

**Michael Sideris is elected Vice President
of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics**

Dr. Michael G. Sideris, professor of geodesy in the Department of Geomatics Engineering at the University of Calgary, is the new Vice President of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG, www.iugg.org) for the period 2011-2015. Prof. Sideris was elected to this prestigious position by the 69-country-member Council of IUGG at the XXV IUGG General Assembly, which took place in Melbourne, Australia, from June 28 to July 7, 2011. IUGG is an international organization dedicated to advancing, promoting, and communicating knowledge of the Earth system, its space environment, and the dynamical processes causing change. IUGG is a member of the International Council for Science (ICSU, www.icsu.org) and comprises the International Associations of:

- Cryospheric Sciences (IACS)
- Geodesy (IAG)
- Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA)
- Hydrological Sciences (IAHS)
- Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences (IAMAS)
- Physical Sciences of the Oceans (IAPSO)
- Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior (IASPEI)
- Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior (IAVCEI)

Prof. Sideris, who completed in May his term as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Calgary – a position he held since 2003, also completed this month his 2007-2011 term as President of the International Association of Geodesy. As the Vice President of the IUGG, Prof. Sideris will be a member of its Bureau and its Executive Committee, and will be responsible for many administrative and scientific tasks, including the supervision of the Union's five Commissions, which serve the Union and the international geophysical community by promoting the study of particular interdisciplinary problems. These bodies, which are chartered by the IUGG Executive Committee to conduct inter-association science, are:

- Geophysical Risk and Sustainability (GEORISK)
- Mathematical Geophysics (CMG)
- Study of the Earth's Deep Interior (SEDI)
- Data and Information (UCDI)
- Climatic and Environmental Change (CCEC)

