

Czech IGCP National Committee: Structure and Activities

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Structure of the Czech IGCP National Committee

The Czech IGCP National Committee, affiliated to the Czech Geological Society, is composed primarily of representatives of current IGCP projects operating on the territory of the Czech Republic. Effective participation in the project is evaluated from certificate of participation in, at least one, IGCP conference or publication. Any elected representative of a project may work in the Czech IGCP NC until his/her project(s) ends, usually from three to six years. A project representative is selected upon recommendation of at least 50% of the local (team) project workers. Representatives of the regional IGCP community elect the Czech IGCP NC, which may also further include distinguished emeritus representatives of IGCP, senior IGCP or UNESCO officers, as well as other experts. The chairman and secretary of the Czech IGCP NC are elected within the Committee by a simple majority vote.

For the period 2010 - 2012 the Czech IGCP National Committee consists of 13 members from different institutions in the Czech Republic.

Activities of the Czech IGCP National Committee

Some national committees for International Geosciences Programme have their own budgets, even though these budgets are usually very modest. Beginning in 1996, one of the objectives of the Czech IGCP National Committee has been to provide support to members of the Czech IGCP working groups who may either have limited or no financial resources. These contributions help in the organization of local IGCP meetings, conferences, and workshops, as well as to cover travel expenses of the active members to attend international conferences. In simple terms this activity aims to support IGCP members who significantly contribute to enhance the standing of Czech geosciences on the international

platform. Yearly awards of such competitive local grants have been operating for more than 10 years, over 150 scientists were granted since 1996, with an average grant of 11,000 CZK. The total amount distributed during 1996-2011 was 1,670,450 CZK. This effort has been successfully maintained with sponsorship of several companies and organizations, listed on the committee website. We would like to thank all of them for their continuing support and sponsorship, both in the past and current.

Funding collected by the Czech IGCP NC is primarily allocated to support the following activities:

- (1) Participation of young scientists (up to 35 years) in local and international IGCP meetings and conferences.
- (2) Supporting senior scientists, to benefit of the opportunity of IGCP meetings, conferences or consultations.
- (3) Organisation of national or international conferences within the framework of the IGCP.
- (4) Supporting publication of activities related to IGCP projects.
- (5) On rare occasion, providing a complementary support to research expenses of the national IGCP teams or individuals.

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