

Message from Uruguay.

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Dear Hans

It has a long time since we haven't been in contact or meet you in any Conference.

I would like to make a brief update of what we are doing in Uruguay and our plans to be more closely involved in the research of the International Space Weather Initiative.

As you may remember we have our Astronomical Observatory Los Molinos mainly devoted to NEAs follow-up observations.

Already in my chapter of the UN/ESA Workshop book, we were talking about the plans to move the Observatory to the countryside.

After a few years of delay, it seems that we will be able to open the new facility.

But with a important plus: we will combine astronomical and geophysical research: Observatorio Astronomico y Geofísico Aigua.

In particular, in collaboration with my geophysicist colleague Dr. Leda Sanchez Bettucci, we would like to include some instruments for seismic and geomagnetics monitoring.

Some more information about the status of the project can be seen at <http://geotectonica.fcien.edu.uy/oaga/>

One of the main scientific motivations is the monitoring of the South Atlantic Magnetic Anomaly and the interaction with the Solar activity.

This is the reason that we would like to get involved with the International Space Weather Initiative.

Unfortunately, we have just learned about the meeting that was held last week in Egypt.

Can you add our email address to the mailing list of ISWI?

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We are interested on the initiatives to deploy monitoring instruments, since we would like that our Observatory could be an open facility for new initiatives.

Best regards

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