

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 Fifth EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa held in Dakar in September 2002, the EUMETSAT Satellite Data Users' Conference held in Dublin, Ireland also in September 2002. Also provided is an outlook for user conferences in the next three 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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Ireland's capital city, Dublin, played host to the 2002 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference from 2 - 6 September. A total of almost 80 verbal presentations, 45 poster displays and six software demonstrations addressed the following five topic sessions: Current and Future Satellite Programmes and Systems, Meteorological Applications, Ocean Observation Applications, Training Applications and Climate Monitoring Applications. Poster sessions this year attracted a record number of participants, signifying a increase in the quality of presentations.

Preparations for the 2003 Conference to take place in Weimar, Germany, from 29 September - 3rd October are already under way and preliminary discussions have also taken place on the 2004 Conference to be held in Prague in the Czech Republic.

The 5th EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa was held in Dakar on 30 September to 4 October 2002. It was attended by 160 representatives from 50 African countries and more than 12 European countries. The participants were given updated information on EUMETSAT's programmes. A special focus was given to the implementation of the Preparation for the Use of Meteosat Second Generation in Africa (PUMA) project. Industry presented the selected MSG receiving station for all African NMSs and Working Groups discussed the implementation of the Training and Outlook Activities components of the PUMA project. The debates resulted in a list of recommendations.

2 PUBLICATIONS

The following items have been printed in 2002:

Publications

- IMAGE N° 16
- Meteosat Second Generation : New horizons for weather and climate (brochure)
- Meteosat Second Generation: New horizons for weather and climate (poster/leaflet)
- 2001 Annual Report
- CGMS XXIX Report
- Proceedings of the EUMETSAT Ozone Monitoring SAF Workshop held in Greece, May 2001
- EUMETSAT overview leaflet

Videos/CD-Roms/exhibition walls (produced with ESA)

- Meteosat Second Generation: Index (video clips)
- Meteosat Second Generation: Presentation (feature video)
- Meteosat Second Generation: A new generation of weather satellite (CD)
- Meteosat Second Generation: Corporate presentation (CD; EUMETSAT only)
- Meteosat Second Generation: History, Objectives, Instruments, Operations, Applications (5 exhibition panels)
- Meteosat Second Generation: 2 display walls

The following publications are in preparation or nearing completion:

- Proceedings of the EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference held in Dublin
- Proceedings of the 5th EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa
- Meteosat Second Generation: Applications
- EUMETSAT in the new Millennium: a Strategy for the next 25 years (updated/entirely new design)
- IMAGE N° 17
- 1st image poster

The EUMETSAT website is constantly under review and updates are made when new information becomes available. All new publications are produced with a web-compatible CD that can be incorporated into the site either as a PDF file or in some cases in HTML format allowing interactive viewing. An overhaul of the website graphic design is currently under review.