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Earth Science Week Contest Expanded Internationally

Alexandria, VA -- The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is expanding eligibility for its annual Earth Science Week photography contest to allow international members of all AGI Member Societies to participate for the first time.

Previously open only to residents of the United States and members of AGI International Associate Societies, the photo contest has always been a major part of Earth Science Week, which this year is being celebrated October 13-19.

"By celebrating the theme of 'Mapping Our World,' Earth Science Week 2013 focuses attention on the many exciting uses of maps and mapping technologies in the geosciences around the world," says AGI Outreach Manager Geoff Camphire. "This is the perfect time to invite our colleagues and friends worldwide to join this celebration of Earth science."

International members of AGI Member Societies are encouraged to enter this year's Earth Science Week photography contest, "Mapping My Community." These individuals are invited to use a camera to show how maps are used in their communities.

For more information on the photo contest, including guidelines, deadlines, and information on how to correctly submit your entry, please visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/>.

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Earth Science Week is organized annually by AGI with support from the U.S. Geological Survey; the National Park Service; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation; Esri; the American Geophysical Union; the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration; National Geographic; the Geological Society of America; the Association of American State Geologists; and others. To learn more about Earth Science Week, please go to <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>.

The American Geosciences Institute is a nonprofit federation of geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geosciences education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.