

# **SCOSTEP and its PRESTO program for predictability of the variable solar-terrestrial coupling**

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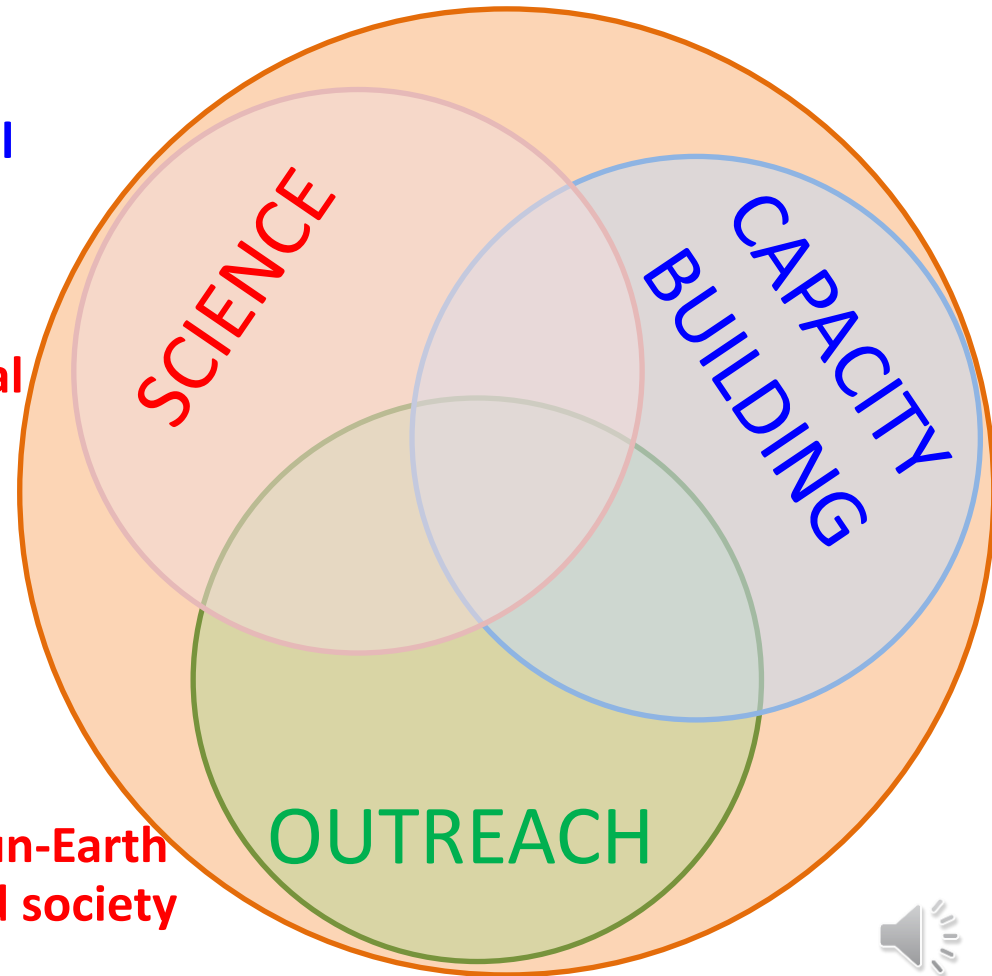
**A thematic organization of the International Science Council (ISC) and a permanent observer at UNCOPUOS.**

**Runs long-term (4-5 years) international interdisciplinary scientific programs of solar terrestrial physics since 1966**

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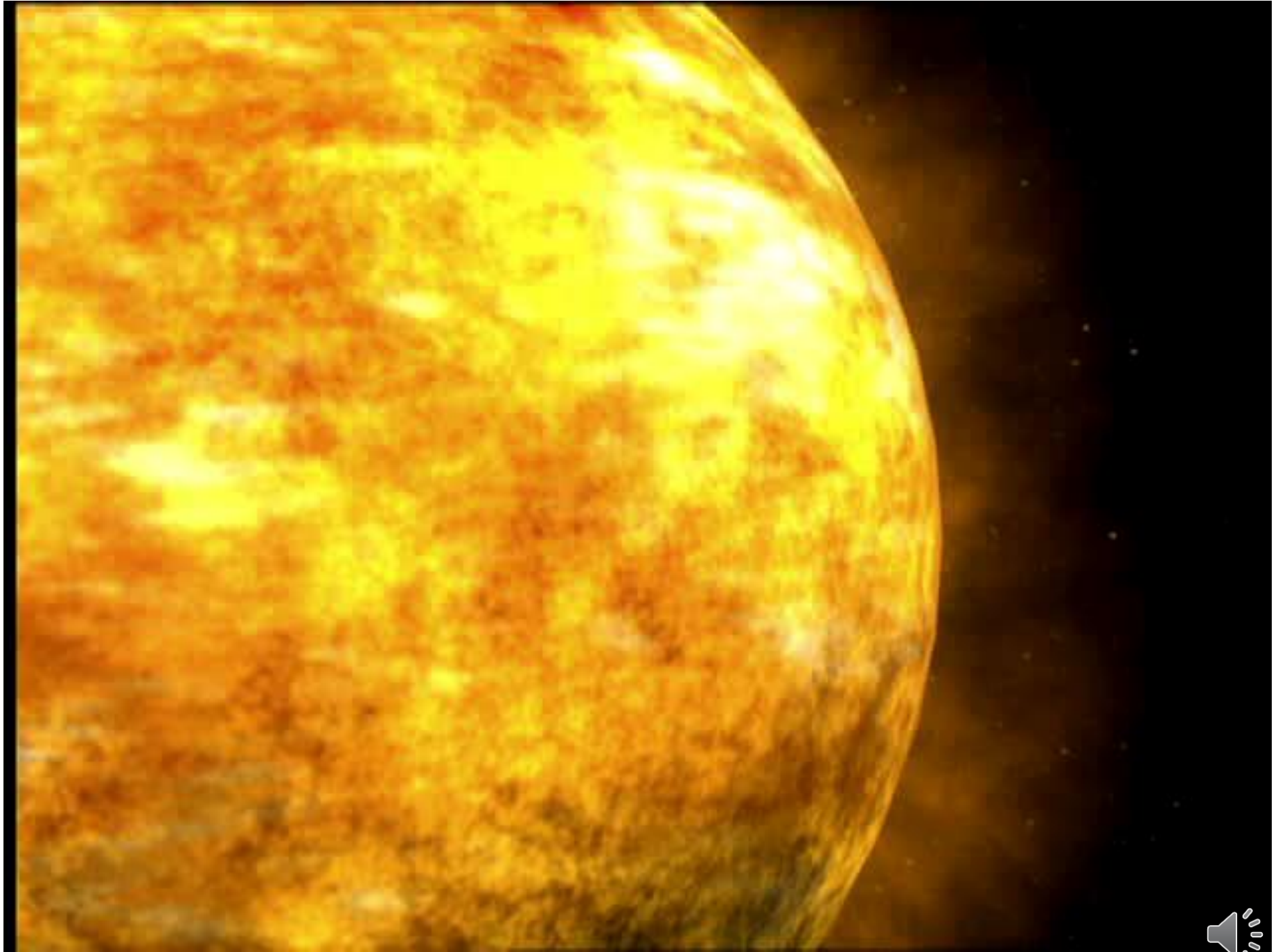
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Sun

# Challenging topics during and after VarSITI

long-term variability

short-term variability

sunspot evolution

solar dynamo evolution

axial dipole moment

heliosphere (MHD)

magnetosphere (MHD)  
inner magnetosphere

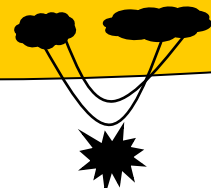
ionosphere  
thermosphere

mesosphere  
stratosphere  
troposphere

Earth



flare prediction



CME prediction

flare UV/X-ray spectra

solar energetic particles (SEP)

CIR

IMF-Bz prediction

storm/substorm development  
radiation belt development

coupling

plasma

plasma

dynamics

plasma instability

ionization  
→ dynamics

composition  
→ dynamics

dynamics

GWs/tides/PWs

satellite orbit anomaly

thermospheric expansion

climate change

composition  
→ dynamics  
→ climate

plasma damage to space/air vehicles, and astronauts, geomagnetically induced current (GIC)

Interference of radio communication GNSS positioning

anthropogenic effect

solar total and spectral irradiance

CR, solar and magnetospheric plasma

solar cycle variability



## International interdisciplinary programs in solar-terrestrial physics operated by SCOSTEP

1976-1979: **IMS** (International Magnetosphere Study)

1979-1981: **SMY** (Solar Maximum Year)

1982-1985: **MAP** (Middle Atmosphere Program)

1990-1997: **STEP** (Solar-Terrestrial Energy Program)

1998-2002: **Post-STEP** (S-RAMP, PSMOS, EPIC, and ISCS)

2004-2008: **CAWSES** (Climate and Weather of the Sun-Earth System)

2009-2013: **CAWSES-II** (Climate and Weather of the Sun-Earth System-II)

2014-2018: **VarSITI** (Variability of the Sun and Its Terrestrial Impact)

2020-2024: **PRESTO** (Predictability of the variable Solar-Terrestrial Coupling)





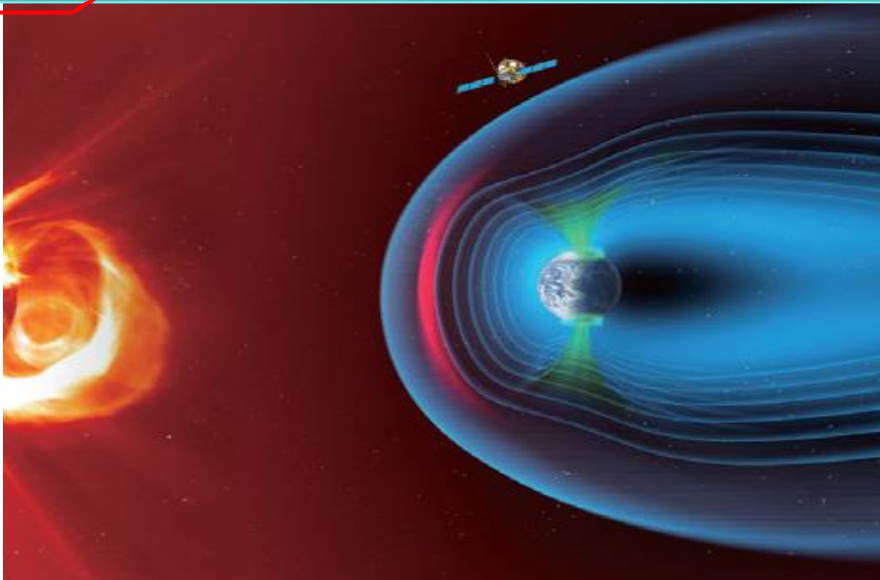
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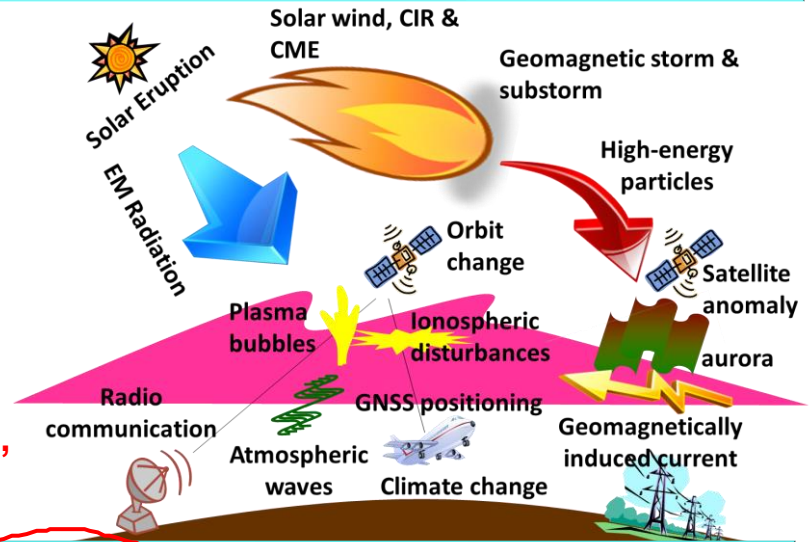
**PRESTO: Predictability of the variable Solar-Terrestrial Coupling**

PRESTO identifies **predictability** of the variable solar-terrestrial coupling performance metrics through **modeling, measurements, and data analysis** and to strengthen the **communication between scientists and users**

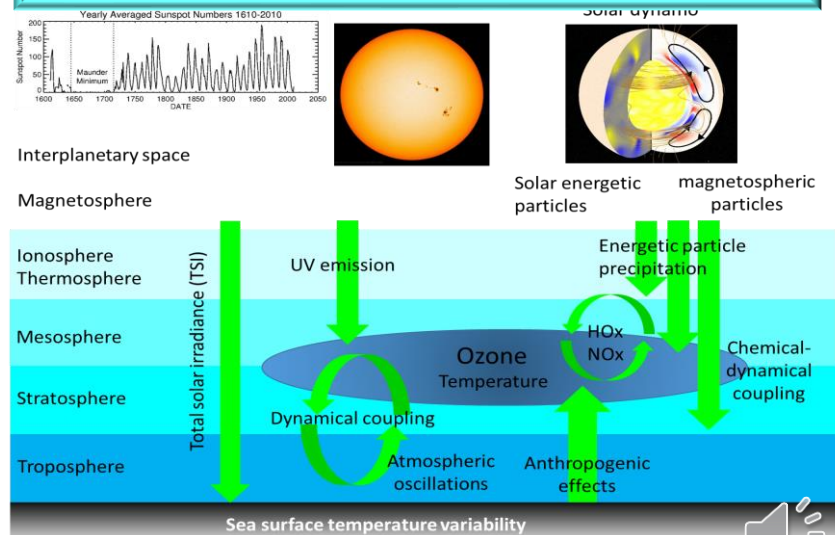
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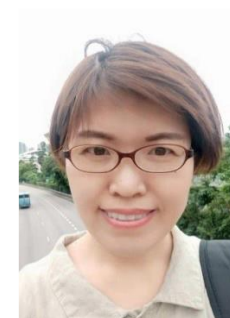


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## SCOSTEP/PRESTO

### Predictability of the Solar-Terrestrial Coupling

PRESTO is a science program that seeks to improve the predictability of energy flow in the integrated Sun-Earth system on times scales from a few hours to centuries through promoting international collaborative efforts. PRESTO is sponsored by SCOSTEP, the Scientific Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics.



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### 21 – 25 February 2022

Alibag, India (Hybrid or Fully Virtual)

Hosted by Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG)

Event will start in

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- **SCOSTEP also provides financial support for **capacity building** activities.**



# SCOSTEP-PRESTO ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES



## 1. A challenge to Physics-based Prediction of Giant Solar Flares

Author: [Kanya Kusano](#) (Institute for Space-Earth Environmental Research, Nagoya University, [Japan](#))

Date/time: May 26 (Tue), 2020, 12:00-13:00 UT

## 2. Extreme solar events: A new paradigm

Author: [Ilya Usoskin](#) (University of Oulu, [Finland](#))      Date/time: July 20 (Mon), 2020, 12:00-13:00 UT

## 3. Developing a Highly Predictable Geomagnetic Index to Gauge Magnetospheric Activity and Space Weather

Author: [Joe Borovsky](#) (Space Science Institute, [USA](#))      Date: September 10, 2020, 22:00-23:00 UT

## 4. The Ionospheric Connection Explorer - Results from the first year on orbit

Author: [Thomas Immel](#) (University of California Berkeley, [USA](#))

Date: November 17, 2020, 23:00-24:00 UT

## 5. Magnetospheric Response to Interplanetary Shocks: ULF Wave-Particle Interaction Perspective

Author: [Q.-G. Zong](#) (Peking University, [China](#))      Date and Time: Jan 14 (Thu), 2021, 00:00-01:00 UT

## 6. Utilizing galactic cosmic rays as signatures of interplanetary transients

Author: [Mateja Dumbović](#) (University of Zagreb, [Croatia](#))

Date and Time: Jan 19 (Tue), 2021, 12:00-13:00 UT

## 7. Physics at the edge between Earth's atmosphere and space

Author: [Franz-Josef Lübken](#) (Leibniz-Institute of Atmospheric Physics, [Germany](#))

Date and Time: May 21 (Fri), 2021, 12:00-13:00 UT

## 8. The Sun making history. The mechanism behind the varying amplitude of the solar cycle

Author: Kristof Petrovay (ELTE Eotvos Lorand University, Department of Astronomy, [Hungary](#))

Date/time: June 8 (Tue), 2021, 13:00-14:00 UT

## 9. Space Weather in the Thermosphere-Ionosphere System - observations and Insights from the GOLD\* Mission (\*Global-scale Observations of the Limb and Disk)

Author: Richard Eastes (University of Colorado Boulder, [USA](#))

Date/time: September 23 (Thu), 2021, 14:00-15:00 UT



# SCOSTEP ONLINE CAPACITY BUILDING LECTURE SERIES

1. Speaker: **David G. Sibeck**, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, **USA**

Date and Time: Jan 22 (Fri), 2021, 01:00-02:00 UT

Topic: "**Motivation for soft X-ray imaging and plans for the STORM global imaging mission**"

2. Speaker: **Ulrich Taubenschuss**, Institute of Atmospheric Physics AS CR, **Czechia**

Date and Time: Mar 5 (Fri), 2021, 11:00-12:00 UTC

Topic: "**Processing of electric and magnetic signals onboard the THEMIS spacecraft and applications of polarization analysis**"

3. Speaker: **Jacob Bortnik**, UCLA, **USA**

Date and Time: Mar 29 (Mon), 2021, 23:00-00:00 UTC

Topic: "**Machine-learning based reconstruction of the inner magnetosphere**"

4. Speaker: **Alphonse C. Sterling**, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, **USA**

Date and Time: Apr 29 (Thu), 2021, 00:30-01:30 UTC

Topic: "**An Overview of the Sun's Structure, and a Closer Look at Solar Magnetism and Activity**"

5. Speaker: **Esa Turunen**, Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory, **Finland**

Date and Time: May 31 (Mon), 2021, 10:30-11:30 UTC

Topic: "**The variable geospace environment and our radio wave based modern society: basic concepts of ionosphere and recent research problems at high latitudes**"

6. Speaker: **Keisuke Hosokawa**, University of Electro-Communications, **Japan**

Date and Time: Jun 28 (Mon), 2021, 10:30-12:00 UTC

Topic: "**Aurora as a manifestation of electromagnetic waves in space**"

7. Speaker: **Craig Rodger**, University of Otago, **New Zealand**

Date and Time: Aug 19 (Thu), 2021, 00:30-01:30 UTC

Topic: "**Energetic Electron Precipitation from the Radiation Belts: How plasma waves in space kill atmospheric ozone**"





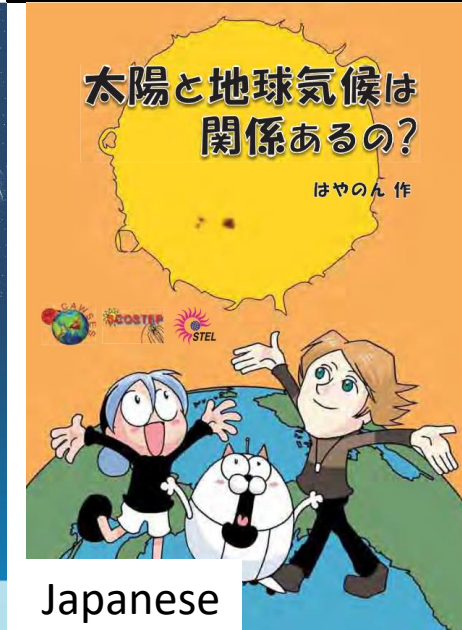
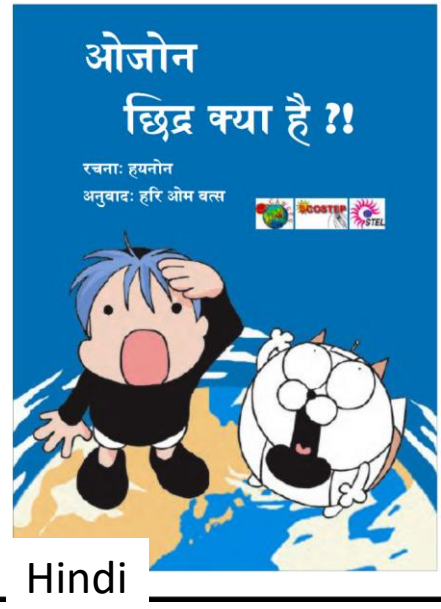
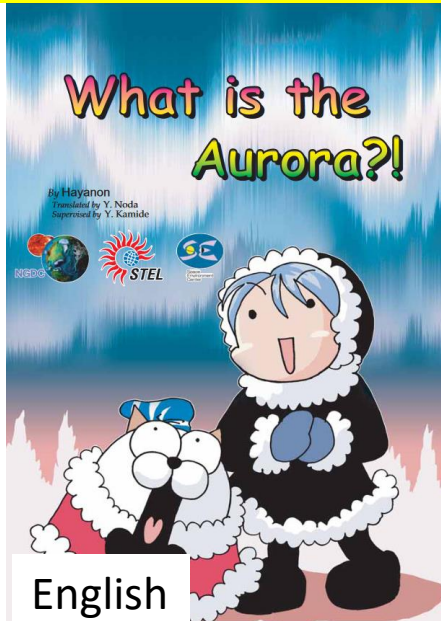
# Capacity Building schools

## In 2021:

- The 44th Annual Scientific Seminar on Physics of Auroral Phenomena, 15-19 March 2021, Apatity, **Russia**
- The first summer school on space research, technology and application in Bulgaria, 5-11 July 2021, National Observatory Rozhen, **Bulgaria**
- ISWI/SCOSTEP Iberian Space Weather School, July 21-25, 2021, University of Coimbra, **Portugal**
- Describing and Analyzing Solar Data for a better prediction of Space Weather, TBD, 2021, Kigali, **Rwanda**



# SCOSTEP - Science Comic Books





# Summary

- **PRESTO** is the new **SCOSTEP** scientific program to run during 2020-2024 to understand **Predictability of the variable Solar-Terrestrial Coupling**
- Scientists from all over the world participate in the PRESTO program to **understand predictability of space weather and solar effect on climate.**
- Solar terrestrial science will reach as many **developing countries** as possible via SCOSTEP's **capacity building and outreach activities**

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