ISWI Newsletter - Vol. 2 No. 6 21 January 2010 I S W I = International Space Weather Initiative This newsletter is published by Professor K. Yumoto - Director of SERC (www.serc.kyushu-u.ac.jp) at Kyushu University - PI of the MAGDAS Project - Chair of ULTIMA (link near bottom of www.serc.kyushu-u.ac.jp) under a mandate from the ISWI. The ISWI, in turn, is carried out under a mandate from the United Nations and all its member states. The governing body of ISWI and its newsletter is the "ISWI Steering Committee." For more information on the ISWI, please visit the ISWI website: www.iswi-secretariat.org (The ISWI website is maintained independently of the ISWI Newsletter.) The Editor-in-Chief of the ISWI Newsletter is Mr. George Maeda (maeda@serc.kyushu-u.ac.jp). If you wish to contribute a piece to the newsletter, you should write to him. Views expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect official * positions of the ISWI ---- unless expressly stated. This newsletter does not have any fixed release schedule -- it is issued when the need ** arises. It is archived at the ISWI website (see above for URL). ************************************ Attachment: (none) Dear ISWI Participant: Dr. Werner Balogh [Programme Officer - Basic Space Technology; Space Applications Section; Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA);

----- Message to be posted see below -----

United Nations Office at Vienna] has the following message for you. Regards, George Maeda, Editor.

Dear Colleagues,

As part of this year's International Astronautical Congress to be held from 27th September to 1st October 2010 in Prague, Czech Republic, sessions dedicated to space weather and related issues will be organized that should also be highly relevant to ISWI activities. I would greatly appreciate if you would consider submitting an abstract to session "E3.2. Policy and economic aspects of space weather", which is part of the "23rd Symposium on Space Policy, Regulations and Economics".

Session Description:

Space weather slowly emerges as a policy item. While it has long been only a scientific question, its economic relevance is steadily growing due to its effects on commercial space activities in particular in the field of telecommunications. In addition, space weather is expected to become an element of new Space Situational Awareness projects so that international coordination should be foreseen. This session reflects on such questions of

impact and coordination.

Session Organizers:

Chairs: Werner Balogh (UNOOSA), David Kendall (Canadian Space Agency), Rapporteur: Wolfgang Rathgeber (European Space Policy Institute)

The Call for papers can be found at

<http://www.iafastro.com/docs/2010/IAC2010_CallForPapers.pdf> . Abstracts
dealing with issues such as international coordination of space
weather-related activities will be very welcome. The deadline for abstract
submission is 5 March 2010. Please do not hesitate to contact me
(werner.balogh@unoosa.org) should you have any question related to this
particular session.

For your information please note that in addition there will also be a more technical session "D5.3. Space Weather Prediction and Effects on Space Missions" as part of the "Symposium on Safety, Quality and Knowledge Management in Space Activities".

With best regards, Werner Balogh

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