

Terms of Reference of the ICSU IPY 2007/8 Planning Group

- (i) To gather, summarise and make widely available information on existing ideas for an IPY serving as a clearinghouse for ideas,
- (ii) To stimulate, encourage and organise debate amongst a wide range of interested parties on the objectives and possible content of an IPY,
- (iii) To formulate a set of objectives for an IPY,
- (iv) To develop an initial high level Science Plan for an IPY which engages younger scientists throughout the planning process.
- (v) To develop a specific set of objects targeted at formal and informal education as well as the general public in the next IPY.
- (vi) To develop a proposed mechanism for the design, development, guidance, and oversight of an IPY
- (vii) To present a draft plan to the ICSU EB at their February 2004 meeting;
and
- (vii) To report to the ICSU 28th General Assembly in 2005 a plan for an IPY in 2007/8 for final endorsement.