

Preface

Under the sponsorship of CAWSES, a Workshop was held on the topic of solar flares, magnetospheric substorms (particularly the relationship between the two) and other space weather topics. The workshop was held under the sponsorship of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks from 18 to 20 March, 2007. This special issue is a result of this workshop. Auroras were observed nightly during the workshop interval. Many presentations given at the workshop showed detailed images of solar flares. This special issue includes, but is not limited to, papers presented at the Workshop. We hope that the following papers will be stimulating to the readership of *Earth, Planets and Space*.

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