

URSI/IAGA Joint Working Group on VERSIM (VLF/ELF Remote Sensing of the Ionosphere and Magnetosphere)

Business meeting - Wednesday 29 September 2004

There was a meeting of the VERSIM working group during the Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory VLF Workshop 2004, held in Sodankylä (Finland), at 1500 on Wednesday 29 September 2004.

Present: CJ Rodger (New Zealand; IAGA co-chair) in the chair, and the participants of the Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory VLF Workshop 2004, including M Parrot (France; URSI co-chair).

Chairman's Report:

Craig Rodger (the IAGA co-chairman), described the purpose of the working group, and outlined the overall activities of the working group. He suggested that the participants of the SGO 2004 VLF Workshop consider "what VERSIM could do for them" and approach him throughout the Workshop with suggestions. The email list, web site, reports, and VERSIM bibliography were all noted as useful services provided by VERSIM to our community.

Expansion of the email listing

A significant number of participants at SGO 2004 VLF Workshop signed up as new members of the VERSIM email listing (an additional ~10 people). Currently the working group has a membership, which is measured by the number of people on our mailing list, of 116 scientists.

Reports from VERSIM research groups:

At the Chairs request the primary reports from the research groups were taken to be the presentations given at the SGO 2004 VLF Workshop. These are available from <http://www.sgo.fi/Events/Workshops/vlf-2004/abstracts.php>. No additional reports were made. However, Craig Rodger does intend to gather new reports from the VERSIM community for an updated newsletter for early 2005.

Upcoming Meetings

Craig Rodger noted that the next IAGA meeting is to be held in Toulouse, France on 18-29 July 2005 (the VERSIM business meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 July 2005), while the next URSI General Assembly is to be held in New Delhi, India on 23-29 October 2005.