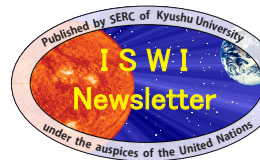


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The screenshot shows the ISWI website homepage. At the top, the text "International Space Weather Initiative" and "ISWI" is displayed. A navigation menu includes "About", "Organization", "Projects", "Meetings", "Publications", and "News&Blogs". The "Publications" menu is open, showing options: "Books", "Proceedings", "Presentations", "Video lectures", "Special issue of S+G", "Newsletter Archive", and "Documents". A red arrow points from a yellow box labeled "Go here." to the "Books" option. The main content area features a large ISWI logo with the text "INTERNATIONAL SPACE WEATHER INITIATIVE" and "ISWI". A visitor counter in the top right corner shows "5,096 Visitors" for the period "16 Oct 2010 - 4 Dec 2011". The browser address bar at the bottom shows "http://www.stil.bas.bg/ISWI/Outreach/Books.html".



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