

EDITORIAL

The international conference on solar radiation and aerosol (ICSRA) was held on April 2011 in Kathmandu, Nepal. Over 30 papers were presented at the conference, covering the topics of solar radiation, aerosols and climate change. Abstracts of these papers are available in the proceeding booklet published by solar radiation and aerosol in Himalayan region (SAHR), NUFU funded project, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University and also in the website: *www.ioe.edu.np.sahr*. Following the conference, the authors were invited to submit their papers for this special issue. Because of the time limitations, not all the papers presented at the conference were submitted. The papers in this issue have survived the Journal of Institute of Engineering review process and represent the latest research in the field of solar radiation and aerosols.

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