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At the end of the IEEY (International Equatorial Electrojet Year), in 1995, IGRGEA (International Geophysical Research Group Europe Africa) were organized to follow the research work initiated during IEEY, in 1992. Since January 2003 IGRGEA has been established at the Institute of Geophysics in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The last letter, No. 65, dated June 2021

ALGERIA

Dr Omar HAMMOU ALI defended his thesis in physics on November 21 2021 at the University of Sciences and Technologies Houari Boumedienne (USTHB), Algeria.

Title: Response to VTEC solar events and ionospheric scintillations at low latitudes from SWARM satellite data and ground array data



Jury

President: M. Amar BOUDELLA, Professor (USTHB)
Examiner: M. Mourad DJEBLI, Professor (USTHB)
Examiner: M. Toufik ABDELATIF, Director of Research (CRAAG), Algeria
Examiner: Mme. Soraya MAKHLOUF Senior Lecturer (USTHB)
Director of the PhD: Mme. Naima ZAOURAR Professor (USTHB)

Examiner: Ms. Christine Amory-Mazaudier Senior scientist at LPP / polytechnique, Sorbonne universities.

Tarek BELBACHIR has successfully completed the intense one-year post-graduation program of the ICTP in the "Earth system physics" section, which is a program that includes the physics of the atmosphere and the physics of the solid earth. He is currently working at the INGV for a year; he has joined the upper atmosphere research group, which is working on a project to install a new ionosonde in Lampedusa.

BURKINA FASO

Dr Inza GNANOU defended her thesis on July 30, 2022 at the Norbert Zongo University.

Title of the thesis: Statistical study of the electric field of magnetospheric convection under the action of fast solar winds.



Jury

President: Emmanuel NANEMA, Director of Research IRSAT/CNRST, Ouagadougou Burkina Faso
Director of the PhD: Frédéric OUATTARA, Full Professor at University of Norbert Zongo, Koudougou, Burkina Faso
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Dr. Frédéric OUATTARA Professor was appointed Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation on March 5, 2022, for a transition period of 8 months. Dr. Frédéric OUATTARA is Director of LAREME.

Dr. Frédéric OUATTARA obtained his PhD in geophysics from GIRGEA in 2006.



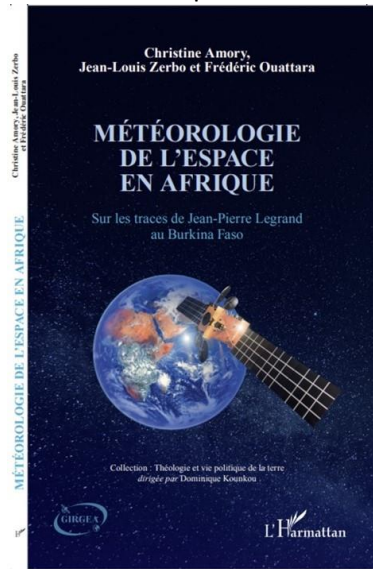
Dr Doua Allain GNABAHOU Senior Lecturer, Vice-President of the Norbert Zongo University, in charge of Teaching and Pedagogical Innovations.

Dr. Doua Allain GNABAHOU obtained his PhD in Geophysics from GIRGEA in 2014



Dr Jean Louis ZERBO, Senior Lecturer, was appointed on July 20, 2022, Vice President, in charge of Research, Prospective and International Cooperation of the Nazi BONI University. He obtained his PhD in Physics from GIRGEA in 2012.

Book published by HARMATTAN
Frédéric Ouattara prefaced this book



This book is in bookstores in Africa. [Library Jeunesse de France in Ouagadougou / Library 4 vents in Dakar/ Library of France in Abidjan], at the FNAC, on AMAZON and all bookshops.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Dr Ziè TUO defended his thesis in Physics on June 24, 2022 at the University Félix Houphouët Boigny, Abidjan in Ivory Coast

Title of the thesis: Study of the space-time variability of the equatorial electrojet from the magnetic data of the CHAMP satellite.



Jury

From left to right
Examiner: M. AMAN Angoran, Professor University Félix Houphouët-Boigny- UFBH, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

The candidate: Ziè TUO



President: M. KOBEA Toka Arsène, Professor UFHB, Abidjan

Director of the PhD: M. DOUMBIA Vafi, senior Lecturer, UFHB, Abidjan

Reporter M. OBROU Kouadio Olivier, Professor UFBH, Abidjan

Reporter: Mme ZAOURAR Naima, Director of Research University of Sciences and Technology Houari Boumediene, Algeria, (not on the photo)

Dr Kassamba Abdel DIABY defended his doctorate in physics in September 2022 at Félix Houphouët Boigny University, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Title of his thesis: "Estimation of the diurnal vertical drift velocities $E \times B$ in the F region of the equatorial ionosphere using magnetic data from the AIEE and AMBER in West Africa".

**REPORT - SUMMER SPACE WEATHER SCHOOL
Physics and use of tools 17-28 October 2022,
Houphouët Boigny University, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
2022**

- ✓ Centenary of the discovery of the Equatorial Electrojet
- ✓ Thirty years of the International Year of the Equatorial Electrojet hé actuellement Opel astra hybride rechargeable et à partir de 299€ par mois

The school was organized locally by Dr Zaka KOMENAN, Assistant Professor (PhD in Physics in GIRGEA in 2010)

Dr Olivier OBROU, Vice-Dean (State doctorate in physics in 2008)

Dr Vafi DOUMBIA, Director General of Higher Education and Research (State doctorate in physics in 2008)



Group photo of the school

The Minister of Research and Higher Education Professor Adama DIAWARA (photo on the press article below) chaired the opening ceremony. The

entire master's students in Physics, from the University, attended this ceremony, see the photo above.

All press articles are available at the link below <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10eFLcP4uvGAz3W2vTp38Gw64CGOUMWQ0?usp=sharing>



RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE : LA SEME EDITION DE L'ECOLE DE METEOROLOGIE DE L'ESPACE ISWI MAGHREB, AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET CENTRALE (IMAO) LANCEE



EGYPT



Dr. Amira Shimeis, Researcher, National Research Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics NRIAG was selected by VinFuture Foundation in Hanoi, Vietnam to be part of the Committee that selects the winners of the VinFuture 2022 Award. (PhD in Physics from GIRGEA in 2015)

FRANCE

A special issue of the journal MDPI-Atmosphere with the theme: Ionospheric and Magnetic signatures of Space Weather event is available at the following link:

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/atmosphere/special_issues/Space_Weather_Events
[Select ionospheric and magnetic signatures of space weather events](#)

We recommend reading the journal articles and especially the following journals:

*Sun and Space Weather by Nat Gopalswamy



*Equatorial plasma bubbles: a Review by Archana Bhattacharyya

Dr Christine Amory-Mazaudier from the Laboratory of Plasma Physics, Sorbonne Universities received the ISRO/COSPAR medal, in Athens on July 18, 2022. This joint medal of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) is awarded every 2 years.



Christine Amory-Mazaudier has been nominated for: 1) her PhD work in 1983 on ionospheric electric currents and 2) for the development of space weather research in Africa, especially in the framework of the GIRGEA network, created in 1995.

ICMP Project: International Circle Meridian Project
Dr Michel Blanc of IRAP is leading a new project, whose theme is:

A Europe-Africa meridian circle for the monitoring of natural phenomena at risk: IMCP-Europe-Africa.

The next steps are the following:

- *Census of all scientific teams and colleagues interested, and observation means that could participate in the space coverage of a Europe-Africa meridian circle: fall 2022 - spring 2023;
- *Setting up a steering committee of the project before summer 2023
- *Organization of a founding workshop of the project before the end of 2023;
- *Organization of a session on the project at the European Space Weather Week 2022 (Toulouse, France, October 2023).

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GUINEA



Dr. René Tato LOUA was appointed on January 21, 2022 as National Director of Meteorology of Guinea and on January 26, 2022 as Permanent Representative of Guinea to WMO.

On January 26, 2022, he was appointed Permanent Representative of Guinea to the WMO. On September 6, 2022, he became Administrator of the National Center for Fisheries Surveillance and Police. He obtained his PhD in physics from GIRGEA in 2018.

ITALY/ NETHERLANDS

Dr Claudia PAPANINI defended her MBA on July 17, 2022 at Haagse Hogeschool, University of Applied Sciences The Hague.

Theme: *Pedagogical Frameworks for Distance Learning, Opportunities and Challenges: Finding the Perfect Balance.*



The objectives of the thesis were:

- *To gain insight into student and teacher/professor needs and expectations for online education;



*Formulate recommendations in terms of strategy and approach to improve systems for monitoring learning processes by

The work took into consideration the importance of the learning process and the need to improve the quality of the learning process.

*The work took into consideration the analysis of questionnaires sent to teachers and students worldwide. In total, I received 178 completed questionnaires (96 students, 72 faculty from the GIRGEA and ISWI networks). In addition, she also conducted interviews of 10 professors.

MORROCO

Dr Amal LOUTFI defended her thesis in physics on December 8, 2021 at the University of Marrakech. Title of the thesis: Ionosphere-Thermosphere couplings at low latitudes during extreme solar events.



In the room from left to right
 Examiner: EMRAN Anas, CRASTE-LF, Morocco
 Reporter: TAHAYT Abdelilah, Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Tangier, Morocco
 Supervisor: BENKHALDOUN Zouhair, Cadi Ayyad University, Marrakech, Morocco
 LOUTFI Amal, PhD student
 President: SEFIANI Fouad, Cadi Ayyad University, Marrakech, Morocco
 On the screen
 Examiner: MARCHAUDON Aurélie, IRAP, Toulouse, France
 Examiner: ASTAFYEVA Elvira, IPGP, Paris, France
 Reporter: LILENSTIEN Jean, IPAG, Grenoble, France
 Supervisor: PITOUT Frédéric, IRAP, Toulouse, France

Reporter: AMORY-MAZAUDIER Christine, LPP, Sorbonne University, Paris, France

Supervisor: BOUNHIR Aziza, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco

NEPAL

Dr Drabindra PANDIT defended his thesis in physics on September 23 at Tribhuvan University in Nepal. Title of the thesis: *Signatures related to super substorms in the mid and low latitude ionosphere.*



From left to right : Mrs. Usha Joshi, Dr. Binod Adhikari, Drabindra Pandit, Dr. Narayan Prasad Chapagain, Mr. Basudev Ghimire, Mr. Prakash Shrestha, and Mr. Daya Nidhi Chhatkulli.

NIGERIA



Prof Babatunde Rabiú has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Geophysical Union AGU for the years 2023 - 2024 and renewable until 2026.

The Leadership Development/Governance Committee on the webpage of the AGU made this announcement. The AGU Board is the topmost and governing body of the Union. The Board makes the critical strategic and fiduciary decisions that advance AGU's forward-looking strategic plan while ensuring that operations and member services remain robust. With this record-breaking appointment, an African has been appointed for



the first time to the topmost decision making of the global scientific Union, which has been in existence for over a century with membership in over 120 countries.

In addition, Professor Babatunde Rabi has been appointed as the Executive Director of the United Nations - African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education - English located in Nigeria. The UN African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in English (UN-ARCSSTE-E) was inaugurated in Nigeria on 24 November 1998 and affiliated to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA).

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Dr. Bienvenu Dinga, Lecturer-Researcher at Marien Ngouabi University participated in the 2022 Technical Conference on Instruments and Methods of Meteorological and Environmental Observation (TECO) (Paris, France, 10-13 October 2022).



He received his PhD in Physics from GIRGEA in 2017.

DRC



Dr. Jean KIGOTSI, Professor at the University of Kinshasa, was appointed Academic Secretary of the Institute Superior Pedagogies and Technics (ISPT) in Kinshasa on June 15, 2022.

Dr. Jean KIGOTSI received his PhD in physics from GIRGEA in 2017.

Dr. Patient NTUMBA WA NTUMBA from DRC defended his thesis, in English, on September 9, 2022 at the INRIA research center, Sorbonne Universities.

Title of the thesis: Planning of streaming operators for 'IoT Edge Analytics'.

The jury was composed of Pr. Bernd AMANN, Pr. Panos KYPROS CHRYSANTHIS (University of Pittsburgh, USA), Dr. Cédric TEDESCHI (Université de Rennes 1 & INRIA, France), Pr. Frédéric LE MOUËL (INSA, France), Pr. Patricia STOLF (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France), Dr. Nikolaos GEORGANTAS (INRIA, France) and Pr. Vassilis CHRISTOPHIDES (ENSEA Cergy-Pontoise, France).



Dr Jean-Claude KYUNGU KASOLENA defended his thesis on December 15 2022 at the University of KINSHASA / DRC, photo below.



Theme of his thesis: *Impacts of anthropogenic pressures on the habitat and survival of an isolated*



population of gorillas, *Gorilla Beringei Graueri* (Hominidae, Primates), at Mount Tshiaberimu in Virunga National Park, Democratic Republic of Congo

VIETNAM



Dr. Hong Thi Thu PHAM, from the Hanoi Institute of Geophysics, received an ISSN International Research Award for her paper "*Comparison between IRI-2012, IRI-2016 models and F2 peak parameters at two EIA stations in Vietnam during different solar motion periods*".

Dr. Hong Thi Thu PHAM received her PhD in physics from GIRGEA in 2012.

RWANDA



Dr. Jean UWAMAHORO is a Full Professor at the University of Rwanda, in the specialty of Space Weather, since July 2022.

Dr Jean UWAMAHORO is now Deputy Director of the African Centre of Excellence for Innovative Teaching and Learning Mathematics and Sciences (ACEITLMS) and a member of the Rwanda Academy of Sciences (RAS).



Ms. Ange Cynthia UMUHIRE is a PhD candidate at the University of Rwanda, College of Science and Technology (UR-CST) in astronomy and space sciences.

Each year, 20 African women researchers (15 doctoral students and 5 post-doctoral students) are awarded for the excellence of their scientific work. They embody the diversity and potential of the continent's science through their backgrounds and research themes and represent a source of hope for the future of our world. The L'Oréal-UNESCO Foundation has selected Cynthia for Women in Science as the 2022 Young Talent of Sub-Saharan Africa.

SITE INTERNET

On the site www.girgea.org, you will find all the GIRGEA letters sent since May 1992.

You will also be able to download all Rolland FLEURY's programs allowing to process GPS data as well as some ionosonde data. To download the programs you need a password that Rolland will provide you.

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