

IGRGEA LETTER

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AIM OF THE LETTER

At the End of the IEEY, IGRGEA (International Geophysical Research Group Europe Africa) has been organized to follow the research work initiated during IEEY.

IVORY-COAST PROJECT

Dr. Arsène T. Koba is at NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder Colorado, USA with Pr. Art. D. Richmond for a 9-month course on planetary modelization of ionospheric electric currents.

Mr. M. Sow has obtained from the Scientific Cooperation Mission a 3-month grant for a course at LDG/DASE CEA (France) with Dr. E. Blanc (starting on 12 Jan. 1998).

Three magnetometers will be set up in RCI and Mali to complement the OERSTED satellite mission during February 1998.

Dr. C. Amory-Mazaudier will participate to the Ivory Coast Scientific Days from November 28 to December 12, 1997 in Abidjan.

SENEGAL PROJECT

Mr. B. Barry from Dakar CAD University will travel to Lannion (France) to prepare the final SCIPION radar sonde project, from Nov. 3 to 24.

An official agreement is nearly concluded between ESMT and the University of Dakar about the site for the SCIPION ionosonde.

KORHOGO SITE

Mr. Eric Menu is commissioned as CSN at Korhogo (RCI) for a 16-month period starting in November 1997.

The software for reduction of the FPI data is still missing.

The mobile antenna for the LETTI HF radar is now set up. Delivery of the transmitter being still delayed by a technical fault, the full equipment testing will wait for a few more weeks. The expected setting up time is now postponed until early 1998.

PAPERS to be PUBLISHED

The following papers are to be included in the Annales Geophysicae special issue:

- A study of transient variations in the Earth's electromagnetic field at equatorial electrojet latitudes in Western Africa (Mali and the Ivory Coast), 1997. Vassal J., M. Menvielle, Y. Cohen, M. Dukhan, V. Doumouya, K. Boka, O. Fambitacoye.

- Equatorial Electrojet at African longitudes: First results from magnetic measurements, 1997. Doumouya V., J. Vassal, Y. Cohen, O. Fambitakoye, and M. Menvielle.

Several other papers are in the final refereeing process.

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Drs. R. Hanbaba and B. Zolesi are preparing a session on ionospheric modeling.

Abstracts must be sent before Dec.15, 1997 to:

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The ionosonde station at Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) will probably be closed in 1998 after 35-year's regular operation, as a consequence of the privatisation of FRANCE TELECOM ; it has yet not been possible to find local attendance for this station.