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Subject: WDC-Geomagnetism, Mumbai as Regular Member of ICSU World Data System

Dear Dr. B. Veenadhari,

WDC-Geomagnetism, Mumbai applied for membership in the new International Council for Science – World Data System (ICSU-WDS). On behalf of ICSU and the WDS Scientific Committee (WDS-SC), it is my distinct honour and pleasure to formally accept your organization as a Regular Member of ICSU-WDS, pending the finalization of a signed agreement with ICSU (as noted in the application). A template agreement is provided on the WDS website (<https://www.icsu-wds.org/community/membership/wds-template-agreement>).

As described on the [WDS website](#), Regular Members are nodes that deal directly with data curation and data analysis services. Your application was reviewed favourably by two referees. The summary of their comments that you previously received is intended to help your organization become a more effective Member of ICSU-WDS. I trust that you will find it useful.

Realizing that completing the application process is somewhat burdensome, the WDS-SC greatly appreciates your on-going interest and is grateful for your time and effort. Any feedback and comments you have provided as part of the application will be taken into account to help improve the process in the future.

To show your affiliation as a WDS Member, we would like to encourage you to display the WDS logo on your organization's homepage with a link to our website (www.icsu-wds.org). Owing to the unique and comprehensive accreditation procedure prescribed by ICSU-WDS, quality assurance of your organization's data holdings is recognized by means of the WDS label. Through our joint efforts, we believe this acknowledgement of 'data excellence' will only increase in the future.

These are exciting times for ICSU and the data stewardship community, and your continued support will be most invaluable in building ICSU-WDS as a 'system of data systems'. We believe that a robust and relevant ICSU-WDS will play a key role in the development of new and innovative solutions to the challenges posed by the 'information and data' age.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bernard Minster'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' at the beginning.

Bernard Minster
Chair, WDS Scientific Committee

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