

International Geophysical Calendar 1999 (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						1	2	3	JULY
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		4	5	6+	7+	8+	9	10		
	10	11	12+	13*	14*	15	16		11	12	13 ^N *	14*	15	16	17		
	17 ^N	18	19	20	21	22	23		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	AUGUST	
FEBRUARY	7	8	9+	10+	11+	12+	13		8	9	10*	11 ^N *	12	13	14		
	14	15	16 ^N *	17*	18	19	20		15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
	28	1	2	3	4	5	6		29	30	31	1	2	3	4	SEPTEMBER	
MARCH	7	8+	9+	10+	11+	12+	13		5	6	7+	8+	9 ^N	10	11		
	14	15	16	17*	18*	19	20		12	13	14*	15*	16	17	18		
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3		26	27	28	29	30	1	2	OCTOBER	
APRIL	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		3	4	5	6	7	8+	9 ^N		
	11	12	13	14*	15*	16 ^N	17		10	11	12*	13*	14+	15	16		
	18	19	20+	21+	22+	23	24		17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1		24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
MAY	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		31	1	2	3	4	5	6	NOVEMBER	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15 ^N		7	8 ^N	9*	10*	11	12	13		
	16	17	18*	19*	20	21	22		14	15	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	30	1	2	3	4	DECEMBER	
JUNE	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		5	6	7 ^N	8*	9	10	11		
	13 ^N	14	15*	16*	17	18	19		12	13	14+	15+	16	17	18		
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
	27	28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2000	
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		2	3	4	5*	6 ^N	7	8	JANUARY	
									9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
									16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
									23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
									30	31							
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12 Regular World Day (RWD)

13 Priority Regular World Day (PRWD)

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

6 Regular Geophysical Day (RGD)

8 9 World Geophysical Interval (WGI)

12+ Incoherent Scatter Coordinated Observation Day

16 Day of Solar Eclipse: Feb 16 & Aug 11

14 15 Airglow and Aurora Period

13* Dark Moon Geophysical Day (DMGD)

^N New Moon

NOTES on other dates and programs of interest:

- Days with **significant meteor shower** activity are: Northern Hemisphere 3-5 Jan; 21-23 Apr; 4-6 May; 6-11, 27-29 Jun; 11-14 Aug; 21-23 Oct; 16-19 Nov; 13-15, 22-24 Dec 1999; 3-5 Jan 2000. Southern Hemisphere 4-6 May; 6-11, 27-29 Jun; 27 Jul-2 Aug; 21-23 Oct; 16-19 Nov; 13-15 Dec 1999. These can be studied for their own geophysical effects or may be "geophysical noise" to other experiments.
- GAW (Global Atmosphere Watch)** – early warning system for changes in greenhouse gases, ozone layer, and long range transport of pollutants. (See Explanations.)
- ISCS (International Solar Cycle Studies)** -- SCOSTEP Project. Observing Program 1998-2002: Study of processes associated with the rising and maximum phase of the solar cycle. (See Explanations.)
- Space Weather Month - S-RAMP** – SCOSTEP Project. October 1999. Solar Terrestrial Energy Program (S) - Results, Applications, and Modeling Phase (RAMP). (See Explanations.)
- + **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: 12-13 Jan Hi-TRAC/DataBase; 9-12 Feb Global Ionosphere-Thermosphere Coupling Study; 2-12 Mar Joint Obs. of Effects of Storms in Lower Thermosphere Project (observe 4 days within 10-day alert interval); 20-22 Apr WLS/UARC/TERRIERS; 6-8 Jul Global Iono convection/Mid-Jul Baseline; 7-9 Sep LTCS; 4-29 Oct 3-day floating WLS/Space Weather Campaign (S-RAMP); 8-9 Oct POLITE; 14-15 Dec POLITE.

where **DATABASE**= Incoherent Scatter Database (A. van Eyken – tony@eisat.no);

Hi-TRAC= High Time Resolution Auroral Radar Convection (J. Holt – jmh@haystack.mit.edu);

LTCS= Lower Thermosphere Coupling Study (M. Buonsanto – mjb@haystack.mit.edu; C. Fessen - fessen@tides.dartmouth.edu).

POLITE=Plasmaspheric Observations of Light Ions in the Topside Exosphere (P. Erickson – pje@hyperion.haystack.edu);

WLS = Wide-Latitude Substorm Dynamics (J. Foster – jcf@hyperion.haystack.edu).

(See http://www.eisat.uit.no/URSI_ISWG for complete definitions.)

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.) **16 February 1999 (annular) eclipse** with annularity visible in path across Australia from west to northeast, extending north of Perth to near Cairns. Partial eclipse visible in S. Atlantic Ocean, southern Africa and Madagascar except its northern tip, Indonesia except for NW Sumatra, extreme southern Malaysian peninsula including Singapore, southern Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Australia, south island of New Zealand, and most of Antarctica. Magnitude 99.3%; maximum duration 40 seconds.

b.) **11 August 1999 (total) eclipse** with totality beginning in Atlantic Ocean off NE American coast, reaching Europe at Land's End in Britain, extending through parts of France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, and India. Magnitude of totality 103%; maximum eclipse over Romania (2 min 23 s). Path is especially narrow, never exceeding 113 km. Partial eclipse visible from NE US and Canada at sunrise, Greenland, Europe, most of Asia except extreme east, and with eastern limit extending southward through Bangladesh and east of Calcutta. Northern half of Africa will also see a partial eclipse.

(Description by Dr. Jay Pasachoff, Williams College, Chair of IAU WG on Solar Eclipses, jmp@williams.edu with input from Fred Espenak, NASA GSFC. See <http://umbra.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/predictions/eclipse-paths.html> and www.williams.edu/Astronomy/IAU_eclipses.)

Meteor Showers (selected by R. Hawkes, Mount Allison Univ, Canada (rhawkes@mta.ca)) include important visual showers and also unusual showers observable mainly by radio and radar techniques. 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) = MONSEE study intervals

For more detailed explanations of the definitions, please see one of the following or contact H. Coffey (address below): *Solar-Geophysical Data*, October 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 (Russia)*; *Journal of Atmospheric and Terrestrial Physics (UK)*; *EOS Magazine (AGU/USA)*, WWW homepage <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/ises/ises.html>.

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This Calendar for 1999 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.

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The calendar is available on-line at <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/ises/ises.html>.

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 6 January 1999 at 0000 UT, 13 January at 0600 UT, 20 January at 1200 UT, 27 January at 1800 UT, etc. Minimum program is **PRWDs**.

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 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 **WGIs** or **Airglow and Aurora** periods. **Special programs:** Dr. A. P. van Eyken, EISCAT Scientific Assoc., Ramfjordmoen, N-9027 Ramfjordbotn, Norway, URSI Working Group G.5; tel. +47 77692166; Fax +47 77692380; e-mail tony@eiscat.no. See http://www.eiscat.uit.no/URSI_ISWG.

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 — **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.

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**.

ISCS (International Solar Cycle Studies) — SCOSTEP Project. 1998-2002 observations and analyses of underlying and resulting processes associated with the rising and maximum phase of the solar cycle. Contacts: S.T. Wu, Univ of Alabama, Huntsville Dept Mech Eng & Ctr for Space Plasma & Aeron Res, Huntsville, AL 35899 USA (205)895-6413, Fax (205)895-6328, wu@cspar.uah.edu, V. Obridko, IZMIRAN, Solar Physics Dept, 142092 Troitsk, Moscow, Russia. 095-334-0926; Fax 095-334-0124, obridko@lars.izmiran.troitsk.su.

S-RAMP Space Weather Month, October, 1999 -- Global coordinated ground-based and space-borne observations of space weather phenomena covering the entire space weather chain from the surface of the Sun to the effects on the near-Earth space and ground-based technological systems. Contacts: Dr. David Boteler (boteler@geolab.nrcan.gc.ca) and Dr. Phil Wilkinson (phil@ips.gov.au) **Space Research, Interplanetary Phenomena, Cosmic Rays, Aeronomy** — **QWDs**, **RWD**, and **Airglow & Aurora** periods.