

EUMETSAT CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS

This working paper gives a brief account of the EUMETSAT Conferences that have taken place since the last meeting of the CGMS. Included are summaries of the Third Central and Eastern European Forum held in Budapest in April 2000, the EUMETSAT Satellite Data Users' Conference held in Bologna, Italy in May/June 2000, the Fourth African User Forum held in Kampala in September 2000. Also provided is an outlook for user conferences in the next four years.

EUMETSAT's current and new publications and development of its Web site are reviewed.

CGMS Members are invited to take note of EUMETSAT Conferences and publications.

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1 CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS

1.1 The 13th Plenary Meeting of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS)

The 13th CEOS Plenary meeting was held in Stockholm between 10-12 November 1999. This meeting marked the culmination of EUMETSAT's chairmanship of CEOS. The Integrated Global Observing System (IGOS) Partnership also met in Stockholm under EUMETSAT's chairmanship. The WMO has taken over chairmanship of the IGOS Partnership for 2000 and the chairmanship of CEOS has passed to the Brazilian Space Agency.

1.2 The 5th International Winds Workshop

The Fifth International Winds Workshop (IWW5) was held in Lorne, Australia from 28 February-3 March 2000. The IWW5 was attended by 40 scientists from 13 countries. All satellite operators operationally producing Atmospheric Motion Vectors (AMVs) and most global Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) centres were present. Scientists from both the research and scientific community working in this field were also well represented.

1.3 The 3rd Central/Eastern European EUMETSAT User Forum

The 3rd Central/Eastern European EUMETSAT User Forum was held in Budapest, on 5-7 April 2000. A total of 26 participants from 11 countries attended. The main objective of the Forum was to provide the latest information about EUMETSAT programmes and activities. Special attention was given to discussions on accession to the status of Cooperating States or full Member States. Discussions also took place on the development of training activities with existing Cooperating States.

1.4 The 2000 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Data Users' Conference

The EUMETSAT Users' conference, held in Bologna in Northern Italy between 29 May and 2 June 2000, was attended by 222 participants from 30 countries. The five-day programme included 79 verbal presentations, plus a wide variety of poster displays and software demonstrations. The first day was dedicated to Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) topics and there was also a special workshop held mid-week on the use of Rapid Scan Meteosat data.

1.5 The 4th EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa

The 4th EUMETSAT African User Forum was held in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, on 25-29 September 2000. Over 120 representatives from the African continent participated in the Forum. Particular emphasis was placed upon the conversion from the current Meteosat system to MSG and the status of the Preparation for Use of MSG in Africa (PUMA) project.

1.6 The European Global Ocean Observing System (EuroGOOS) Conference

The EuroGOOS Conference on Operational Ocean Observations from Space was held at the EUMETSAT Headquarters in Darmstadt on 5-6 October 2000. Potential users of ocean remote-sensed operational data from around 100 agencies and industry representatives received information about the plans of EuroGOOS, the European constituent of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS).

1.7 Future conferences

The 2001 EUMETSAT Scientific Data Users' Conference will be held in Antalya, on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey. The planned date for the conference is the first week of October 2001 (subject to confirmation by the local organiser, the Turkish State Meteorological Service). Venues for further conferences have been offered as follows: 2002: Dublin, Ireland; 2003: Germany (location TBD); 2004: Prague, Czech Republic.

2 PUBLICATIONS

2.1 Publications printed in 2000

Since the previous CGMS meeting the following publications have been printed and distributed:

- The 12th and 13th editions of *IMAGE*
- The 1999 Annual Report
- Proceedings of the EUMETSAT User Conference in Copenhagen
- Proceedings of the EUMETSAT User Conference in Bologna
- Proceedings of the 5th International Winds Workshop
- An updated EUMETSAT overview leaflet
- Proceedings of a SAF training workshop on Ocean and Sea Ice
- Report of the CGMS XXXVII meeting held in Beijing

2.2 New publications in preparation during 2000

The following publications are undergoing preparation at the time of writing:

- The history of EUMETSAT
- Updated versions of folder brochures on MTP, MSG, EPS programmes
- Updated version of the "EUMETSAT's First Decade" brochure
- Updated Missions and Services information sheets

2.3 EUMETSAT Web Pages

The development EUMETSAT's World Wide Web pages at <http://www.eumetsat.de> is a continuous process. The website offers scientific and general audiences a global view of the organisation's activities, as well as facts and figures on EUMETSAT satellites and services.