

**The following was received by George Maeda (ISWI Newsletter Editor)
from David Webb on 24 October 2012.**

Report of the Meeting of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) Division II Working Group on International Collaboration in Space Weather at the IAU General Assembly

An informal half-day meeting was held at the IAU General Assembly in Beijing, China on 23 August 2012. The main goal of this Working Group is to provide a clearinghouse of and general information on space weather organizations and activities in countries around the world.

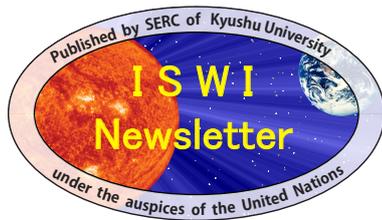
The main attendees at the meeting were Nat Gopalswamy of NASA GSFC, USA, Luc Dame of IPSL/CNRS/UVSQ/LATMOS, France, Junga Hwang of KASI, Korea, Vladimir Papitashvili of NSF, USA, and David Webb of Boston College, USA. These scientists are shown in the photo in this order from left to right.



Presentations were either provided before and summarized at the meeting or were given by the attendee as follows:

Dave Webb introduced the WG and summarized its goals, which had been in an article in the IAU GA Newspaper the previous day. Junga Hwang then reviewed the Korean space weather program. Webb showed these presentations provided in advance: George Maeda on ISWI & MAGDAS, Christian Monstein on e-Callisto, Volker Bothmer on the European AFFECTS project, Nat Gopalswamy on SCOSTEP and the CAWSES-II programs, Luc Dame on ESA's space weather missions, and Vladimir Papitashvili on the NSF Antarctic programs and new instruments pertinent to space weather.

The existence of IAU working groups must be justified every 3 years at the time of each General Assembly. Thus the future and possible new goals of the ISWC WG were discussed and, specifically, whether it should continue it or not. We decided that it should continue, but in a new form emphasizing the solar variability aspects of space weather and, more specifically, the Sun and its influence on space weather. No decisions were made on how to reorganize the WG, although Luc Dame agreed to be a new co-Chair with Dave Webb. It is likely that an official organizing committee for the WG will be established in the near future, and the current ICSW WG Website at http://www.iac.es/proyecto/iau_divii/IAU-DivII/main/spaceweather.php will be reorganized.



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