

# **2012 Workshop: Gravity Wave Propagation and Dissipation**

Long title

Gravity Wave Propagation, Dissipation, and Effects in the MLT, Thermosphere, and Ionosphere from Tropospheric, MLT, and Thermospheric Sources

Conveners

Sharon Vadas

Michael Nicolls

Greg Earle

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minutes of questions and discussion. Please email [vasha@cora.nwra.com](mailto:vasha@cora.nwra.com) and [michael.nicolls@sri.com](mailto:michael.nicolls@sri.com) if you would like to contribute a talk.

## Summary

The speakers were

Greg Earle "Gravity Wave Effects on the Mid-Latitude Bottomside Ionosphere"

Richard Walterscheid, "Gravity Wave Degradation under Classically Stable Conditions"

Sharon Vadas and Mike Nicolls: "The phases and amplitudes of gravity waves propagating and dissipating in the thermosphere"

Erdal Yigit

Dave Fritts ["Nonlinear Dynamics of Gravity Waves in the MLT: Instabilities and Effects"](#) (pdf)

Mike Kelley et al " Prediction of Large Earthquakes Using GPS TEC Data: Verification and an Explanation"

Each talk was 10 min long, with a maximum of 8 slides. This worked out very well, because it left a lot of time for questions after each talk.

In the end, there were a lot of questions, as well as a final discussion.

This workshop was well-attended, with 150-200 attendees.

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