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At the end of the IEEY, in 1995, IGRGEA (International Geophysical Research Group Europe Africa) has been organized to follow the research work initiated during IEEY (International Equatorial Electrojet Year), in 1992. Since January 2003 IGRGEA is developing at the Institute of Geophysics in Hanoi.

MALI

The three magnetometer network (2 in Mali and 1 in Ivory Coast) will be restarted by the end of 2005. Dr Yves COHEN from IPGP (Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris) who supervises the installation will also manage free internet access to these magnetic data, on international request.

IVORY COAST

Dr V. DOUMBIA, from Cocody University has obtained a Fulbright grant. He will go to NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research) in October 2005 for a 9 month period to work with Dr A. Richmond . His project : study the Equatorial Electrojet (EEJ) from an empirical model of EEJ , from the TIE-GCM model and from the CHAMP and OERSTED satellite data, towards a correction method of the EEJ contribution in magnetic field variations.

M. Kouame KOUADIO, from Cocody University, will be next fall in France, for a 3 month training course, in autumn,, granted by the French Foreign Ministry. His work concerns the high-low latitudes coupling though the magnetospheric convection electric fields. He will work with Dr Christine AMORY-MAZAUDIER at CETP (Centre d'Etude des Environnements terrestre et planétaires).

VIETNAM

M. Thanh PHAM-XUAN from Hanoi geophysics Institute is first appointed for the Foreign Ministry grant. He is studying the monsoon in Vietnam. He will be visiting Drs B. Fontaine and N. Philippon at CRC (Centre de Recherche en Climatologie) at the Dijon University, France, for a 3 month research course, next autumn.

IAGA

The IGRGEA members will participate to the IAGA Assembly in Toulouse 18-29 July.

5 communications and one poster will be presented at the ICDC meeting (Inter-divisional Commission for Developing Countries) on July 20, and 2 communications in the ICH (Inter-divisional Commission on History) on July 28.

The IGRGEA will also participate to the CAWSES (Climate and Weather in the Sun Earth System)

The project in Vietnam is part of the CAWSES programme.

IHY : International Heliophysical Year

Total Solar Eclipse across Africa on March 29, 2006

AMMA : Analyse Multidisciplinaire de la Mousson en Afrique

During the ISEA meeting in Taipei (May 9-14) several international colleagues manifested their desire to work in Africa.

The years 2006-2007 will be devoted to observe the March 29 2006 total solar eclipse and to the International Heliophysical Year.

During Year 2005 to 2009, the AMMA experiment will take place in various countries of West Africa. Interesting connections between all the experiments must be done.

For the International World Campaign IHY, aid for developing countries is forwarded by acquisition of instruments (GPS, magnetometers, radio antenna...)

Our contacts with the African Scientists (IGRGEA) have been transmitted to Dr Tim FULLER-ROWELL at NOAA. We shall meet with in on that point at IAGA during the second week.

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Senegal	Dakar	B. BARRY
Benin	Cotonou	E. HOUNGNINO
Ivory Coast	Abidjan	V. DOUMBIA
Nigeria	Akure	T. RABIU
Burkina Faso	koudougou	F. OUATTARA
R. C. Africa	Bangui	F. TOUADERA

TO ALL, HAVE GOOD HOLYDAYS AND GOOD WORK