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Recommendation on Rosetta's Solar Radiation Monitor

At the 122nd meeting of the Solar System Working Group (SSWG) held on 5 October 2006 at ESA Headquarters, Paris, the SSWG was informed that it is possible for the scientific community to work with and analyze data from the ESA-provided Standard Radiation Environment Monitor (SREM) on the Rosetta spacecraft. The SSWG was informed that little interest had so far been expressed by the community but that now Greek scientists were interested in working with the instrument. The SSWG noted that while this would be an excellent opportunity for a new member state, the correct approach would be to issue an Announcement of Opportunity to the community to construct a scientific team.

The SSWG therefore recommends unanimously that the Executive proceeds as soon as possible with a formal AO to select a science team for Rosetta's SRM.