lions of dollars." More money should go to developing advanced instrument technologies and expanding education and training at research facilities. "The challenge," the report concludes, "is how to maintain and revitalize an academic research infrastructure that has eroded over many years due to obsolescence and chronic underinvestment." **JLD**

Central European Journal. Global visibility for physics findings from Central and Eastern Europe is the main aim of a new online journal. The peer-reviewed *Central European Journal of Physics* debuts this month. It will cover all areas of physics and will be entirely in English. Says founding editor Janos Lendvai, a solid-state physicist at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary, "We know there is some very good research done and many very good papers written in our region but—resulting from yesterday's political isolation or today's financial misery in Central and Eastern Europe—they cannot always find their way to publication." *CEJP*, Lendvai adds, is "much more authors-oriented" than other journals. Among its services, the new journal offers support in language and technical editing. Authors do not have to come from Central or Eastern Europe.

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Earth surface journal. Glacial activity, volcanism, tectonism, soil formation, and hillslope mass movement are a taste of the research topics to be covered in the *Journal of Geophysical Research—Earth Surface*, an interdisciplinary quarterly that the American Geophysical Union is launching this spring. Says founding editor Robert Anderson of the University of California, Santa Cruz, "I want this journal to serve as an outlet for science that applies rigorous quantitative methods to surface process problems. . . . At the moment, this kind of work is spread among at least a dozen journals. . . . We would like to bring such papers together, diminishing the sense that surface process work is somehow on the fringe." Submissions and subscription information will be posted soon on AGU's Web site, http://www.agu.org/journals/jf. **TF** ■