

IGRGEA LETTER

International Geophysical Research Group /Europe-Africa

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.

GIRGEA THESIS FRANCE AND IVORY COAST

M. Mamadou SOW, of Abidjan University read a third-cycle Thesis (Abidjan, Nov. 13 1999) on the subject : "*Contribution to the study of irregularities, and of the daytime electric field in West Africa*". (Director, Dr. Elizabeth Blanc).

M. Thomas FARGES, of LDG (CEA) read a french Doctorate PHD (Orsay University, February 28 2000) on : "*Processing and analysis of the HF radar systems data : study of ionospheric perturbations at the magnetic equator and at midlatitudes*". (Directors, Dr J-P. Villain and Dr. E. Blanc). M. Thomas FARGES has been awarded a price from the French Association for Advancement of Sciences (AFAR) for his research work.

RESEARH COURSES IN FRANCE

Dr. M. Mamadou SOW is taking a research course in France (January 17 to April 17). He has entered a CNRS computer training on C language.

M. Kouadio BOKA will complete a research course at CETP from April 17 to July 16, under the supervision of Professor Michel Menvielle.

RESEARCH WORKSHOP/SCHOOL OF GEOPHYSICS IN IVORY COAST

For reasons beyond our decision, both events, initially programmed from May 02 to 12 2000 had to be postponed.

EUROPEAN ECLIPSE WORKSHOPS

A workshop on the results of the August 11 1999 eclipse, will be held on May 10 and 11 2000 at DOORBES, Geophysics Observatory of the Belgium Royal Institut of Meteorology.

On April 29 2000 at Nice (France), a session of the EGS conference will also confront studies of the same eclipse.

SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST RADARS

The SCIPION radar is being set up at Dakar (Sénégal).

The LETTI radar should be installed at Korhogo (RCI) during summer 2000.

OBITUARIES

Louis HERBRETEAU died on January, 7 2000 at Bretigny s/ Orge. Electronics engineer at LDG CEA, he had entirely devised and built the R4F radar and obtained the title of Engineer Doctor on this system in 1979.

Ousseini FAMBITAKOYE died on January, 27 2000 and was buried on Cevenols ground on January 29. As ORSTOM research Director, he read his PHD in 1975, on the equatorial electrojet. He was President of the IEEY (International Equatorial Electrojet Year) from 1991 to 1995, and honorary President of the GIRGEA since 1995.