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DeFries named MacArthur Fellow

Ruth DeFries, a professor in the Department of Geography and the Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center at the University of Maryland, College Park, was named as a MacArthur Fellow; the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation announced on 25 September.

An environmental geographer, DeFries, was cited for "combining remote satellite

imagery and a deep understanding of the environmental effects of agriculture and urbanization to illuminate key processes transforming our planet."

Each fellow will receive \$500,000 in "no strings attached" support over the next 5 years.

DeFries was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2006. She coedited the 1994 AGU book *Ecosystems and Land Use Change* and currently is an executive editor of *Environment* magazine. She is the 18th AGU member to be named a MacArthur fellow since 1982.

U.S. Space Environment Center renamed
The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration's Space Environment Center changed its name on 1 October to the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center. The new name reflects the rapidly growing importance of solar storm forecasts to the nation's economy and security, explained the center's director, Thomas Bogdan. Adverse space weather can disrupt power grids, disturb communications and navigation systems, interrupt satellite signals, and increase radiation doses to astronauts as well as to airline crews and passengers. For more information, see <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>.

—RANDY SHOWSTACK AND MOHI KUMAR, Staff Writers

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In Memoriam

Howell Peregrine, 68, 20 March 2007, Ocean Sciences, 1992

Honors

Cathy Manduca, chair of the AGU Committee on Education and Human Resources, was appointed executive director of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers and began her 5-year term on 1 September. Manduca, who is director of the Science Education Resource Center at Carleton

College, Northfield, Minn., also served as NAGT president during 2003-2004.

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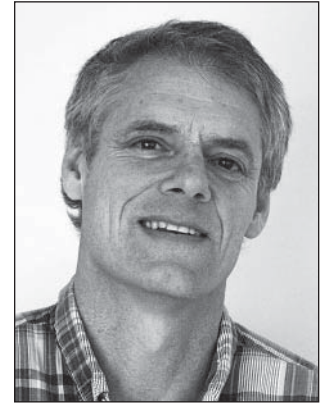
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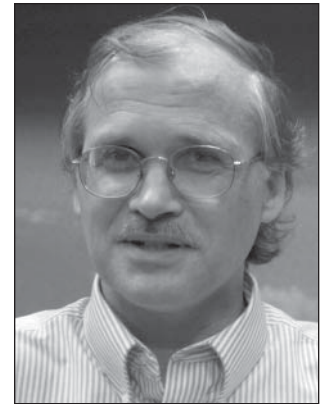
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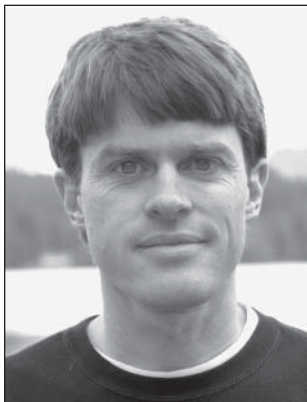
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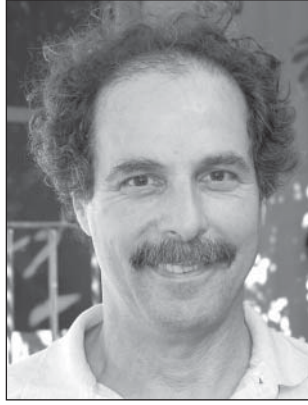


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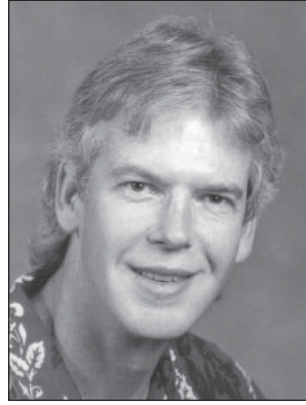
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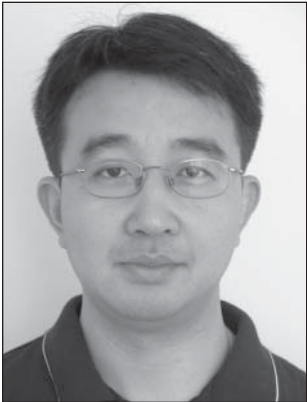
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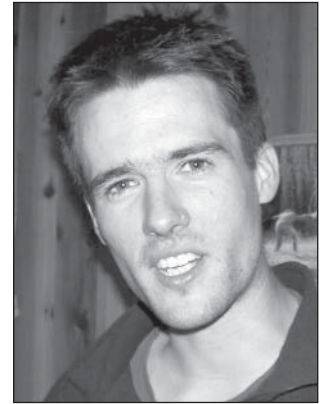
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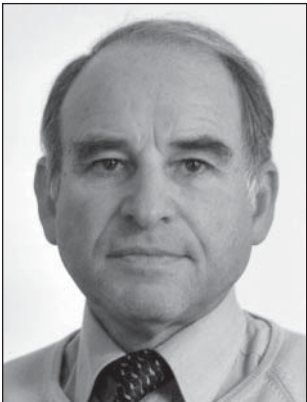
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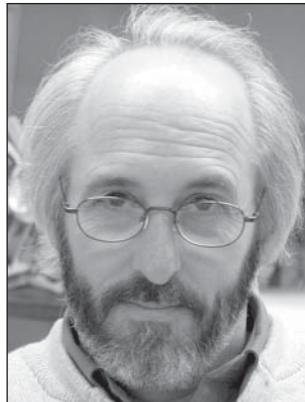
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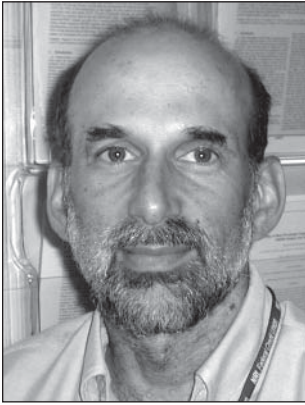
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