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Introduction

The reports of the International Association of Geodesy are published continuously since 1923 (Tome 1). At the beginning these reports were called “Travaux de la Section de Géodésie de l’Union Géodésique et Géophysique Internationale”, and since 1938 “Travaux de l’Association de Géodésie”. They were published on occasion of the IUGG General Assemblies, which were held every three years until 1963, and since then every four years. These volumes serve as a comprehensive documentation of the work carried out during the past period of three or four years, respectively. Until 1995 (Volume 30) the reports were published as printed volumes only, and since 1999 (Volume 31) in digital form as CD and/or in the Internet.

Since 2001 there are also mid-term reports published on the occasion of the IAG Scientific Assemblies in-between the General Assemblies. Usually they are presented before the Assembly to the IAG Executive Committee (EC) and are discussed in the EC meetings in order to receive and give advices for the future work.

The present Volume 36 contains the reports of all IAG components for the period 2007 to 2009 and is presented to the IAG Scientific Assembly in Buenos Aires/Argentina, August/September 2009. In addition, the annual reports of the IAG Secretary General and the meetings summaries of the IAG Executive Committee are included; thus a complete overview of the activities of the past two years is presented.

The editors thank all the authors for there work and ask for a feedback of the readers. The digital versions of this volume as well as the previous ones since 1999 may be found in the IAG Office homepage (<http://iag.dgfi.badw.de>)

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