

Announcement of a Special Issue of *Advances in Space Research* on

## **Variability and Coupling of the Equatorial, Low- and Mid-Latitude Mesosphere, Thermosphere and Ionosphere: Latest Developments of Monitoring and Modeling Techniques**

Papers are invited for a special topical issue of *Advances in Space Research* (ASR) entitled “*Variability and Coupling of the Equatorial, Low- and Mid-Latitude Mesosphere, Thermosphere and Ionosphere: Latest Developments of Monitoring and Modeling Techniques*”.

The coupling processes taking place between mesosphere, thermosphere and ionosphere, from equatorial to mid latitudes, are of significant importance to understand the variability of Earth’s middle and upper atmosphere. The main objective of this ASR special issue is to highlight the latest developments in the field of equatorial, low- and mid-latitude mesosphere, thermosphere and ionosphere from both monitoring and modeling point of view. The ASR special issue is open to all scientists who have an appropriate scientific paper related to various aspects in this area that include: Short-term, long-term and space-time variability of the mesosphere, thermosphere and ionosphere; Coupling between high-, mid- and low-latitude ionospheric processes; Equatorial electrodynamic: Equatorial Ionization Anomaly (EIA), Equatorial Electrojet (EEJ), equatorial vertical drift; F-region multi-layer stratification, F3 and StF4 layers; Spread-F phenomena; Mid-latitude trough; Sporadic E layer; Ionospheric irregularities, scintillations and loss-of-locks; Magnetosphere-ionosphere interactions; Space weather effects on the ionosphere; Nowcasting/forecasting modelling of the ionosphere, data assimilation techniques and ionospheric tomography; Real-time representation of the ionospheric plasma; Ionospheric turbulence; Ionospheric convection; Satellite and ground based observational techniques. We welcome high quality and relevant manuscripts from all scientists in the upper atmosphere community.

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Submitted papers must be written in English and they should include full affiliation postal addresses for all authors. Only full-length papers will be considered for publication, subject to peer review by a minimum of two reviewers. There are no page limits although the length of the paper should be appropriate for the material being presented. While the **deadline for submissions is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**, papers will be published electronically as soon as they are accepted. The printed issue will be assembled within a reasonable time with late papers being printed in regular issues of ASR. All articles will be typeset at no cost to the author; there is a charge for printing color figures although there is no charge for color figures on the electronic version.

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be directed to Drs. Venkatesh and Pezzopane or to the Co-Editor for Special Issues, Dr. Peggy Ann Shea (sssarc@msn.com).

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