

eGY activities in Japan

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'The Electronic Geophysical Year, 2007-2008 (eGY) provides an opportunity for the international geo-scientific community to focus effort on a 21st Century e-Science approach to issues of data stewardship: open access to data, data preservation, data discovery, data rescue, capacity building, and outreach. The development of Virtual Observatories and Laboratories is a central feature of eGY.' (taken from eGY HP). Last one year, some members of Japanese eGY team have been trying to activate the effort/discussions of constructing a 'meta-data' database which covers wide range of Earth sciences to promote interdisciplinary research. We also have been trying to have an international symposium 'Fifty years after IGY: Modern information technologies and Earth Sciences' with other Japanese committee of the international programs, IPY, IHY, IYPE and WDC. The symposium, 'Fifty years after IGY: Modern information technologies and Earth and Solar Sciences' has been decided, also adding CODATA team, to be held in November in Tsukuba. We summarize the current status of eGY activities in Japan and the preparation of the international symposium.