

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 Fourth Central and Eastern European Forum held in Bratislava in August 2001, the EUMETSAT Satellite Data Users' Conference held in Antalya, Italy in October 2001. Also provided is an outlook for user conferences in the next three years.

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

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

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EUMETSAT hosted a CEOS WGISS Subgroups and Task Team meeting in its headquarters on 4-7 September 2001.

The annual EUMETSAT Satellite Data User's conference was held in Antalya, Turkey between 1-5 October 2001. There were just over 70 verbal presentations organised within five topic sessions: Current and Future Satellite Programmes and Systems; Ocean Monitoring; Observations of the Atmosphere; Precipitation; Global Monitoring – Products and Applications; Operational Applications. This year the trend towards increased poster presentations was strengthened with over 50 posters and six computer demonstrations. Dedicated periods on each afternoon were exclusively allocated within the Conference schedule to poster presentations.

For the 2002 Conference, planning is well advanced with Met Éireann. Dublin Castle has been reserved on 2-6 September 2002 for the event. Preliminary discussions have been held with DWD on the 2003 conference that is planned in Weimar, Germany. The 2004 Conference will take place in the Autumn in Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic.

The 4th EUMETSAT Central and Eastern European User Forum was held in Bratislava, Republic of Slovakia on 29-31 Augusts 2001. It was attended by 22 representatives from 13 countries. The participants were given updated information on EUMETSAT's programmes and debated matters of common interest leading to a list of recommendations.

A workshop will take place in Darmstadt close to the EUMETSAT headquarters on 13-15 November 2001 as part of the post-MSG consultation process. An Application Expert Group that has already met will make presentations and the participants will include representatives of EUMETSAT Member States and Cooperating States, ECMWF, ESA, the European Commission, the WMO and CGMS partners.

Planning has commenced on the 6th Winds Workshop to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, USA between 7-10 May 2002.

EUMETSAT has joined the European Meteorological Society as an Associate Member and regularly attends its Council meetings and General Assemblies.

2 PUBLICATIONS

The following publications have been printed in 2001:

Climate SAF workshop proceedings;
IMAGE edition 14;
Updated EUMETSAT Information sheets;
Report of the 28th meeting of the CGMS;
A completely updated version of the EUMETSAT Corporate brochure, entitled
“EUMETSAT into the 21st Century”.

The following publications are in preparation or nearing completion:

The EUMETSAT History;
The 2000 Annual Report;
The proceedings of the 5th EUMETSAT Central and Eastern European Forum;
The proceedings of the EUMETSAT User Conference held in Antalya;
Proceedings of the EUMETSAT Ozone Monitoring SAF workshop held in Greece in May
2001;
Updates to the CGMS Directory of Meteorological Satellite Applications are at the
planning stage;

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. In 2002 an overhaul of the website graphic design is planned.