

Space Weather Splinter 21 April 2009

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Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. ESA Space Situational Awareness programme
- 3. Space Environment and Effects Network of Technical Competence
- 4. Space weather opportunities in Framework 7
- 5. COST action ES0803 Developing Space Weather Products and Services in Europe
- 6. US report on extreme space weather
- 7. Discuss possible actions
- 8. AOB



Space Situational Awareness

- ESA SSA programme approved at Nov 2008 MC
 - Three-year initial programme (review 2011 MC)
- Build *operational* services to monitor conditions in space:
 - Objects, debris collisions, hostile threats to spacecraft
 - Space weather & NEOs (emphasis on former)
 - Space weather is flagship for cooperation with US
- UK in core programme at minimum level (€330k)
 - Not (yet?) in options: space weather & data centres
- Relevance to MIST/UKSP
 - R&D to set up programme (e.g. SpW monitors, new services)
 - Demonstrates economic impact



SEENoTC

- ESA network
 - Members: B, D, E, F, S, UK + Eurospace
 - UK reps: Mike Hapgood & Ian McCrea
- Focus on Space Environment & Effects
 - Environment includes particle radiation & plasma
 - Sensors, data access, models
- Harmonise R&D in these areas
 - Identify relevant research
 - Look for synergies
 - Encourage collaboration
 - Seek future opportunities



Framework 7 - Space

- 3rd call expected 31 July, with a deadline of 30 November
- Expect ~€40-45m for *Strengthening Space Foundations*
 - Including Reducing the Vulnerability of Space Assets
 - Space weather and space debris, not in 1st and 2nd calls
 - Effects on spacecraft: forecasting, mitigation & modelling
 - Proposals must complement ESA SSA Programme
- UK FP7 space information day
 - BNSC planning for July, brief on 3rd call
 - promote networking for UK participants
 - BNSC aware space weather is UK interest
 - perhaps advising on finding partners across Europe



Framework 7 – Research Infrastructure

- FP7 supports development of RIs
 - Projects to provide better infrastructure for research (instruments, services, tools, ...)
 - I3 model: human networking, trans-national access and research on infrastructure (e.g. tools development)
 - HELIO new heliospheric data access project starts 1
 June under e-infrastructure line,
 - Next call is targeted rather than bottom-up, initial lobbying for space weather unsuccessful so far
 - EURIPOS proposed ionosphere/plasmasphere project, session at EGU



HELIO objectives

- To create a collaborative environment where scientists can discover, understand and model the connection between solar phenomena, interplanetary disturbances and their effects on the planets (esp. the Earth)
- To establish a consensus on standards for describing all heliophysical data and champion them within international standards bodies, e.g. the IVOA
- To develop new ways to interact with a virtual observatory that are more closely aligned with the way researchers wish to use the data
- Desire is to create something in useful to the community, however it chooses to use it. Therefore need input and feedback from the community during all phases of the project

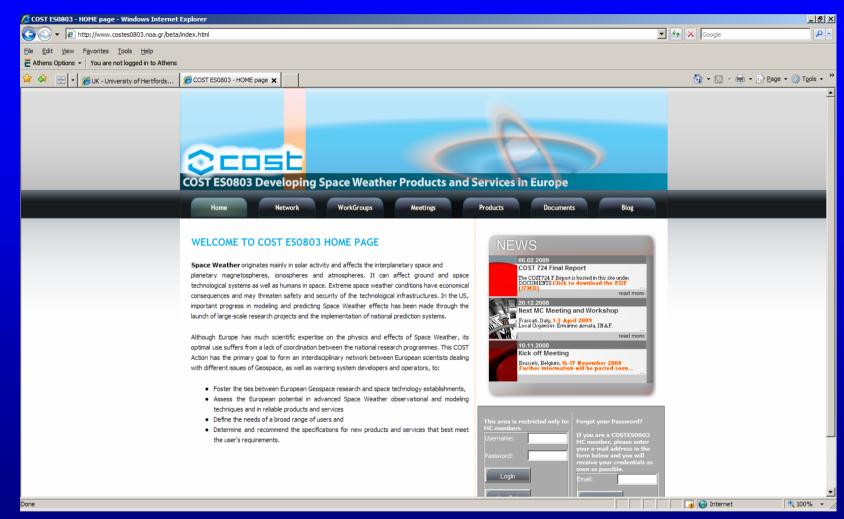


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COST ES0803



http://www.costes0803.noa.gr/beta/index.html

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COST ES0803 structure

- WG 1. Advanced methods to model and predict space weather effects
 - SG 1.1: Progress in scientific understanding of space weather
 - SG 1.2: Performance of available research and operational models
 - SG 1.3: Improvement for operational models
 - SG 1.4: Codes for new space weather products and services
- WG 2. Space weather products and services
 - SG 2.1: Identification of current space weather resources
 - SG 2.2: Market segmentation including cartography and users requirements
 - SG 2.3: Feasibility study for new market-oriented products and services *
- WG 3. Exploitation, Dissemination, Education, Outreach
 - SG 3.1: Upgrade of the European Space Weather Portal
 - SG 3.2: Dissemination of advanced scientific and technical results
 - SG 3.3: Seminar and training courses
 - SG 3.4: General public outreach to the non-specialist



COST ES0803 organisation

- Provides EU funding for travel / networking
 - Workshops, ...
- UK reps: Alan Aylward, Alan Thompson
 - MH deputy
- 1st workshop 1-3 Apr 2009
 - Weak UK attendance: AT + Rami Qahwaji (Bradford)
 - http://gifint.ifsi-roma.inaf.it/paperi.html
- Encourage more UK involvement
 - 13 UK expressions of commitment
- Is there a wider constraint on UK involvement in Euro SpW? Time? Money? RC interest?



US report on extreme SpW

- Workshop in May 2008, report in Jan 2009
- Attracted wider attention
 - March 09 NS article stimulated much interest
 - Including a couple of PQs (but also nutty fringe)
- Uses Carrington event as canonical example
 - Builds on 2006 ASR special issue
 - Example of Low Frequency High Impact event transcends everyday experience, needs science input
 - Some government awareness of this issue
- How to follow up in sensible way?
 - MH exploring what science is needed



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