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**Early Career Geoscientists Essay Contest**  
***The Future of the Geological Sciences***

During 2011, the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) will be celebrating its 50 year anniversary of fostering a global voice for the geosciences. Since 1961, the IUGS has been promoting and encouraging the study of the geosciences while actively supporting and facilitating international and interdisciplinary cooperation.

Throughout the 2011 celebration, the IUGS will be hosting special events and activities to commemorate the anniversary. One such activity consists of organizing and sponsoring a global geoscience essay contest for early career geoscientists to voice their outlook on the future of the geosciences. The winning essay will be published as the lead article in *Episodes* magazine, the global publication of IUGS which is distributed in 150 countries. The winner will also receive free registration to the next International Geological Congress (IGC) to be held in Brisbane, Australia in August 2012. The winner will be acknowledged formally with a Medal to be presented at the IUGS awards ceremony during IGC Australia.

IUGS invites all early career geoscientists, under 35 years of age, to submit an essay on their view of the ***Future of the Geological Sciences***.

Guidelines for submissions:

- Abstract: 200 words
- Paper: minimum 3000 words; maximum 5000 words
- Language: English
- Theme: *The Future of the Geological Sciences*
- Submitted by: geoscientists under the age of 35 years
- Submission deadline: 7 March 2011
- Submit essays to: Wesley Hill [whill@geosociety.org](mailto:whill@geosociety.org)

Contest Partners:

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