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International efforts in space weather prediction and warning

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Effect of Space Weather: Space environment affects human and human-made systems.



X-ray, UV-radiation, high-energy particles, magnetic clouds form the Sun



- Failure of satellites
- Radiation hazard of manned space mission



- Radiation hazard of aircrew
- HF radio communications
- Navigation system using satellites



- Drag for low-orbit satellites
- Change of orbit of space debris







- Power grid disruption
- Electric power blackout



Navigation system using satellites





1. International Space Environment Service (ISES)



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Oldest international organization of space weather

URSI Central Committee of URSIgram

The URSI Central Committee of USRIgrams initiated for rapid international data exchange services in 1928.

(HF radio communication)

Information of Special World Interval (SWI) was exchanged for coordinated observations of the Sun and geophysical environment during International Geophysical Year (IGY, 1957-1958).

Forecasts of geomagnetic storm within 24 hours were issued from World Warning Agency (WWA), Boulder, CO. USA.

International World Days Service

The International World Days Service initiated in 1959 as part of International Geophysical Year (IGY).



Information of URSIgram was broadcasted from the Eiffel Tower in 1928.



1962

International URSIgram and World Days Service (IUWDS)



1996

International Space Environment Service (ISES)



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Mission

The mission of the ISES is to encourage and facilitate near-real-time international monitoring and prediction of the space environment by: the rapid exchange of space environment information; the standardization of the methodology for space environment observations and data reduction; the uniform publication of observations and statistics; and the application of standardized space environment products and services to assist users reduce the impact of space weather on activities of human interest.

International Council for Science (ICSU)

- World Data Centre (WDC)
 - WDC for Solar Terrestrial Physics (NOAA/NGDC)
 - WDC for Solar-Terrestrial Science (IPS)
- Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Data Analysis Services (FAGS)
- International Space Environment Service (ISES)
- Solar Influences Data Analysis Center (SIDC)
- International Service of Geomagnetic Indices (ISGI)
- International GNSS Service (IGS)

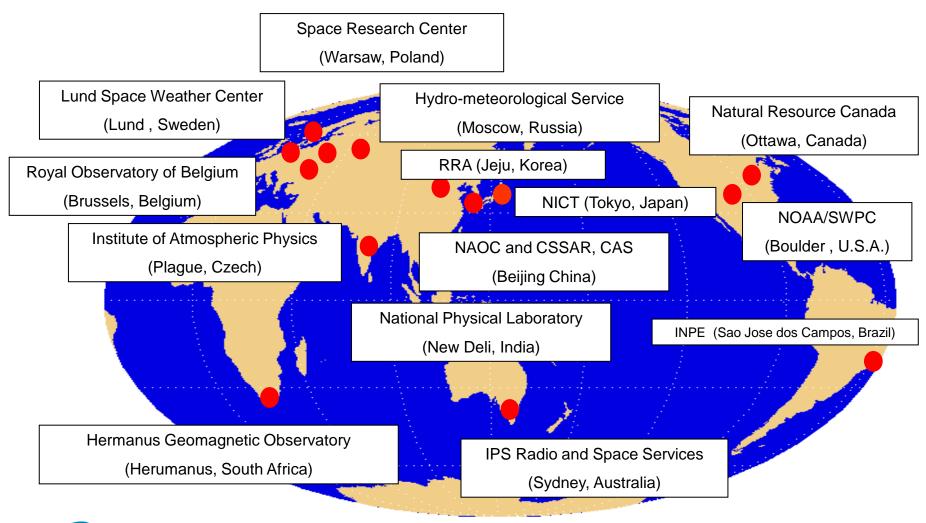
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world Data System (WDS)

NICT hosts the International Program Office (IPO) of the WDS now.



Fourteen Forecast centers of International Space Environment Service (ISES)

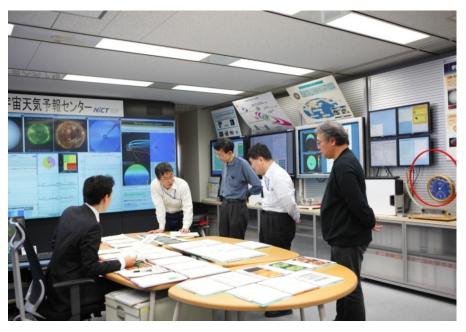




NICT space weather forecast center of ISES

We have forecaster meeting every afternoon and make forecasts.







2. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)



WMO/Inter-Programme Coordination Team on Space Weather (ICTSW since May, 2010)

Co-chair: Dr. Xiaoxin Zhang (CMA) and Dr. Terry Onsager (NOAA/SWPC)

CMA: Chinese Meteorological Administration

[current member (18 countries and 7 international organizations)]

Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, UK, USA

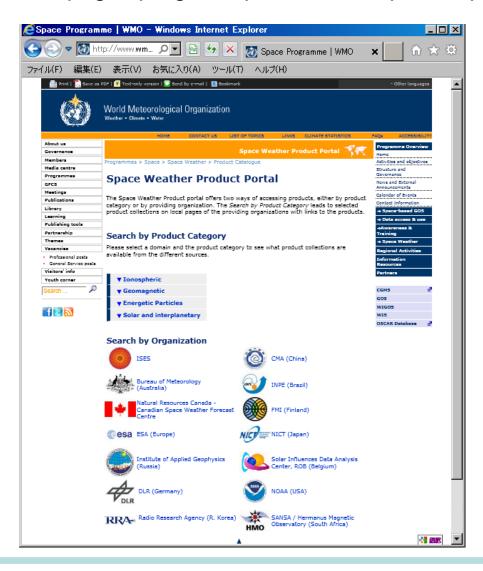
ESA, ISES, ITU, ICAO, UN/Office of Outer Space Affairs, WMO, EC

Purposes of ICTSW

- 1. **Standardization** and enhancement of space weather **data exchange** and delivery through the WMO Information System (WIS)
- 2. Harmonized definition of end products and services, including e.g. quality assurance guidelines and emergency warning procedures, in interaction with aviation and other major application sectors
- 3. **Integration of space weather observations**, through review of space-based and surface-based observations requirements, harmonization of sensor specifications, monitoring plans for space weather observation
- 4. Encouraging the dialogue between the research and operational space weather communities

WMO space weather portal

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/spaceweather-productportal_en.php





3. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

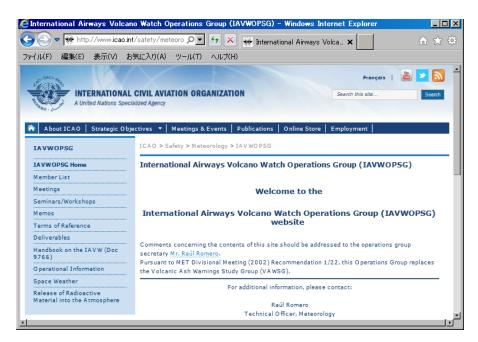


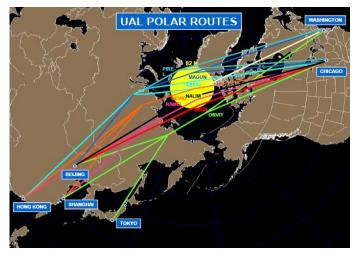
ICAO/International Airways Volcanic Watch Operations Group (IAVWOPSG)

http://www.icao.int/safety/meteorology/iavwopsg/Pages/default.aspx

The first draft was released on 15 February, 2011. Draft Version 2.0 was released on 29 September, 2012.

"CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS (CONOPS) FOR INTERNATIONAL SPACE WEATHER INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR NAVIGATION"





Michael Stills, United Airlines, "Polar Operations and Space Weather," presentation to the space weather enterprise forum, (June 21, 2011)



Ionospheric Studies Task Force (ISTF) of ICAO Asia and Pacific Office http://www.bangkok.icao.int/cns/meeting.do

Chair of Ionospheric Studies Task Force Dr. Susumu Saito, Electronic Navigation Research Institute (ENRI)

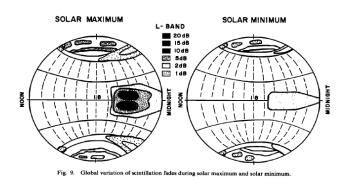
The task force will develop strategies for collecting, analyzing and sharing ionospheric data and will discuss other issues related to the ionospheric studies as a step towards the implementation of GNSS applications including GBAS and SBAS.

First Meeting of Ionospheric Studies Task Force (ISTF/1) February 27-29, 2012 in Tokyo

Second Meeting of Ionospheric Studies Task Force (ISTF/2) October 15-17, 2012 in Bangkok



"WORST CASE" FADING DEPTHS AT L-BAND



Basu et al., Radio Science, Vol.23, 1988



4. UN/Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)

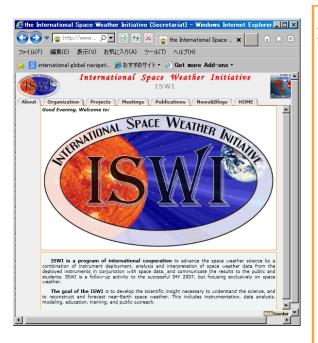


UN/Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)

ISWI (International Space Weather Initiative) WG (2009-2012)

(http://www.stil.bas.bg/ISWI/index_letter.html)

ISWI flows up IHY (International Heliophysical Year), which is a program of 50 anniversary of IGY



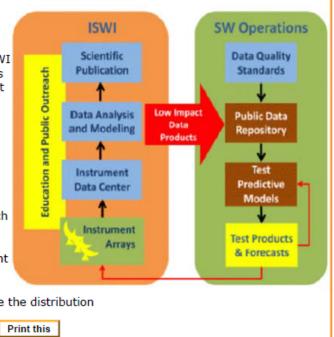
ISWI Objectives

- Instrumentation and data analysis
 - Expand existing instrument arrays
 - Deploy of new arrays
 - Expand data analysis effort for ISWI data and other relevant data bases
- Coordinate data products to provide input for physical modeling of the Sun-Earth System
 - Input instrument array data into physical models of heliospheric processes
 - · Provide data products in a form useful for modelling
 - Enable Space Weather forecasting
- · Promote Education, Training and Outreach
 - · Encourage and support space science courses and curricula in Universities that provide instrument support
 - · Develop public outreach materials unique to the ISWI, and coordinate the distribution

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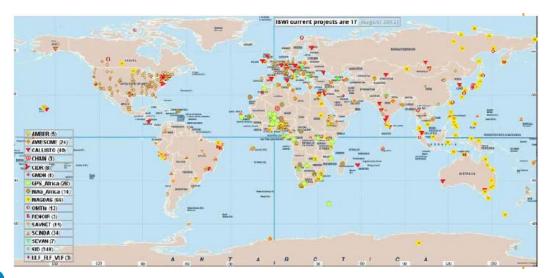
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The 1st UN/ESA/NASA/JAXA workshop on ISWI, 16-20 October, 2010, Luxor, Egypt The 2nd UN/Nigeria workshop on ISWI, 17-21 October, 2011, Abuja, Nigeria The 3rd workshop on the ISWI, 8-12 October, 2012, Quito, Republic of Ecuador

UN International Space Weather Science and Education Center started this April in Kyushu University (Prof. Kiyofumi Yumoto).

Instrument Projects

- 14 distributed instrument teams
- Approximately 1000 participating locations
- More than 100 countries participation



- GPS receivers
- Scintillation observations
- Optical observations of upperatmosphere
- Magnetometers
- VLF observations
- Solar radio observations
- Solar optical observations
- · Muon detectors
- Particle detectors



http://www.stil.bas.bg/ISWI/Projects/Instrument_map.html

UN/Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPOUS)

Long-Term Sustainability WG (2010-2014)

Chair: Peter Martinez (South Africa)

Expert Group A: Sustainable space utilization supporting sustainable development on Earth

Expert Group B: Space debris, space operations and tools to support collaborative space

situation awareness

Expert Group C : Space weather

Expert Group D: Regulatory regimes and guidance for actors in the space arena

Expert Group C: Space weather

Chair: Prof. Takahiro Obara (Tohoku University)

- 1. Collection, sharing and dissemination of data, models, and forecasts
- Capabilities to provide a comprehensive and sustainable network of key data in order to observe and measure space weather phenomena adequately in real or near-real time
- Open sharing of established practices and guidelines to mitigate the impact of space weather phenomena on operational space systems
- 4. Coordination among states on ground-based and space-based space weather observations in order to safeguard space activities



5. Asia-Oceania Space Weather Alliance (AOSWA)

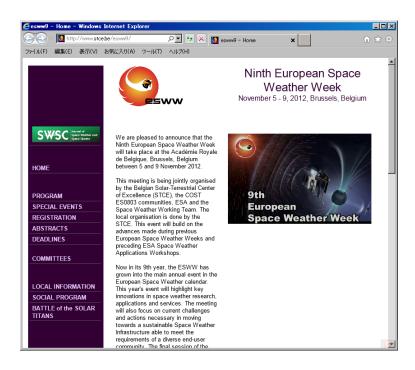


Regional Space Weather Workshop

Space Weather Workshop @ USA since 1996



European Space Weather Week since 2004

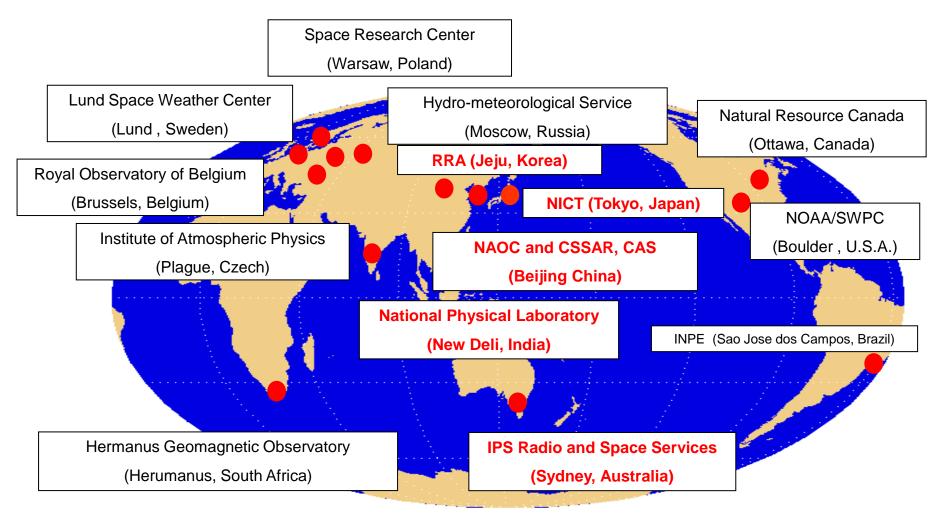




Asia-Oceania regional space weather workshop since 2012



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Indonesia: Space Weather Program is in progress at LAPAN.

Thailand: Princess Sirindhorn Neutron Monitor is providing data of energetic particles with the highest cut-off energy

GPS and Ionospheric Data Center is planed in KMITL., Thailand.



Operational Forecast and Data Preservation

Workshop/Collaboration/
Data Exchange

Practical Use

Research Works



Four functions

International Activities

Information Exchange (Web site/News Letter)

Education/ Capacity Building

Space Weather School/ Text book & Contents

Current associate member is 18 institutes in 12 countries.

Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Vietnam



The 1st AOSWA Workshop (22-24 February 2012, Imperial Mae Ping Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand) 1st Asia-Oceania Regional Space Weather Workshop

Approximately 80 peoples from 30 institutes in 10 countries including the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office in Bangkok, Thailand















Next workshop is in China hosted by NAOC, CSSAR, and CMA

AOSWA Web site http://aoswa.nict.go.jp





Summary

- There are many international activities on space weather.
 e.g. ISES, WMO, ICAO, UN/COPOUS, AOSWA, ITU,
- Collaboration and harmonization are necessary among international activities.
- Asia-Oceania region becomes a big player of space weather now.







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