Dear MAGDAS Host:

The following text (between the plus signs) comes from Dr. Roland Otadoy of the Philippines. He takes care of the MAGDAS running at Cebu. He is organizing an IHY event for his country.

Are you planning a closing ceremony for IHY for your country next February? .... if yes,
please let me know. Apparently, Nigeria is planning a closing ceremony with fanfare. SERC is also thinking about it.

The Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas (Physics Society of the Philippines) is organizing a session for the International Heliophysical Year during the 26th Philippine Physics Congress on October 22-24, 2008 at the University of the Philippines-Baguio. You are all cordially invited to submit papers for the parallel and plenary sessions. For the official call for papers kindly follow this link:

http://www.spp-online.org/index.php

Local expenses of presentors of papers chosen for plenary sessions will be shouldered by the organization. To those who are interested, kindly submit an abstract of your presentation to Dr. Roland Otadoy (email:r_otadoy@yahoo.com) before the end of August.

I am happy to circulate information for any MAGDAS host.

Respectfully,
George Maeda
Editor-In-Chief.

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Call for papers: SPP Congress special session on sun-heliosphere interaction

October 22-24, 2008
University of the Philippines-Baguio
Baguio City, Philippines

The Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas (SPP) will host a special session during the 26th SPP physics congress to discuss important issues and fundamental problems on sun-heliosphere interaction. This is in coordination with the International Heliophysical Year (IHY), which is an internationally coordinated scientific campaign. It builds on the success of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) in 1957 in which a similar unprecedented internationally coordinated campaign to study global phenomena of the Earth and geospace was conducted. About 60,000 scientists from 67 countries working around the globe were involved in IGY. In the 50th Anniversary of that remarkable year, the international scientific community again comes together to undertake a massive, system-wide study of the extended heliophysical domain.

In recognition of the International Heliophysical Year, the Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas is calling for papers in the following areas:

- Solar Physics
- Planetary Magnetospheres
- Heliosphere and Cosmic Rays
- Planetary Ionospheres, Thermospheres and Mesospheres
- Climate Studies
- Heliobiology