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## **EUMETSAT CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS**

This Working Paper gives a brief summary of conferences and events which have taken place since CGMS-34 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.

## **EUMETSAT Conferences and Publications**

### **1 RECENT, CURRENT AND PLANNED CONFERENCES/EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS**

Since the report to CGMS-34, the Communication and Information Services (CIS) division has successfully organised and implemented a launch communication plan for its first polar-orbiting satellite, Metop, from Baikonur, Kazakstan, finally placed into orbit on 19 October 2006. The live transmission was received at ESA-ESOC, where a full programme was implemented, and at EUMETSAT headquarters. The VIP trip to Baikonur had taken place in July at the time of the originally scheduled launch date.

In March of this year a SAF Workshop took place to mark the start of the EUMETSAT Satellite Application Facilities (SAF) Continuous Development and Operations Phase (CDOP). Several external personalities participated.

Preparations for the joint 2007 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference and the 15<sup>th</sup> American Meteorological Society (AMS) Satellite Meteorology & Oceanography Conference are well in hand, with over 500 registered participants at the time of writing. Themes to be addressed are environmental satellites, meteorology, oceanography and data assimilation. 2007 being the International Polar Year, it is expected that exciting early results from data generated by instruments on the MetOp satellite and other spacecraft will be reported on. The ocean community can look forward to a special two-day session on oceanography-related topics. 5 companies have signed up as exhibitors.

The 2008 conference is also being prepared and the First Announcement is scheduled for mailing around mid September. The new Darmstadt science congress centre, to be inaugurated in December 2007, will be the venue.

EUMETSAT and ESA/ESOC are working closely together to organise and host the biennial event – SpaceOps 2008 – to be held from 12 – 16 May in Heidelberg, Germany, around the theme of “Protecting the Earth – Exploring the Universe”. Abstract submission is now open.

The Jason-2 programme is being promoted through a joint communication plan between EUMETSAT and CNES, and in association with NOAA and NASA. Planned CIS activities include the organisation of a high-level event at the Belgian Senate in Brussels around the time of the launch, an employee event in EUMETSAT headquarters, and the production of various supporting material such as a brochure, video, gifts etc.

## 2 PUBLICATIONS

The following publications were produced between November 2006 and September 2007:

- AR.20 - *EUMETSAT Annual Report 2006*, published 08/2007
- I.26 - *Image newsletter*, edition May 2007
  
- EUM.05 - *EUMETSAT Strategy: 2030*, published 10/2006
- AMESD.01 - *The African Monitoring of the Environment for Sustainable Development - Safeguarding the future of a continent, its environment and natural resources*, published 03/2007 (brochure and poster)
- SAF.01 - *Satellite Application Facilities - a network for Europe*, published March 2007
  
- EUMETSAT P.47 – *Proceedings of the Eighth International Winds Workshop*, published 07/2007
- EUMETSAT P.48 - *Proceedings of the 2006 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference*, published 12/2006
- EUMETSAT P.49 - *Report of the Seventh EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa*, published 03/2007

The following publications are nearing completion:

- I.27 - *Image newsletter*, edition October 2007
  
- EUM.02 - *EUMETSAT - Monitoring weather, climate and the environment*
- EUM.04 – *GMES – EUMETSAT contributes to Global Monitoring for Environment and Security*
- E.01 - *GEONETCast: Nerve System for the Planet*
- JSN.01 – *Jason-2 - ocean observer in orbit*