

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 Weimar, Germany, in September 2003. Also provided is an outlook for user conferences over 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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The city of Weimar with its various cultural and intellectual associations provided plenty of ground for inspiration among the record number of 220 participants at the 2003 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference from 29 September to 3 October. EUMETSAT's satellite partners from across the globe set the scene in the first session, introducing the status of current and future programmes and systems within their respective countries.

Certainly the highlight of the Conference was the second day's session dedicated to first results from MSG-1 where promises are now definitely turning to reality with the demonstration of some initial developments and innovative use of the data. The poster session, another important part of the conference, also attracted record numbers of 55 participants.

Preparations for the 2004 Conference to take place in Prague, Czech Republic, from 31 May to 4 June 2004 are well under way and preliminary discussions have also taken place on the Satellite Conference in 2005, likely to be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The seventh biennial International Winds Workshop from 14-17 June will take place in Helsinki, being hosted by the Finnish Meteorological Institute and co-organised by EUMETSAT.

2 PUBLICATIONS

The following items have been published in 2003:

Publications

- IMAGE N° 18 and 19
- 2002 Annual Report
- CGMS XXX Report
- Proceedings of Land SAF Workshop
- Proceedings of Gras SAF Workshop
- Proceedings of the Dublin user conference in 2002.
- Proceedings of the 6th international Winds Workshop
- Report of the Fifth EM User Forum in Africa
- EUMETSAT data policy brochure (online only)
- Reprints of EUMETSAT overview leaflet in German, English and French
- New MSG sheets based on panel, produced in German for the Hessenschau

Videos/CD-Roms/exhibition walls/Posters

- Headquarters-Poster for Hessenschau exhibition
- MSG 12 channels poster
- 2 Meteosat-8 (MSG-1) posters: Full Earth disc and Europe
- Headquarter, 12 channel and EPS stickers

The following publications are in preparation or nearing completion:

- Proceedings of the EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference held in Weimar
- New versions for the programme overview brochures on MTP, MSG and EPS
- EPS Applications Overview brochure

The EUMETSAT web site is constantly under review and updates are made when new information becomes available. All publications are placed on the EUMETSAT web site.