

Space Task Group

The Space Task Group (STG) of the *Sub-committee on Observations of the ICSU/WMO Joint Committee for the International Polar Year (IPY)* is the body tasked with addressing how to meet the space observation requirements of IPY. STG establishes the dialog between IPY projects and Space Agencies aiming at developing recommendations to Space Agencies on data acquisition plans, processing, archiving, and distribution of satellite data, products and services. All contributions by Space Agencies shall be consistent with each respective Agency's own resources and capabilities – and which in total could satisfy IPY satellite data needs.

The STG was formed in December 2006 comprising nominated representatives of Space Agencies with WMO providing the secretariat support. Current members of STG are

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