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 : Re:
 : Press Release from UNIS Vienna :
 : "UN-affiliated Regional Centre for Space Science
 : and Technology Education opens in Western Asia"
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Dear ISWI Participant:

I attach for your perusal a Press Release (from the United Nations Information Service in Vienna) that is scheduled to be released this week. I do it now because the ISWI Newsletter office will be closed from May 29 to June 2, 2012.

It is being distributed through this newsletter in part for the following reasons. This explanation (between +++ and &&&) is by Dr Hans Haubold of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).

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The United Nations Programme on Space Applications is mandated by COPUOS and implemented by OOSA since 1971. The Programme's activities cover the fundamental disciplines
 (i) GNSS [positioning, navigation, timing],
 (ii) space and atmospheric sciences
 (iii) remote sensing and GIS,
 (iv) satellite communication, and
 (v) satellite meteorology and global climate.

Since 1990, the UNBSSI has been implemented by the Programme for space and atmospheric sciences. The forthcoming "2012 UN/Ecuador workshop on ISWI" (see ISWI Newsletter Vol. 4, Number 56) is the 20th workshop for UNBSSI.

The UNBSSI contributed to the establishment of the following:

- (i) International Center for Space Weather Science and Education (ICSWSE, pronounced "iku-sei"), located at Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan,
 - (ii) Centre for Basic Space Science (CBSS), located at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria,
- and
- (iii) Centre for Mathematical Sciences (CMS), located at Pala, India.

Since 1988, as requested by COPUOS, the Programme has been extended by the establishment of UN-affiliated Regional Centres for Space Science and Technology Education, located in India (Asia and the Pacific), Morocco (Africa, French language), Nigeria (Africa, English language), Brazil/Mexico (Latin America and the Caribbean), and Jordan (Western Asia). Through Expert Meetings, the Programme developed Education Curricula at the university level in all five disciplines. Regional Centres are organizing nine-month post-graduate courses and short-term activities in the five disciplines at the regional and international level. Regional Centres have contributed to ISWI with training activities. Regional Centres are acting as Information Centres of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS). The UN-affiliated Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology for Western Asia will be inaugurated as stated in the attached Press Release.

If you need additional information, please let us know.

Thanks,
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If you have any space-weather-related Press Releases for global distribution, please send them my way for newsletter circulation.

Every faithfully and humbly yours,

: George Maeda
: The Editor
: ISWI Newsletter

Press Release Is Embargoed Until 30 May 2012, 11:00 CET

UN-affiliated Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education opens in Western Asia

VIENNA, 29 May (UN Information Service) –The Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education for Western Asia, affiliated to the United Nations, opens in Amman, Jordan. The Centre will offer research and application programmes for university educators and research and application scientists on space-based remote sensing, satellite communications, satellite meteorology and space sciences..

“This is another landmark in the development of the UN Programme on Space Applications that was mandated to promote the use of space technology for peaceful purposes, in support of national, regional and global development,” said Mazlan Othman, UNOOSA Director at the inauguration ceremony, under the patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II at the Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre, where the new Centre is located.

“The Centre opened today joins the four other regional centres that, through their educational programmes, promote the development and growth of capacities that can enable each country to enhance its knowledge, understanding, and practical experience in those aspects of space science and technology that have the potential for a greater impact on its economic and social development, including the preservation of its environment,” noted Ms. Othman.

The newly inaugurated regional centre in Amman joins the existing four regional centres, located in India for the Asia-Pacific region; in Morocco and Nigeria for French and English communities in Africa respectively; and two campuses of the regional centre for Latin America and the Caribbean, located in Brazil and Mexico. The Centres that are affiliated with the United Nations through an agreement with UNOOSA assist Member States in enhancing local capabilities in different areas of space science and technology that have the potential to advance social and economic development.

More information about the Regional Centres is available at:
<http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/centres/index.html>

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