

International Geophysical Calendar 1991

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| JANUARY | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 ⁺ | 12 ⁺ | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 ⁺ | 11 ⁺ | 12 | 13 | JULY |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 [*] | 16 [*] | 17 | 18 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| FEBRUARY | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | AUGUST |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 [*] | 13 [*] | 14 | 15 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 13 [*] | 14 [*] | 15 | 16 | 17 | |
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| MARCH | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | SEPTEMBER |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 [*] | 13 [*] | 14 ⁺ | 15 ⁺ | 16 ⁺ | 8 | 9 | 10 ⁺ | 11 ⁺ | 12 | 13 | 14 | |
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| APRIL | 7 | 8 | 9 ⁺ | 10 ⁺ | 11 | 12 | 13 | 6 | 7 ⁺ | 8 ⁺ | 9 ⁺ | 10 | 11 | 12 | OCTOBER |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 [*] | 17 [*] | 18 | 19 | 20 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | |
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| MAY | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | NOVEMBER |
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| JUNE | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 [*] | 4 ⁺ | 5 ⁺ | 6 ⁺ | 7 ⁺ | DECEMBER |
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- 15** Regular World Day (RWD)
- 16** Priority Regular World Day (PRWD)
- 13** Quarterly World Day (QWD)
also a PRWD and RWD
- 2** Regular Geophysical Day (RGD)
- 11 12** World Geophysical Interval (WGI)
- 11** Day of Solar Eclipse
- 10 11** Airlow and Aurora Period
- 11⁺** Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Observation Day
- 15^{*}** Dark Moon Geophysical Day (DMGD)

NOTES on other dates and programs of interest:

- Days with unusual meteor shower activity are: Northern Hemisphere Jan 3,4; Apr 22-23; May 4-5; Jun 8-12; Jul 28-29; Aug 10-14; Oct 21-22; Nov 2-3, 17-18; Dec 12-16, 22-23, 1991; Jan 3-4, 1992. Southern Hemisphere May 4-5; Jun 8-12; Jul 26-30; Oct 21-22; Nov 2-3, 17-18; Dec 5-7, 12-16, 1991.
- SOLTIP (Solar connection with Transient Interplanetary Processes). Observing Program 1990-1995: solar-generated phenomena and their propagation throughout the heliosphere. (See Explanations.)
- FLARES22 (FLAre RESearch at solar cycle 22 max). Observing Program 1990-1995: basic physical processes of transient solar activity and its coupling with solar-terrestrial environment. (See Explanations.)
- Day intervals that IMP 8 satellite is in the solar wind (begin and end days are generally partial days): 29 Dec 1990-5 Jan 1991; 10-18 Jan; 23-31 Jan; 5-13 Feb; 17-25 Feb; 2-10 Mar; 14-22 Mar; 27 Mar-3 Apr; 9-16 Apr; 21-28 Apr; 4-11 May; 17-24 May; 30 May-5 Jun; 11-17 Jun; 24-30 Jun; 6-12 Jul; 19-25 Jul; 31 Jul-7 Aug; 13-20 Aug; 25 Aug-1 Sep; 7-14 Sep; 20-27 Sep; 3-9 Oct; 15-22 Oct; 27 Oct-3 Nov; 9-16 Nov; 21-29 Nov; 4-11 Dec; 16-24 Dec; 29 Dec 1991-6 Jan 1992. Note that there will not necessarily be total IMP 8 data monitoring coverage during these intervals. (Information kindly provided by the WDC-A for Rockets and Satellites, NASA GSFC, Greenbelt, MD 20771 U.S.A.)
- + Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Observations Days (see Explanations) starting at 1600 UT on the first day of the intervals indicated, and ending at 1600 UT on the last day of the intervals: 11-12 Jan; 14-20 Mar CADITS/MLTCS/SUNDIAL/WAGS; 9-10 Apr; 11-12 Jun; 10-11 Jul; 10-11 Sep; 7-9 Oct GISMOS; 4-10 Dec CADITS/MLTCS/SUNDIAL/WAGS; 27-29 Jan 1992.

where CADITS= Coupling and Dynamics of the Ionosphere-Thermosphere System;
GISMOS= Global Ionospheric Simultaneous Measurements of Substorms;
MLTCS= Mesosphere, Lower-Thermosphere Coupling Study;
SUNDIAL= Coordinated study of the ionosphere/magnetosphere;
WAGS= Worldwide Acoustics Gravity Wave Study.

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 Ursigram and World Days Service (IUWDS)** with the advice of spokesmen for the various scientific disciplines.

The **Solar Eclipses** are:

a.) *15-16 January 1991* (annular) begins at S30 E109, crosses southwestern Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and ends in Pacific Ocean (S00 W114); duration 9 minutes.

b.) *11 July 1991* (total) begins at N13 W175, crosses Hawaii, Pacific Ocean, Mexico, Central and South America, ends at S13 W46; maximum path width 161 miles; maximum duration 6 minutes 54 seconds.

Meteor Showers (selected by P.M. Millman, Ottawa) include important visual showers and also unusual showers observable mainly by radio and radar techniques. These can be studied for their own geophysical effects or may be "geophysical noise" to other experiments. The dates are given in Note 1 under the Calendar.

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) = intervals selected by MONSEE for study.

For more detailed explanations of the definitions, please see one of the following or contact H. Coffey (address below): *Solar-Geophysical Data*, November issue; *URSI Information Bulletin*; *COSPAR Information Bulletin*; *IAGA News*; *IUGG Chronicle*; *WMO Bulletin*; *IAU Information Bulletin*; *Journal of the Radio Research Laboratories (Japan)*; *Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (USSR)*; *Journal of Atmospheric and Terrestrial Physics (UK)*; *EOS Magazine (AGU/USA)*.

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 1991 at 0000 UT, 9 January at 0600 UT, 16 January at 1200 UT, 23 January at 1800 UT, etc. Minimum program is **PRWDs**.

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Geomagnetic Phenomena — At 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 ionograms 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 **WGIs** or **Airglow and Aurora** periods. **Special programs:** Dr. V. Wickwar, Utah State Univ., Center for Atmospheric and Space Sciences, Logan, UT 84322-4405 U.S.A., URSI Working Group G.5 (801)750-3641.

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

Travelling 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 — **WGIs**.

All Programs — Appropriate intensive observations during unusual meteor activity.

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

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

FLARES22 (FLARE RESEARCH at the maximum of solar cycle 22) — observations of basic physical processes of transient solar activity and its coupling with the solar-terrestrial environment, including times of the various solar **ALERTS**. Coordinate satellite and ground-based observations. Contact Dr. M. Machado, Dept of Physics, Univ of Alabama, Huntsville, AL 35899 USA. (205)895-6676; SPAN SSL::MACHADO; FAX (205)895-6790.

SOLTIP (SOLAR connection with Transient Interplanetary Processes) -- 1990-95 observations and analyses of solar-generated phenomena propagating through heliosphere, including times following the various solar **ALERTS**. Includes Interplanetary Scintillation observations of radio galaxies and telemetry signals to/from Interplanetary spacecraft. Also coordination of spacecraft IMP8, ICE, Giotto, Sakigake, Voyager 1/2, Pioneer 10/11, Ulysses, Felicit, Wind and SOHO. Contact Dr. M. Dryer, NOAA R/E/SE, 325 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80303 USA. (303)497-3978; SPAN SELVAX::MDRYER; FAX (303)497-3645.

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