

3.5.6.7 Special Bureau for Gravity/Geocenter

Gravity During 2001, most of the attention of the Special Bureau for Gravity/Geocenter (SBGG) staff was dedicated to preparation for the GRACE mission data analysis, archiving, and documentation. Recall that the SBGG website will serve as a portal for access to the GRACE Level-1 data and Level-2 gravity field products archived at the Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center and at the GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam. The SBGG will provide not only links to these archives, but provide a forum for understanding the formats and standards of the data products, provide access to gravity solutions from other satellites including CHAMP and the SLR satellites, and links to access the geophysical data needed to interpret these changes. SBGG staff have contributed significantly to the preparation of GRACE Product Specification Document and the User Guide, which will be made publicly available in early 2003.

Geocenter Several new data sets were added, including the latest IGS GPS results. Additional SLR and DORIS data sets were solicited and will be included in the next upgrade.

Web site A major redesign and upgrade of the SBGG web site began in October 2002, to be completed by the end of 2002.

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