

ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT'S ROLES IN ENCOURAGING GEOMAGNETIC RESEARCH

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Scientists across Europe and around the world mounted the first sustained and organized effort to measure geomagnetism in the early and the mid-19th century. The participants ultimately numbered in the hundreds and dozens of observatories collaborated. This massive enterprise did not appear out of no where, but rather, it emerged largely because of the interest and influence of Alexander von Humboldt. This paper examines the several roles that Humboldt played in launching one of the first global scientific collaborations.

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