

Preface

Education, Outreach and Defining Users (Geo- and Space-physical Sciences)

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This special issue is devoted to papers concerning the subject matter “education, outreach and defining users” in the geo- and space-physical communities. Users represent every sector of society from schools, to the general public and companies. It is important to understand the unique needs and interest of each user community. Science education needs for a classroom of children are very distinct from adults working at a company.

The papers were presented during the session “Geo- and Space-physical Sciences (Education, Outreach and Defining Users)” held during the European Geosciences Union (EGU) first General Assembly in Nice, France, 25–30 April 2004. Due to the various EGU communities represented during this session (e.g., space physics and astronomy, earthquake science, oceanography) and the international background of the speakers (Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, USA) the session was indeed a success. The goal of

this special issue is to bring together people working on the broad physical science covered by the different EGU communities for the current and future mutually beneficial exchange of ideas and experiences.

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