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Dear Dr. Radovanovic,

In 2005, the Regional Network of the Balkan, Black sea and Caspian sea countries for Space Weather Studies was founded (www.bbc-spaceweather.org). It consists of 12 countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey, Ukraine) Its main idea is to enhance contacts among the scientists in the region working on solar activity and its influences on the Earth. The Network publishes its own fully peer-reviewed journal with an international editorial board, Sun and Geosphere (www.sungeosphere.org) which is now 10 years old. The network was very active in the framework of the programs "International Heliophysical Year" and "International Space Weather Initiative", and now in VarSITI ("Variability of the Sun and Its Terrestrial Impacts" - www.varsiti.org) - the current 5-year scientific program of the Scientific Committee On Solar-Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP). We hold regular meetings of the Network which are mainly scientific with some organizational topics.

The former national coordinator for Serbia recently retired. We would therefore ask you to serve as the new Serbian national coordinator, and to attract Serbian scientists to the activities of the Network.

Also, please consider the possibility to organize the next Regional Network meeting in Serbia in the end of 2016. According to the Network's rules, the national coordinator of the country which organizes the meeting of the Regional Network becomes the new Network's chair.

Looking forward to your positive response,

On behalf of the Regional Network
of the Balkan, Black sea and Caspian sea
countries for Space Weather Studies,

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