

Internal Newsletter of the Multinational Andean Project: Geoscience for Andean Communities

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A Bimonthly Update of Internal Project News



Welcome to the first MAP:GAC Newsletter

This newsletter of the Multinational Andean Project: Geoscence for Andean Communities will be a bi-monthly publication intended for participating agencies, contractors, government officials and interested parties. If you know of people who should receive this Newsletter, please contact Mr. Mike Ellerbeck at:

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MAP:GAC Concept Approved

The Multinational Andean Project: Geoscience for Andean Communities (MAP:GAC) proposal has been approved in principle by the Minister in charge of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) was selected as the administering agency and the Geological Surveys of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela have indicated a desire to participate. The next step in the project approval process is the preparation of a detailed Project Design Report and Work Plan.

Over the next five months a Project Design Team from the GSC will be working on the Project Design Report and Work Plan which is to be completed by early November 2001 for review and approval by all participants during the XI Latin American Geological Conference in Montevideo, Uruguay. Dr. Catherine Hickson, the designated Project Manager, along with Members of the Canadian MAP:GAC management team meeting with academics and geoscience professionals to discuss the development of the MAP:GAC.

Mr. Mike Ellerbeck, Project Administrator and Dr. Mark Stasiuk Project Scientist will travel to all interested countries to meet

with officials from the respective National Geoscience Agencies and other institutions that wish to collaborate on the project.

Charged with the responsibility of creating the Project Design Report and Work Plan, it is anticipated that they will spend approximately one week in each country to collaborate on the design of the project for that country.

During the months of September, October, and November Hickson, Ellerbeck, and Stasiuk will visit each participating country to meet with officials of the National Geoscience Agencies and to discuss issues particular to each country's participation in the project. Currently it is anticipated that the first trip will be to Venezuela and Colombia during the first two weeks of September to be followed by Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru during the first two week of October. Finally the team will visit Argentina and Chile during the final week of October. At the end of October the team will have a first draft of the Project Design Report and Work Plan which will include the components listed below. The team will then be in Montevideo, Uruguay during the XI Latin American Geological Congress (November 12 to 16, 2001) to attend a meeting with officials from all 7 South American countries to discuss the project and approve and sign the MAP:GAC Project Design Report and Work Plan.

The Project Design Report and Work Plan shall include the following:

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- Project Background and Description;
- Project Results (Impact, Outcomes and Outputs)
- Project Organization and Management Structure including Project Management Committees,
- Roles and Responsibilities of partners, GSC contracting procedures and plan;
 Project Schedule;
- Project Schedule;
- CIDA Project Budget and the partners' contributions;
- Project Monitoring and Reporting Plan;
- Following Annexes:

Socio–economic and Political Analysis; Gender Analysis; Capacity of partners for sustainable development; Environmental Analysis; Benefits to Canada and the Recipient Country.

The Project Design Report and Work Plan will then be submitted to CIDA for final approval of the project.

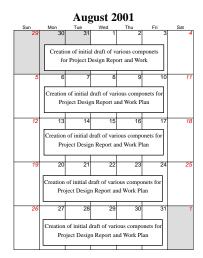
Meeting of MAP:GAC administration and University Faculty and Independent Consultants

On Wednesday July 4 the MAP:GAC management team at GSC Pacific, Vancouver met with potential contributors to the MAP:GAC Project Design Report and Work Plan. Experts in Latin American Studies, Human Geography, and Geosciences from industry and academia attended the meeting which consisted of a presentation on the project by Project Manager Dr. Catherine Hickson and discussion on the various components required for the completion of the Project Design Report and Work Plan.

Information Required from the Countries

With the intent of including the most accurate

MAP:GAC Project Development Scheduled

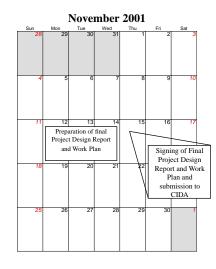




and up-to-date information on each country in the Project Design Report and Work Plan MAP:GAC management is requesting that each participant country provide the following information by August 10th. Over the next several months each country will likely be contacted on several occasions with requests to provide information to be used in the Project Design Report and Work Plan. We recommend that each agency designate a senior staff member who will be charged initially with collaborating with the GSC Project Design Team in creating the Project Design Report and Work Plan.

During the month of August Ellerbeck will be in contact with the National Geoscience agencies of each country to begin work on the Project Design Report and Work Plan as well as to coordinate for the visit of the Project Design Team. Each Agency will be requested to initiate contact with other organizations in the





country that may be participating in the project. A meeting of all countries involved will be in Montevideo, Uruguay during the XI Latin American Geological Congress (November 12 to 16, 2001). It is necessary that representatives from the National Geoscience Agencies, who have authority to sign the final agreement, be in attendance during the week of the conference.

The following information is required from each country member by August 10th. 2001:

1- What government organizations deal with the following natural hazards in your country?

Earthquakes: Landslides: Volcanoes:

2- How many of your Agency staff are dedicated to the following? How many staff in other organizations?

Earthquakes: Landslides: Volcanoes:

- 3- What is the budget from your Agency? Other organizations?
 - Earthquakes: Landslides: Volcanoes:
- 4- Please give a general overview including organizational chart of your country's National Geoscience Agency.
- 5- Please provide name and position of the person who will be the main contact for the project.
- 6- Please provide name and position of the person who will be the Project Leader.
- 7- Please provide name and title of the head of your Institution.
- 8- Please provide an overview of your current Natural Hazards Program, including the different organizations involved.
- 9- What is the mandate of each organization involved?
- 10- Where do each of these organizations get their funding?
- 11- What other collaborative projects are you working on?
- 12- What geographic area is your agency considering for the project?

For further MAP:GAC information please consult the project Web page at:

http://www.pma-map.com

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