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Dear Alessandro:

INQUA has reviewed the 2008 activities of your project "A global catalogue and mapping of earthquake environmental effects" (#0811), and congratulates you on a successful year. Your catalogue, promotional efforts, and meeting in Oslo appear to have been very successful, and we commend you for "seizing the moment" to investigate earthquakes in China, Columbia, and the Peloponnese. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved support for your plans to continue this project, and will provide 4000 Euros toward encouraging participation of researchers from low GDP countries and early career scientists (i.e. scientists with less than 10 years post-PhD experience). INQUA also discussed your suggestion that we endorse the GEO initiative, and are please that your TERPRO project will include GEO in your activities, helping to build a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). We are looking into how INQUA might further contribute to this effort by being a Participating Organization, and will let you know.

Please note that INQUA recognition and funding of the project, as well as any future support, is contingent on the following:

- 1) submitting to INQUA Treasurer, Marie-France Loutre (marie-france.loutre@uclouvain.be) the "Project Acceptance Form" (available on the INQUA web site <http://www.inqua.tcd.ie>), which requests the funds you were granted and a short summary describing project activities planned for the coming year (e.g. workshops, conference sessions, field meetings, and their dates and venues); this summary will be included in INQUA's newsletter and on its web site;
- 2) submitting a short summary of the overall nature and purpose of the project to INQUA Vice-President Margaret Avery (mavery@iziko.org.za) by May 1, 2009; this will be included in an article in INQUA's newsletter Quaternary Perspectives that outlines the range of projects recognized and supported by INQUA;
- 3) acknowledging at all meetings and in any publicity related to the project, as well as in all publications, that INQUA support was received;
- 4) submitting an annual or final report by January 2010 that summarizes the project's activities during 2009 and provides precise budget details on how INQUA funds were spent; forms can be found on the INQUA web site <http://www.inqua.tcd.ie> The form to request support for future years is available on the INQUA web site.



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INQUA encourages you to prepare a synthesis of your efforts by the next INQUA Congress, and consider how future activity might build on your accomplishments.

By 1 April 2009, please acknowledge to Koji Okumura receipt of this email and your agreement with the conditions outlined above.

We wish your project continued success.

Sincerely,

Koji Okumura, Vice President
INQUA

James T. Teller, President

INQUA Commission on Terrestrial Processes, Deposits, and History