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Introduction

The reports of the International Association of Geodesy are published regularly since 1923 (Tome 1). They were called “Travaux de la Section de Géodésie de l’Union Géodésique et Géophysique Internationale” in the first years. In 1938 the name was changed to “Travaux de l’Association de Géodésie”. They were published on the 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. The reports were published until 1995 (Volume 30) as printed volumes only, and since 1999 (Volume 31) in digital form as CD and/or in the Internet.

Since 2001 there are also midterm 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 39 contains the quadrennial reports of all IAG components for the period 2011 to 2015 and is presented at the IUGG General Assembly in Prague, Czech Republic, June 22 – July 2, 2015.

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