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EUMETSAT CONFERENCES/EVENTS & PUBLICATIONS

This working paper gives a brief summary of conferences and events which have taken place since CGMS-33 and lists those planned for the next two years.

EUMETSAT's recent, current and future publications are also listed.

CGMS Members are invited to take note of these items.



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1 RECENT, CURRENT AND PLANNED CONFERENCES/EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Working Paper CGMS-33 reported on the preparation for the 2006 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference in Helsinki, Finland, from 12 – 16 June. More than 240 participants enjoyed a challenging programme which, in addition to the traditional overview of activities presented by EUMETSAT and other satellite operators from across the globe, addressed polar meteorology, atmospheric composition and global environmental monitoring. Also featured was a dedicated session on Satellite Application Facilities. The meteorological, oceanography and environmental communities can now look forward to the follow-on conference in 2007, this time jointly organised by the American Meteorological Society and NOAA, and hosted by the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI). The 1st Announcement/Call for Papers was recently published. A two-day session dedicated to oceanography is planned.

2006 will be a year to remember for other reasons, namely EUMETSAT celebrated its 20th anniversary through a high-level commemorative event at its headquarters on 3 July followed by a BBQ for all guests and employees.

The biennial 8th Winds Workshop held in Beijing from 24 – 28 April, with EUMETSAT providing the Secretariat, was extremely well appreciated by all attendees.

At the time of writing the organisation still looks forward to witnessing the successful launch of its first polar-orbiting satellite, Metop, from Baikonur, Kazakstan. A full programme, including the live transmission of the launch, has been scheduled to take place at ESA-ESOC in Darmstadt and at the EUMETSAT headquarters.

Preparations are currently under way with EUMETSAT's co-organiser and host for SpaceOps 2008. These two-yearly symposia provide the forum for discussing state-of-the-art operations principles, methods, and tools. The venue for the 2008 event is Heidelberg, Germany.

2 PUBLICATIONS

The following items have been published between August 2005 and October 2006:

AR.19 EUMETSAT Annual Report 2005, published 08/2006

Image 23/24/25 Published 10/2005, 05/2006, 10/2006 respectively

- EUM.02 EUMETSAT Monitoring weather, climate and the environment, updated in 01/2006
- EUM.03 EUMETSAT Outlook on Earth, published in 02/2005, updated in 07/2006



| EUM.04 | GMES - EUMETSAT contributes to Global Monitoring for Environment and Security, published 08/2005 |
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| EUM.05 | EUMETSAT Strategy: 2030, published 10/2006 |
| E.01 | GEONETCast – The EUMETCast Contribution – Delivering operational services to users, published in September 2006 |
| MSG.01 | Meteosat Second Generation - a new era in weather and climate monitoring, updated 04/2006 |
| MSG.02 | Meteosat Second Generation – In Orbit – In Use, published 12/2005 |
| MSG.03 | Meteosat Second Generation Satellites – Innovation for a Reliable Service, published 12/2005 |
| EPS.01 | EUMETSAT Polar System - monitoring environment and climate, updated 04/2006 |
| EPS.03 | The EUMETSAT Polar System – Taking meteorology to a new level, published 05/2006 |
| SAF.01 | SAF - Satellite Application Facilities - A Network for Europe, published 09/2005 |
| CGMS MR 33 | Report of the 33rd Meeting of the CGMS, published 01/2006 |
| Proceedings: | |
| P44 | 2nd International Precipitation Working Group Workshop proceedings, published 09/2005 |
| P45 | SAF Training Workshop - Ocean and Sea Ice Second Workshop, published 02/2006 |
| P46 | The 2005 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference, published 02/2006 |
| P47 | 8th International Winds Workshop, published 08/2006 |

The following publication is nearing completion:

The Proceedings of the 2006 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference, Helsinki, 12-16 June 2006 is expected for delivery in November 2006.