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## International eGY activities

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The Electronic Geophysical Year, 2007-2008 (eGY) uses the 50-year anniversary of the acclaimed International Geophysical Year to advance open access to data, information, and services. eGY presents a vision for data sharing and data management to meet scientific needs for the 21st Century. It also provides a focus for raising awareness and a framework for international collaboration in the theme areas of data access, data preservation, data discovery, data release, reducing the digital divide, and education and outreach. This talk will introduce a selection of eGY activities from around the world, dealing with development of an Earth and Space Science Information Commons, virtual observatories, demonstrations of modern data systems, international data policy, best practice and standards, the future of the World Data Centre System and Data Services, better internet facilities for African scientists, access to education resources, strengthening Earth and Space Science informatics activities within IUGG and the GeoUnions, and more.