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Release of the World Digital Magnetic Anomaly Map version 2 (WDMAM v2) scheduled

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The World Digital Magnetic Anomaly Map is an international initiative carried out under the auspices of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA) and the Commission for the Geological Map of the World (CGMW). A first version of the map has been published and distributed eight years ago (WDMAM v1; Korhonen et al., 2007). After a call for an improved second version of the map in 2011, the slow process of data compilation, map preparation, evaluation and finalization is near completion, and the WDMAM v2 will be released at the International Union of Geophysics and Geodesy (IUGG) meeting to be held in Prag in June-July 2015. In this presentation we display several shortcomings of the WDMAM v1, both on continental and oceanic areas, that are hopefully alleviated in the WDMAM v2, and discuss the process leading to the new map. We reiterate a long-standing call for aeromagnetic and marine magnetic data contribution, and explore future directions to pursue the effort toward a more complete, higher resolution magnetic anomaly map of the World.