

International Geophysical Calendar 2008 (Final)

(See other side for information on use of this Calendar)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
JANUARY			1	2	3	4	5				1	2	3 ^N	4	5	JULY
	6	7	8 ^N	9 [*]	10	11	12		6	7	8 [*]	9 ⁺	10 ⁺	11 ⁺	12 ⁺	
	13	14	15	16	17 ⁺	18 ⁺	19 ⁺		13 ⁺	14	15	16	17	18 ^F	19	
	20	21	22 ^F	23	24	25	26		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		27	28	29	30	31	1 ^N	2	
FEBRUARY	3	4	5	6	7 ^N	8	9		3	4	5 [*]	6 [*]	7	8	9	AUGUST
	10	11	12 [*]	13 [*]	14 ⁺	15 ⁺	16 ⁺		10	11	12	13	14	15	16 ^F	
	17	18	19	20	21 ^F	22	23		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	1		24	25	26	27	28	29	30 ^N	
MARCH	2	3	4	5	6	7 ^N	8		31	1	2	3	4	5	6	SEPTEMBER
	9	10	11 [*]	12 [*]	13	14	15		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	21 ^F	22		14	15 ^F	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		21	22	23	24 [*]	25 [*]	26	27	
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5		28	29 ^N	30 ⁺	1 ⁺	2 ⁺	3	4	
APRIL	6 ^N	7	8 ⁺	9 ⁺	10 ⁺	11	12		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	OCTOBER
	13	14	15 [*]	16 [*]	17	18	19		12	13	14 ^F	15	16	17	18	
	20 ^F	21	22	23	24	25	26		19	20	21	22 [*]	23 [*]	24	25	
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3		26	27	28 ^N	29 ⁺	30 ⁺	31	1	
MAY	4	5 ^N	6	7	8	9	10		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	NOVEMBER
	11	12	13 [*]	14 [*]	15	16	17		9	10	11	12	13 ^F	14	15	
	18	19	20 ^F	21	22	23	24		16	17	18	19 [*]	20 [*]	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27 ^N	28 ⁺	29 ⁺	
JUNE	1	2	3 ^N	4 ⁺	5 ⁺	6	7		30 ⁺	1	2	3	4	5	6	DECEMBER
	8	9	10 [*]	11 [*]	12	13	14		7	8	9	10	11	12 ^F	13	
	15	16	17	18 ^F	19	20	21		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		21	22	23	24 [*]	25 [*]	26	27 ^N	
	29	30							28	29	30	31	1	2	3	2009
									4	5	6	7	8	9	10	JANUARY
									11 ^F	12	13	14	15	16	17	
									18	19	20	21 [*]	22 [*]	23	24	
									25	26 ^N	27	28	29	30	31	
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15 Regular World Day (RWD)

16 Priority Regular World Day (PRWD)

12 Quarterly World Day (QWD)
also a PRWD and RWD

2 Regular Geophysical Day (RGD)

10 11 World Geophysical Interval (WGI)

+ Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Observation Day

N NEW MOON F FULL MOON

7 Day of Solar Eclipse: Feb 7(annular) and Aug 1 (total)

9 10 Airglow and Aurora Period

8* Dark Moon Geophysical Day (DMGD)

NOTES on other dates and programs of interest:

1. Days with **significant meteor shower** activity (based on UT in year 2008) — regular meteor showers: Jan 1-6; Apr 16-25; Apr 19-May 28; May 22-Jul 2; May 20-Jul 5; Jun 5-Jul 17; Jul 8-Aug 19; Jul 17-Aug 24; Sep 26-Oct 3; Oct 2-Nov 7; Oct 31-Nov 23; Nov 27-Dec 18; Dec 17-26. These can be studied for their own geophysical effects or may be “geophysical noise” to other experiments. See calendar webpage for details.

2. **GAW (Global Atmosphere Watch)** -- early warning system for changes in greenhouse gases, ozone layer, and long range transport of pollutants -- http://www.wmo.ch/web/arep/gaw/gaw_home.html. (See Explanations.)

3. **CAWSES (Climate and Weather of the Sun-Earth System)** -- SCOSTEP Program 2004-2008. Theme areas: Solar Influence on Climate; Space Weather: Science and Applications; Atmospheric Coupling Processes; Space Climatology; and Capacity Building and Education. <http://www.bu.edu/cawses> (See Explanations.) (S. Avery --susan.avery@colorado.edu)

4. **IHY (International Heliophysical Year) 2007** – International effort to advance our understanding of the fundamental heliophysical processes that govern the Sun, Earth, and Heliosphere — <http://ihy2007.org/>. See also the IPY (International Polar Year) — <http://www.ipy.org/>; IYPE (International Year of the Planet Earth) — <http://www.yearofplanetearth.org/>, and eGY (Electronic Geophysical Year 2007-2008) — <http://www.egy.org/> — all celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the IGY (International Geophysical Year 1957-58) <http://www.nas.edu/history/igy/>.

5. + **Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Observations Days** (see Explanations) starting at 1300 UT on the first day of the intervals indicated, and ending at 1600 UT on the last day of the intervals: Jan 17-19 IPY Bi-weekly with other ISRs; Dynamics driven by sudden stratospheric Warmings; Feb 14-16 – same as January; Apr 8-10 QP TIDs, Synoptic; Jun 3-5 QP TIDs, Synoptic; Jul 8-14 TEC mapping; Sep 30-Oct 2 Synoptic; Oct 28-30 QP TIDs, Synoptic; Nov 28-30 Synoptic.

See http://people.ece.cornell.edu/wes/URSI_ISWG/2008WDSchedule.htm.

where **Synoptic** = Wide coverage of the F-region, with topside or E-region also (W. Swartz -- wes@ece.cornell.edu);

Stratospheric Warmings = Dynamics of lower thermosphere during stratospheric warming (L. Goncharenko -- lpg@haystack.mit.edu);

TEC Mapping = ISR/GPS Electron Density Variations Shun-Rong Zhang -- shunrong@haystack.mit.edu)

QP TIDs = Quasi-Periodic Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances-extended lat coverage (T. Tsugawa -- tsugawa@stelab.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

AO = Arecibo Obs (<http://www.naic.edu/aisr/olmon2/omframedoc.html>) Incoherent Scatter Radar (ISR);

JRO = Jicamarca Radio Obs (http://jro.igp.gob.pe/english/radar/operation/real-time_en.php);

IPY = **IPY-long observations with the EISCAT Svalbard ISR** (Tony.van.Eyken@eiscat.se -- <https://e7.eiscat.se/groups/IPY>)

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EXPLANATIONS

This Calendar continues the series begun for the IGY years 1957-58, and is issued annually to recommend dates for solar and geophysical observations which cannot be carried out continuously. Thus, the amount of observational data in existence tends to be larger on Calendar days. The recommendations on data reduction and especially the flow of data to **World Data Centers (WDCs)** in many instances emphasize Calendar days. The Calendar is prepared by the **International Space Environment Service (ISES)** with the advice of spokesmen for the various scientific disciplines.

The **Solar Eclipses** are:

a.) 27 February 2008 (annular) eclipse, up to 2 m 12s, visible only over Antarctica (the part south of South America). Partial phases include eastern Australia and New Zealand.

b.) 1 August 2008 (total) eclipse beginning in northern Canadian islands, over Greenland, descending through Russia's Siberia (max totality 4 m 29 s, with totality in Novosibirsk of 3 m), and then west Mongolia and China (near Xian). Partial phases visible through much of Europe (NE of southern France and mid-Italy) and most of Asia (except Japan and south Malaysia and Indonesia). (Information provided by Jay M. Pasachoff, IAU Working Group on Eclipses, based on maps by Fred Espenak, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and from Peterson Field Guide to the Stars and Planets (Pasachoff input). See <http://www.eclipses.info>.)

Meteor Showers (selected by P. Jenniskens, SETI Institute, Mountain View, CA, pjenniskens@mail.arc.nasa.gov) include important visual showers and also unusual showers observable mainly by radio and radar techniques. Summary dates are given in Note 1 under the Calendar. For more details, see the extended text at <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/SOLAR/IGCwebpage3.html>.

Definitions:

Time = Universal Time (**UT**);

Regular Geophysical Days (**RGD**) = each Wednesday;

Regular World Days (**RWD**) = Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday near the middle of the month (see calendar);

Priority Regular World Days (**PRWD**) = the Wednesday **RWD**;

Quarterly World Days (**QWD**) = **PRWD** in the **WGI**;

World Geophysical Intervals (**WGI**) = 14 consecutive days each season (see calendar);

ALERTS = occurrence of unusual solar or geophysical conditions, broadcast once daily soon after 0400 UT;

STRATWARM = stratospheric warmings;

Retrospective World Intervals (**RWI**) = MONSEE study intervals

For more detailed explanations of the definitions, please visit <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/SOLAR/IGCwebpage3.html> or contact H. Coffey (address below):

Priority recommended programs for measurements not made continuously (in addition to unusual **ALERT** periods):

Aurora and Airglow — Observation periods are New Moon periods, especially the 7 day intervals on the calendar;

Atmospheric Electricity — Observation periods are the **RGD** each Wednesday, beginning on 2 January 2008 at 0000 UT, 9 January at 0600 UT, 16 January at 1200 UT, 23 January at 1800 UT, etc. Minimum program is **PRWDs**.

Geomagnetic Phenomena — At the minimum, need observation periods and data reduction on **RWDs** and during **MAGSTORM Alerts**.

Ionospheric Phenomena — Quarter-hourly ionograms; more frequently on **RWDs**, particularly at high latitude sites; f-plots on **RWDs**; hourly ionogram scaled parameters to **WDCs** on **QWDs**; continuous observations for solar eclipse in the eclipse zone. See **Airglow and Aurora**.

Incoherent Scatter — Observations on Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Days; also intensive series on **WGI**s or **Airglow and Aurora** periods. **Special programs:** Dr. Wes Swartz, School of Electr. & Computer Eng., Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 USA; tel. 607-255-7120; Fax 607-255-6236; e-mail wes@ece.cornell.edu. URSI Working Group G.5. See

http://people.ece.cornell.edu/wes/URSI_ISWG/2008WDSchedule.htm.

Ionospheric Drifts — During weeks with **RWDs**.

Traveling Ionosphere Disturbances — special periods, probably **PRWD** or **RWDs**.

Ionospheric Absorption — Half-hourly on **RWDs**; continuous on solar eclipse days for stations in eclipse zone and conjugate area. Daily measurements during Absorption Winter Anomaly at temperate latitude stations (Oct-Mar Northern Hemisphere; Apr-Sep Southern Hemisphere).

Backscatter and Forward Scatter — **RWDs** at least.

Mesospheric D region electron densities — **RGD** around noon.

ELF Noise Measurements of earth-ionosphere cavity resonances — **WGI**s.

All Programs — Appropriate intensive observations during unusual meteor activity.

Meteorology — Especially on **RGDs**. On **WGI**s and **STRATWARM** Alert Intervals, please monitor on Mondays and Fridays as well as Wednesdays.

GAW (Global Atmosphere Watch) -- WMO program to integrate monitoring of atmospheric composition. Early warning system of changes in atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, ozone, and pollutants (acid rain and dust particles). WMO, 41 avenue Giuseppe-Motta, P.O. Box 2300, 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland.

Solar Phenomena — Solar eclipse days, **RWDs**, and during **PROTON/FLARE ALERTS**.

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Space Research, Interplanetary Phenomena, Cosmic Rays, Aeronomy — **QWDs**, **RWD**, **Airglow and Aurora** periods.

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This Calendar for 2008 has been drawn up by H.E. Coffey, of the ISES Steering Committee, in association with spokesmen for the various scientific disciplines in SCOSTEP, IAGA, URSI and other ICSU organizations. Similar Calendars are issued annually beginning with the IGY, 1957-58, and are published in various widely available scientific publications. PDF versions are available online at ftp://ftp.ngdc.noaa.gov/STP/SOLAR_DATA/IGC_CALENDAR.

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Calendar information is available on-line at <http://www.ises-spaceweather.org/>. The International Geophysical Calendar and descriptive text is available online at <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/SOLAR/IGCwebpage3.html>.