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WORKSHOP ON DEBRIS TORRENTS
Vancouver, Canada, 14-15 August 1987

A half-day workshop (August 14) and a full day field trip (August 15) on the theme of "Debris Torrents" will be held as part of the IAHS programme at the IUGG General Assembly in Vancouver, Canada, in August 1987.

The objective of the workshop is to review theoretical developments in the understanding of debris torrents (debris flows) as a hydrological phenomenon. The presentations should preferably address the problem of deriving hydrological parameters such as peak discharge, flow hydrograph, duration, magnitude and frequency from input data such as climatic information and the condition of source areas in the upper parts of debris torrent drainage areas. An invited theme lecture will cover an overview of the above topics. In addition to the theme lecture there will be five or six contributed presentations and a discussion period. Poster papers are also encouraged.

Field excursion: A one-day field trip by bus will be undertaken by interested participants into the Lower Fraser Valley and Coquihalla Valley regions, 150 km east of Vancouver. Sites of recent debris torrent events will be visited and discussed. Attention will also be given to the relatively new Coquihalla Freeway and to sediment and snow avalanche control features included in its design. A guidebook will be provided to the trip participants. Sturdy hiking boots and rain protection are recommended since the trip will include walking in rough terrain.

Publication plans: A set of abstracts will be made available to participants at the workshop but there will be no formal proceedings publication. Authors will be encouraged to submit their papers to *Hydrological Sciences Journal*.

Submittal of abstracts: If you are interested in presenting an oral or poster paper at the workshop please send a typed, single-spaced abstract of not more than one page before 30 November 1986 to the principal convenor: *Dr Olav Slaymaker, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6T 1W5.*

Further information: For general information on IUGG matters including registration, housing and fees contact: *Dr G.J. Young, CNC/IAHS, Inland Waters Directorate, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0E7.*

Potential participants may be interested in the International Symposium on Erosion and Sedimentation, Pacific Rim, which immediately precedes this workshop and will be held in Corvallis, Oregon, 3-7 August 1987 (see announcement published in *Hydrological Sciences Journal*, vol.31, no.1, March 1986).