EPISODES ACRONYM LIST: INTERNATIONAL AND MAJOR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE EARTH SCIENCES

★ IUGS Constituent Bodies, Affiliates, and Close
Relatives
(Corrections and additions welcome - Editor)

AAAS - American Association for the Advance-
ment of Science
AAG - American Association of Geographers
AAGS - Association of African Geological
Surveys (ASGA)
AAP - Association of Australian Palaeon-
tologists
AAPG - American Association of Petroleum
Geologists
AASC - Association for the Advancement of
Science in Canada
AASG - Association of American State Geolo-
gists
★ AASP - American Association of Stratigraphic
Palynologists
★ ABRD - IUGS Advisory Board for Research
Development (manages IRDP)
ACAST - Advisory Committee on the Application
of Science and Technology to Develop-
ment (UN)
ACCT - Agence de Coopération Culturelle et
Technique
ACMRR - Advisory Committee on Marine
Resources Research (FAO)
ACOMR - Advisory Committee on Oceanic
Meteorological Research (WMO)
★ ACP - African Committee for Palynology
(IFPS)
ACSAD - Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid
Zones and Dry Lands
AECL - Atomic Energy of Canada Limited
AEG - Association of Engineering Geologists
(India)
★ AEG - Association of Exploration Geochemists
(U.S.A.)
AEIMEE - Antarctic Environmental Implications
of Possible Mineral Exploration and
Exploitation (SCAR)
AESE - Association of Earth Science Editors
AESIS - Australian Earth Science Information
System
AFEQ - Association Française pour l'Etude du
Quaternaire
★ AFTES - French Tunnelling Association
★ AGA - Association of Arab Geologists (Arab
Geologists Association)
AGC - Australian Geoscience Council
AGE - Asociación de Geólogos Espanoles
(Spain)
AGE - Asian Information Center for Geotech-
nical Engineering (Thailand)
AGERA - Association of Geophysicists Involved in
Exploration and Research in Africa
- American Geological Institute
★ AGIO - Association of Geoscientists for Inter-
national Development
AGIS - Australian Geoscience Information
Society
AGS - Australian Geomechanics Society
AGU - American Geophysical Union
AGWSE - Association of Groundwater Scientists
and Engineers (NWWA)
AIG - Australian Institute of Geoscientists
AIM - Associazione Italiana di Metallurgia
AIME - American Institute of Mining, Metal-
lurgical and Petroleum Engineers
AINA - Arctic Institute of North America
★ AIPEA - Association Internationale pour l'Etude
des Argiles
AIPG - American Institute of Professional
Geologists
AITS - Association Internationale des Travaux
en Souterrains (ITA)

ALECSO - Arab Educational, Cultural and
Scientific Organization
★ ALPP - Asociación Latinoamericana de Paleo-
botánica y Palynología (IFPS)
AMF - Australian Mineral Foundation
AMQUA - American Quaternary Association
ANAPS - Association of North American
Paleontological Societies
ANGI - Associazione Nazionale dei Geologi
(Italy)
ANSMET - Antarctic Search for Meteorites
Program (U.S.A.)
ANSTI - African Network of Scientific and
Technical Institutes (Unesco)
ANZAAS - Australian and New Zealand
Association for the Advancement of
Science
AODP - Advanced Ocean Drilling Program
(replaced by ODP)
APF - Association Paléontologique Française
APG - Associação Portuguesa de Geólogos
(Portugal)
★ APLE - Association de Palynologues de Lengua
Española (IFPS)
★ APLF - Association des Palynologues de Langue
Française (IFPS)
★ APP - Arbeitskreis für Paläobotanik und Paly-
nologie (IFPS)
APRSA - Association of Palaeontological
Research in Southeast Asia
APS - American Physical Society
AQUA - Australasian Quaternary Association
ASCE - American Society of Civil Engineers
ASCOPE - ASEAN Council on Petroleum
ASEAN - Association of South East Asian Nations
ASEG - Australian Society of Exploration
Geophysicists
ASEQUA - Association Sénégalaise pour l'Etude du
Quaternaire de l'Ouest Africain
ASFE - Association of Soil and Foundation
Engineers
★ ASGA - Association des Services Géologiques
Africains/(AAGS)
ASI - Advanced Study Institute (NATO)
ASLO - American Society of Limnology and
Oceanography
ASSS - Australian Society of Soil Science
AusIMM - Australian Institute of Mining and
Metallurgy
AWG - Association for Women Geoscientists
AZOPRO - Association pour l'étude des Zones
Profondes de l'Encorce Terrestre
(Extinct)
BDG - Bundesverband Deutscher Geologen
(F.R.G.)
BGI - Bureau Gravimétrique International
(IGC)
BGR - Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften
und Rohstoffe (F.R.G.)
BGS - British Geological Survey (formerly IGS)
BIRPS - British Institutions Reflection Profiling
Syndicate
BIRPSAC - BIRPS Advisory Committee
BMR - Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology
and Geophysics (Australia)
★ BMS - British Micropalaeontology Group,
Palynological Section (IFPS)
BRGM - Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et
Minières (France)
CAB - Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau
CANDEL - Canadian Committee on the Dynamics
and Evolution of the Lithosphere
CANMET - Canadian Centre for Mineralogy and
Energy Technology
CAG - Canadian Association of Geographers
CANGUA - Canadian Quaternary Association
★ CAP - Canadian Association of Palynologists
(IFPS)

CBGA - Carpathian Balkan Geological Associa-
tion
CCCO - SCOR/ICO Committee on Climatic
Changes and the Ocean
CCDSGLA - Consejo Consultivo de Directores de los
Servicios Geológicos de Latinoamérica
CCMP - Coordinating Committee for Moon and
Planets
CCMRG - Commonwealth Committee for Mineral
Resources and Geology (now CGSCG)
CCOP - ESCAP Committee for Co-ordination of
Joint Prospecting for Mineral Resour-
ces in Asian Offshore Areas
CCOP/SOPAC - ESCAP Committee for Coordination
of Joint Prospecting for Mineral Re-
sources in South Pacific Offshore Areas
★ CCSMDG - Coordinating Committee of the
Societies of Mineral Deposit Geologists
(extinct)
CEC - Commission of the European Community
CEGAL - Project on Climate and Evolution and
Geodynamics of African Lakes
CENPES - Centro de Pesquisas e Desenvolvi-
mento (Brazil)
★ CEPHPT - Commission on Experimental Petrology
at High Pressure and Temperatures
(IUGS)
CERESIS - Centro Regional de Sismología para
América del Sur (Peru)
CESAR - Canadian Expedition to Study the Alpha
Ridge
★ CGBA - Carpathian Balkan Geological Associa-
tion
CGC - Canadian Geoscience Council
CGIAR - Consultative Group on International
Agricultural Research
CGLO - Commonwealth Geological Liaison
Office (now a part of CSC)
★ CGMW - Commission for the Geological Map of
the World
CGSCG - Commonwealth Geological Surveys
Consultative Group (Formerly CCMRG)
CGU - Canadian Geophysical Union
CGWA - Canadian Water Works Association
CHIGUA - Chinese Quaternary Research
Association
CHy - Commission for Hydrology (WMO)
CIAF - Centro Interamericano por Fotointer-
pretación (Colombia)
CICAR - Co-operative Investigations of the
Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (IOC)
CIEH - Comité Interfranciscain d'Etudes
Hydrauliques
CIFEG - Centre International pour la Formation
et les Echanges Géologiques (France)
CIGME - Commission for the International
Geological Map of Europe (succeeded
by CIGMEMR)
CIGMEMR - CGMW Subcommission for the
Geological Map of Europe and the
Mediterranean
CIMM - Canadian Institute of Mining and Metal-
lurgy
★ CIMP - Commission Internationale de Micro-
flore du Paléozoïque (IFPS)
CINCWIOC - Co-operative Investigations in the
North and Central Western Indian
Ocean (IOC)
CINDIO - Co-operative Investigations in the
Central Indian Ocean (IOC)
CIPEA - Comité Internationale pour l'Etude des
Argiles
CISTOD - Confederation of International
Scientific and Technological
Organizations for Development
CMEA - Council for Mutual Economic
Assistance (COMECON)
★ CMG - Commission for Marine Geology (IUGS)
CNES - Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales
(France)
CNEXO - Centre National pour l'Exploitation des
Océans (France)
CNPq - Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento
Científico e Tecnológico (Brazil)
CNRs - Centre National de la Recherche Scien-
tifique (France)
COCORP - Consortium For Continental Reflection
Profiling (U.S.A.)
CODATA - Committee on Data for Science and
Technology (ICSU)

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★ COFAB	- Commission on Fluorine and Barium (IAGOD)	ECORS	- Etude Continental et Océanique par Réflexion et Réfraction Sismiques	HEAT	- Hellenic Arc and Trench Symposium
★ COFF1	- Commission on Ore-Forming Fluids in Inclusions (IAGOD)	ECOS	- European Conodont Symposium	HESS	- History of Earth Sciences Society
★ COGEDATA	- Committee on Storage, Automatic Processing, and Retrieval of Geological Data (IUGS)	ECOSOC	- Economic and Social Council of United Nations	HOMS	- Hydrological Operational Multipurpose Subprogramme (WMO)
★ COGEODOC	- IUGS Commission for Geological Documentation	★ EDITERRA	- European Association of Earth Science Editors (now EASE)	IABO	- International Association for Biological Oceanography (IUBS)
COGS	- Computer Oriented Geological Society	EEC	- European Economic Community	IACMG	- Inter-Association Committee on Mathematical Geophysics (IUGG)
★ COHYM	- Commission on Hydrogeological Maps (IAH)	EERI	- Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (U.S.A.)	IAEA	- International Atomic Energy Agency
COIME	- Committee on Industry, Minerals and Energy (ASEAN)	EFG	- European Federation of Geologists (FEG)	IAEE	- International Association for Earthquake Engineering
★ COM	- Commission on Manganese (IAGOD)	EGS	- European Geophysical Society	★ IAEG	- International Association of Engineering Geology
★ COMTEC	- Commission on Tectonics (IUGS)	ELC	- Environment Liaison Centre (UNEP)	IAEG	- Irish Association for Economic Geology
COSPAR	- Committee on Space Research (ICSU)	ELSE	- European Association of Life Science Editors (now EASE)	IAG	- International Association of Geodesy (IUGG)
COSTED	- Committee on Science and Technology in Developing Countries (ICSU)	EMSC	- Centre Sismologique Europeo-Méditerranéen	IAGA	- International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IUGG)
COWAR	- Committee on Water Research (ICSU)	ENSO	- Ocean-Atmosphere Interaction Study: El Niño and the Southern Oscillation (U.S.A.)	★ IAGC	- International Association of Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry
CPA	- Canadian Petroleum Association	ENUWAR	- Environmental Consequences of Nuclear War	IAGC	- International Association of Geophysical Contractors
★ CPCEMR	- Circum-Pacific Council on Energy and Mineral Resources	EOSAT	- Earth Observation Satellite Company (U.S.A. - operates LANDSAT)	★ IAGOD	- International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits
★ CPMP	- Circum-Pacific Map Project (of CPCEMR)	EPOCS	- Equatorial Pacific Ocean Climate Studies	IAGP	- International Antarctic Glaciological Project
CPPS	- Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (IOC)	ERFEN	- Regional Study of the Phenomenon known as "El Niño" (CPPS)	★ IAH	- International Association of Hydrogeologists
CPRM	- Companhia de Pesquisas de Recursos Minerais (Brazil)	EROS	- Earth Resources Observation System (now LANDSAT)	IAHR	- International Association for Hydraulic Research
★ CPS	- Collegium Palynologicum Scandinavicum (IFPS)	ESA	- European Space Agency	IAHS	- International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IUGG)
CRCM	- Commission on Recent Crustal Movements	ESAMRDC	- Eastern and Southern African Mineral Resources Development Centre (ECA)	IAL	- International Association of Theoretical and Applied Limnologists
CRIB	- Computerized Resources Information Bank (U.S.A.)	ESC	- European Seismological Commission (IASPEI)	IAMAP	- International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics (IUGG)
CSC	- Commonwealth Science Council	ESCAP	- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN)	★ IAMG	- International Association for Mathematical Geology
CSDC	- Continental Scientific Drilling Committee (U.S.A.)	ESEMG	- Earth Sciences Education Methods Group	★ IAP	- International Association of Planetology
CSIR	- Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (South Africa)	ESF	- European Science Foundation	IAPSO	- International Association of Physical Sciences of the Ocean (IUGG)
CSIRO	- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia)	EUG	- European Union of Geosciences	★ IAS	- International Association of Sedimentologists
CSPG	- Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists	FAGS	- Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Services	IASH	- International Association of Scientific Hydrology
CSTD	- Committee on Science and Technology for Development (UN)	FAO	- Food and Agriculture Organization (UN)	IASPEI	- International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior (IUGG)
★ CTOD	- Commission on Tectonics of Ore Deposits (IAGOD)	FEG	- Federation Européenne des Géologues (EFG)	IAT	- Institute for Advanced Technology
CTS	- Committee on the Teaching of Science (ICSU)	FGGE	- First GARP Global Experiment	IAU	- International Astronomical Union
CWLS	- Canadian Well Logging Society	FID	- International Federation for Documentation	IAVCEI	- International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (IUGG)
CWWA	- Canadian Water Well Association	FOCAL	- Français Océan et Climat de l'Atlantique Equatorial (France)	IAWPR	- International Association on Water Pollution Research
DECORP	- Deutsches Continentales Reflexions Programm	FORE	- Future Ocean Research (SCOR/IOC/Unesco)	IBCM	- International Bathymetric Chart of the Mediterranean (IOC)
DEUQUA	- Deutsche Quartarvereinigung (German Quaternary Association)	GAC	- Geological Association of Canada	IBG	- Institute of British Geographers
DFG	- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (F.R.G.)	GAPA	- Geological and Geophysical Atlases of the Atlantic and Pacific	IBN	- International Biosciences Networks (Unesco)
DNAG	- Decade of North American Geology	GARP	- Global Atmospheric Research Programme (ICSU/WMO)	IBP	- International Biological Program
DNPM	- Departamento Nacional da Produção Mineral (Brazil)	GATE	- GARP Atlantic Tropical Experiment (WMO/ICSU)	ICA	- International Cartographic Association
DOE	- Department of Energy (U.S.A.)	GCAGS	- Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies (U.S.A.)	ICAITI	- Instituto Centroamericano de Investigación y Tecnología Industrial (Costa Rica)
DOE	- Department of the Environment (Canada)	GEBCO	- General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (IOC/IHO)	ICC	- International Congress of Carboniferous Stratigraphy and Geology
DOSECC	- Deep Observation and Sampling of the Earth's Continental Crust (CSDC)	GEMS	- Global Environmental Monitoring System	ICCE	- International Commission on Continental Erosion (IAHS)
DDSP	- Deep Sea Drilling Project (now ODP)	GEOBOL	- Servicio Geológico de Bolivia	ICCP	- International Committee for Coal Petrology
DTCD	- Department of Technical Cooperation and Development (UN)	GEOCOME	- Congress on the Geology of the Middle East	ICES	- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
EAEG	- European Association of Exploration Geophysicists	GEOSEA	- Regional Conference on the Geology and Mineral Resources of Southeast Asia	ICES	- International Commission on Erosion and Sedimentation
EAMREA	- Environmental Impact of Mineral Exploration/Exploitation in Antarctica (SCAR)	GIPME	- Global Investigation of Pollution in the Marine Environment (IOC)	★ ICG	- Inter-Union Commission on Geodynamics (IUGS/IUGG, succeeded by ICL)
EARSeL	- European Association of Remote Sensing Laboratories	GIS	- Geoscience Information Society (U.S.A.)	ICGW	- International Commission on Ground Water (IAHS)
★ EASE	- European Association of Scientific Editors (replaces EDITERRA and ELSE)	GLOBMET	- Global Meteor Observation System	ICID	- International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage
ECA	- Economic Commission for Africa (UN)	★ GPSBI	- Gruppo di Palinologia della Società Botanica Italiana (IFPS)	ICIGM	- Intersocietal Committee on Instrumentation in Geochemistry and Mineralogy (U.S.A.)
ECE	- Commission for Europe (UN)	★ GSA	- Geological Society of Africa		
ECLA	- Economic Commission for Latin America (UN)	GSA	- Geological Society of America		
ECOR	- Engineering Committee on Ocean Resources	GSA	- Geological Society of Australia		
		GSC	- Geological Survey of Canada		
		GSM	- Geological Society of Malaysia		
		GSP	- Geological Society of the Philippines		

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ICITA	- International Co-operative Investigations of the Tropical Atlantic (IOC)	IGOSS	- Integrated Global Ocean Station System (IOC/WMO)	ISSOL	- International Society for the Study of the Origin of Life
★ICL	- Inter-Union Commission on the Lithosphere (IUGS/IUGG/ICSU - operates ILLP)	IGRF	- International Geomagnetic Reference Field	ISSS	- International Society of Soil Science
ICOG	- Illustre Colegio Oficial de Geólogos (Spain)	IGS	- International Glaciological Society	ITA	- International Tunnelling Association (AITS)
ICOLD	- International Commission on Large Dams	IGU	- Institute of Geological Sciences (now BGS)	ITC	- International Institute for Aerial Surveys and Earth Sciences (Netherlands)
★ICP	- International Commission for Palynology (now IFPS)	IGY	- International Geophysical Year	ITDG	- Intermediate Technology Development Group (U.K.)
ICRDG	- International Crustal Research Drilling Group	IHD	- International Hydrological Decade (succeeded by IHP)	ITIC	- International Tsunami Information Center (IOC)
ICRP	- International Commission on Radiological Protection	IHE	- International Institute for Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering (Delft)	ITIS	- Intermediate Technology Industrial Service (U.K.)
ICRSDT	- International Commission on Remote Sensing and Data Transmission (IAHS)	IHFC	- International Heat Flow Commission	IUBS	- International Union of Biological Sciences
ICRTES	- International Centre for Research and Training on Erosion and Sedimentation (Beijing)	IHO	- International Hydrographic Organization	IUCN	- International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
★ICS	- International Commission on Stratigraphy (IUGS)	IHP	- International Hydrological Programme	IUCr	- International Union of Crystallography
ICSEM	- International Commission for Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean Sea	IHRDC	- International Human Resources Development Corporation (U.S.A.)	IUGG	- International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics
ICSI	- International Commission on Snow and Ice (IAHS)	IHSS	- International Humic Substances Society	IUGS	- International Union of Geological Sciences
ICSOBA	- International Committee for the Study of Bauxites, Alumina and Aluminum	IIASA	- International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (Austria)	IUHPS	- International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science
ICSPRO	- Inter-secretariat Committee on Scientific Programmes Relating to Oceanography (FAO/IMC/Unesco/WMO/UN)	IIOE	- International Indian Ocean Expedition (IOC)	IUMS	- International Union of Marine Sciences
ICSTI	- International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (formerly ICSU-AB)	IIRD	- International Institute for Resource Development (Vienna - extinct)	IUMS	- International Union of Microbiological Societies
ICSU	- International Council of Scientific Unions	IISEE	- International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering (Japan)	IUPAC	- International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry
ICSU-AB	- ICSU Abstracting Board (now ICSTI)	★ILP	- International Lithosphere Program (ICSU/IUGS/IUGG)	IUTAM	- International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics
ICSW	- International Commission on Surface Water (IAHS)	ILS	- Institute on Lake Superior Geology	IWRA	- International Water Resources Association
ICTP	- International Centre for Theoretical Physics (Trieste)	★IMA	- International Mineralogical Association	IWSA	- International Water Supply Association
ICWQ	- International Commission on Water Quality (IAHS)	IMCO	- Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization		
ICWRS	- International Commission on Water Resources Systems (IAHS)	IMM	- Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (U.K.)		
IDOE	- International Decade of Ocean Exploration	IMO	- International Maritime Organization	JBI	- Jamaica Bauxite Institute
IDRC	- International Development Research Centre (Canada)	IMS	- International Mountain Society	JCPDS	- Joint Committee for Powder Diffraction Standards
IECA	- International Erosion Control Association	IMWA	- International Mine Water Association	JOI	- Joint Oceanographic Institutions Inc. (U.S.A.)
IEA	- International Energy Agency (OECD)	INDEMOR	- International Decade on Mineral Origin	JOIDES	- Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling (U.S.A.)
IEEE	- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	INFOCLIMA	- World Climate Programme Data Referral System (WMO)	JPL	- Jet Propulsion Laboratory, U.S.A.
IFAQ	- International Post-Graduate Training Course on Fundamental and Applied Quaternary Geology (Belgium)	★INHIGO	- International Committee on the History of Geological Sciences (Joint with IUHPS)		
★IFPS	- International Federation of Palynological Societies (formerly ICP)	★INQUA	- International Union for Quaternary Research	KAPG	- Commission of the Academies of Sciences of Socialist Countries for Planetary Geophysics
IFS	- International Foundation for Science	IOC	- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (Unesco)	KEGS	- Canadian Exploration Geophysical Society
IFSEA	- International Federation of Scientific Editors Associations	IOCARIBE	- IOC Association for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions		
IFSEG	- International Federation of Societies of Economic Geologists (succeeded by CCSDMG, now extinct)	IODE	- International Oceanographic Data Exchange (of IOC)	LADLE	- Lesser Antilles Deep Lithosphere Experiment
IFSEM	- International Federation of Societies for Electron Microscopy	IOP	- International Organization of Paleobotany	LASE	- Large Aperture Seismic Experiment
IFSTD	- Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development (UN)	★IPA	- International Palaeontological Association (formerly IPU)	LEPOR	- Long-term and Expanded Programme of Oceanic Exploration
IG	- Institution of Geologists (U.K.)	IPA	- International Permafrost Association	LOS	- Law of the Sea
IGARSS	- International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IEEE)	IPOD	- International Phase of Ocean Drilling		
★IGBA	- Design and Generation of a World Data Base for Igneous Petrology (IGCP Project 163)	IPU	- International Palaeontological Union (now IPA)	MAB	- Man and Biosphere (Unesco)
IGBP	- International Geosphere/Biosphere Program	IGUA	- Irish Association for Quaternary Studies	MAC	- Mineralogical Association of Canada
★IGC	- International Geological Congress	★IRD	- IUGS Research Development Program	MAC	- Mining Association of Canada
★IGCP	- International Geological Correlation Programme (IUGS/Unesco)	IRIS	- Incorporated Research Institution for Seismology (U.S.A.)	MANOP	- Manganese Nodule Program (U.S.A.)
IGEA	- Indonesian Geotechnical Engineers Association	ISA	- International Sea-Bed Authority	★MARPOLMON	- Marine Pollution Monitoring (IOC)
IGES	- International Geochemical Exploration Symposium (of AEG)	ISC	- International Seismological Centre	★MCE	- Mid-Cretaceous Events (IGCP Project 58)
		ISCD	- International Stop Continental Drift Society	MEDEAS	- Centre d'Activités Développement-Environnement en Méditerranée
		ISES	- Indian Society of Earth Sciences	MEDI	- Marine Environmental Data Information Referral System (IOC)
		ISLSCP	- International Satellite Land-Surface Climatology Project (COSPAR)	MEGS	- Meeting of the European Geological Societies
		ISM	- International Society for Mine Surveying	MERIT	- Monitoring of Earth-Rotation and the Intercomparison of the Techniques of Observation and Analysis
		ISMI	- International Strategic Mineral Inventory (U.S.A., Canada, F.R.G., South Africa, Australia)	MGUS	- Mathematical Geologists of the United States
		ISMIDA	- International Symposium on Mineral Deposits of the Alps		
		ISO	- International Standards Organization	NACSN	- North American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature
		ISP	- International Society of Photogrammetry	NAGT	- National Association of Geology Teachers
		ISRM	- International Society for Rock Mechanics	NASA	- National Aeronautics & Space Administration (U.S.A.)
		★ISSC	- International Subcommittee on Stratigraphic Classification (IUGS)	NATO	- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
		ISSMFE	- International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering	NEA	- Nuclear Energy Agency
				NGO	- Non-governmental organization

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NGRI	- National Geophysical Research Institute (India)	★RCPNS	- Regional Committee on Pacific Neogene Stratigraphy (IUGS)	SSSWP	- Seismological Society of the South-West Pacific
NGSD	- National Geophysical and Solar-Terrestrial Data Center (NOAA-U.S.A.)	RMRDC	- Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre (Indonesia - ESCAP)	STACS	- Subtropical Atlantic Climate Studies (U.S.A.)
NMGS	- Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society			STAR	- Working Group on South Pacific Studies of Tectonics and Resources (CCOP/SOPAC)
NOAA	- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (U.S.A.)	SADCC	- Southern African Development Coordination Conference	SVP	- Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists
NORDQUA	- Nordic Association for Quaternary Research	SASQUA	- South African Society for Quaternary Research	SWMTEP	- System-Wide Medium-Term Environment Programme (UNEP)
NORPAX	- North Pacific Experiment	SCAR	- Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (ICSU)	★TCP	- Turkish Committee for Palynology (IFPS)
NRC	- National Research Council	SCIRAWN	- Scientific Research Applied to World Needs	TEMA	- Training, Education and Mutual Assistance in the Marine Sciences (IOC)
NSF	- National Science Foundation (U.S.A.)	SCOPE	- Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (ICSU)	TOGA	- Tropical Oceans and the Global Atmosphere
NURE	- National Uranium Resource Evaluation (U.S.A.)	SCOR	- Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (ICSU)	TOPOGULF	- Effects of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge upon the General Circulation and its Transients at Mid-Latitude (France)
NWWA	- National Water Well Association (U.S.A.)	SCOSTEP	- Special Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics (ICSU)	TRANSPAC	- North Pacific Ocean Monitoring for Climate Research (Japan)
		SEAGS	- Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society (Formerly SEASSE)	TTO	- Transit Tracers in the Ocean (U.S.A.)
OACIS	- Ocean Atmosphere Climate Interaction Studies (U.S.A.)	SEAPEX	- South East Asia Petroleum Exploration Society	TWAS	- Third World Academy of Sciences (Trieste)
OAS	- Organization of American States	SEARNG	- Southeast Asia Regional Network of Geoscience	UBLG	- Union Belgo-Luxembourgeoise des Géologues
OAU	- Organization of African Unity	SEASEE	- South East Asia Association of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering	UFG	- Union Française des Géologues
★OCP	- Organization of Czechoslovak Palynologists (IFPS)	SEASSE	- South East Asia Society of Soil Engineering (now SEAGS)	UIEO	- Union of International Engineering Organizations
ODA	- Overseas Development Administration (U.K.)	SEATAR	- Studies of East Asia Tectonics and Resources (CCOP/IOC)	UIS	- Union Internationale de Spéléologie
ODP	- Ocean Drilling Program (successor to DSDP)	SEATRAD	- Southeast Asian Tin Research and Development Centre (Malaysia - ESCAP)	UMC	- Upper Mantle Committee (succeeded by ICG and ICL)
OECD	- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	SECTIONS	- Energetically Active Zones of the Ocean (EAOZ) and Climate Variability (U.S.S.R., Poland, Bulgaria, G.D.R.)	UNCLOS	- Un Conference on the Law of the Sea
OETB	- Ocean Economics and Technology Branch (UN)	SEEP	- Society of Energy Explorationists of the Philippines	UNCSTD	- UN Conference on Science and Technology for Development
OHTEX	- Ocean Heat Transport Experiment (Japan)	★SEG	- Society of Economic Geologists	UNCTAD	- UN Conference on Trade & Development
OMLET	- Ocean Mixed Layer Experiment (Japan)	SEG	- Society of Exploration Geophysicists (U.S.A.)	UNDP	- United Nations Development Programme
ONAREM	- Office Nationale des Recherches Minières (Niger)	SEGH	- Society for Environmental Geochemistry and Health	UNDRO	- UN Disaster Relief Organization
ONG	- Ordine Nazionale dei Geologi (Italy)	SEGWEG	- SCAR Working Group on Solid Earth Geophysics	UNEP	- UN Environment Programme
OPEC	- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries	SELPER	- Sociedad de Especialistas Latinoamericanos en Percepcion Remota	UNESCO	- UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
ORSTOM	- Office de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique Outre-mer	SEPM	- Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists	UNIDO	- UN Industrial Development Organization
★OSBWG	- Ordovician-Silurian Boundary Working Group	SEQUAL	- Seasonal Equatorial Atlantic Experiment (U.S.A.)	UNISIST	- ICSU-Unesco Joint Project to Study the Feasibility of a World Information System
OSLR	- Ocean Science in relation to Living Resources (IOC)	SERNAGEOMIN	- Servicio Nacional de Geologia y Minería (Chile)	UNITAR	- UN Institute for Training and Research
OSNLR	- Ocean Science in relation to Non-living Resources (IOC)	★SGA	- Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits	URSI	- International Union of Radio Science (ICSU)
OST	- Office of Science and Technology (UN)	SGU	- Sveriges Geologiska Undersokning (Sweden)	USBM	- U.S. Bureau of Mines
OTC	- Offshore Technology Conference	SGY	- Finnish Geotechnical Society	USGS	- United States Geological Survey
		SINODE	- Surface Indian Ocean Dynamic Experiment (France)	VSEGEI	- All-Union Geology Scientific Research Institute (Leningrad, U.S.S.R.)
PAIGH	- Pan American Institute for Geography and History	SIPES	- Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (U.S.A.)		
PAM	- Plan d'Action pour la Méditerranée	SLEADS	- Salt Lake Evaporite and Aeolian Deposits (Australian Project)	WCRP	- World Climate Research Programme (ICSU/WMO)
PEQUOD	- Pacific Equatorial Ocean Dynamics (U.S.A.)	SME	- Society of Mining Engineers	WCRDRBS	- IEA World Coal Resources and Reserves Data Bank Service
PERGSA	- Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environmental Programme	SMGP	- Symposium on Methods of Geochemical Prospecting (of AEG)	WDC	- World Data Centre (ICSU)
PESA	- Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia	SNPP	- Societe Nationale des Ressources Pétrolières (Morocco)	WEDC	- Water and Waste Engineering for Developing Countries (Loughborough University of Technology, U.K.)
PETROBRAS	- Petroleo Brasileiro S.A.	SOC	- Southern Oceans (IOC)	WESTPAC	- Western Pacific (IOC)
PETROCI	- Société Nationale d'Opérations Pétrolières de la Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	SODEMI	- Société pour le Développement Minier de la Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	WG-TNP	- Working Group on Thermodynamics of Natural Processes (IAGC)
PETROPERU	- Petroleos del Peru	SONAREM	- Société Nationale de Recherches et d'Exploitation des Ressources Minières du Mali	WG-WRI	- Working Group on Water-Rock Interaction (IAGC)
PGI	- General Information Program of Unesco	★SPC	- Soviet Palynological Commission of the U.S.S.R. Botanical and Paleontological Societies (IFPS)	★WGCM	- Working Group on the Coniacian-Maastrichtian (IUGS Commission on Stratigraphy)
★PK	- Palynologische Kring (IFPS)	SPWLA	- Society of Petroleum Well Log Analysts	WHOI	- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (U.S.A.)
★PPAA	- Palynological and Palaeobotanical Association of Australasia (IFPS)	SSA	- Seismological Society of America	WMO	- World Meteorological Organization
PS	- Paleontological Society (U.S.A.)	SSRSC	- Saudi-Sudanese Red Sea Joint Commission	WOCE	- World Ocean Circulation Experiment
PSA	- Pacific Science Association			WOVO	- World Organization of Volcano Observatories
★PSC	- Palynological Society of China (IFPS)			WWSSN	- World-wide Standardized Seismic Network
PSEG	- Philippine Society of Engineering Geology			WWW	- World Weather Watch
PSFG	- Permanent Service on Fluctuations of Glaciers				
★PSI	- Palynological Society India (IFPS)				
★PSJ	- Palynological Society of Japan (IFPS)				
PSL	- Palaeobotanical Society, Lucknow				
PSML	- Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level				
★PSP	- Palynological Society of Poland (IFPS)				
QRA	- Quaternary Research Association (U.K.)				
★RCMN5	- Regional Committee on Mediterranean Neogene Stratigraphy (IUGS)				

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