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(1) 2012 Ecuador workshop, 245 KB pdf, 3 pages.

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Dear ISWI Participant:

At the request of Dr Hans Haubold of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, I send out some preliminary information on the ISWI Workshop that is scheduled to take place in Ecuador (South America) in the year 2012. The ISWI workshops are in Egypt, Nigeria, and Ecuador (Yrs. 2010, 2011, and 2012, respectively).

The attached pages were created by Prof. Ericson Lopez, Director of the Quito Astronomical Observatory; this is the hosting institution for this workshop. If you live in Latin America and are interested in joining the Local Organizing Committee, please contact Prof. Lopez directly. All contact details for him are attached.

If you have any ISWI news, please let me know.

Ciao,  
George Maeda  
The Editor.

# *International Space Weather Initiative*

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## *2012 UN/NASA/JAXA Workshop*

### *Galapagos, Ecuador*



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**2012 UN/NASA/JAXA Workshop on**

**The International Space Weather Initiative**

**hosted by Quito Astronomical Observatory, Escuela Politécnica Nacional**

**(Galápagos, Ecuador)**

**PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT (25 May 2010) by the host**

The *International Heliophysical Year* (IHY) successfully conducted many programs that promoted and stimulated scientific research around the world, such as the deployment of arrays of small instruments to provide global measurements of magnetospheric, ionospheric and heliospheric phenomena. Therefore, to continue the good work of IHY and to further develop space science in developing nations, the United Nations formally approved the *International Space Weather Initiative* (ISWI)

The Year 2012 UN/NASA/JAXA Workshop is one important component of this Initiative. This is a multinational scientific meeting, which will bring together space science researchers from around the world to a very exciting place located in the equatorial belt, the Galapagos Islands. The Year 2012 UN/NASA/JAXA Workshop shall provide to everyone the opportunity to participate in this valuable search to understand the effect of the outer space disturbances on our planet.

A major goal of ISWI is to expand ground observation in the equatorial belt around the world, especially in Africa and South America. Consequently, I have the pleasure to announce that Ecuador will host (on behalf of the Latin America and

Caribbean Region) the Third International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI) Workshop and Space Weather (SW) School. The Quito Astronomical Observatory of the National Polytechnic School is the hosting Institution. As director of this observatory, I cordially invite all ISWI participants to this exciting and important workshop.

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