

Minutes of enlarged CSSI meeting besides the EWGLAM/SRNWP annual meetings, Zurich, 9-12 October 2006

Since many years, an informal ALADIN meeting is organised on the margin of the EWGLAM/SRNWP annual meetings, taking advantage of many ALADINers attending these meetings. This year, it could be considered as an enlarged CSSI meeting as most ALADIN people attending it were either in the CSSI, the support team or LTM.

1. Verification project

As presented in Sofia, the prototype developed by our Slovenian colleagues is validated. Neva has already invited LTM to send her their data. Few do it, so she takes the opportunity of this meeting to ask again for data. Prototype available at : <http://www.arso.gov.si/verification/>

2. Special project at ECMWF

This project was presented in Sofia by Claude (see [aladin web for summary of this part](#)). Countries who had declared to be interested in this project were supposed to give Claude feedback for the draft plan and proposal... Hungary (Sandor) answered and Alex gives regular feedback. Very very little activities are done on this project. ECMWF management of these project is very simple : it retrieves 30% of resources if not used, 30% twice at the second check, etc ... Claude made demands for 2007, 2008 ... 2009 ! It is not too late to use the resources ... This will be discussed during the next LTM meeting (October, Bratislava). Please consider the above document as preparatory one for this LTM meeting.

3. Surfex workshop

We have a draft program and the announcement will be sent next week. 2 main goals :

- set the strategy of working between ALADIN and HIRLAM (discussion time)
- 2 practical exercises of running a simple version of SURFEX and on a small 3D domain for a limited number of people (due to computer room size). The announcement will be sent to LTM, Jeanette (HIRLAM), Gianpaolo, 2 Canadians, 1 invited from UK and from COSMO. During the workshop, discussions on surface assimilation, the convergence and collaboration with Hirlam and the installation and move to SURFEX in partner countries will be addressed.

4. Date for the ALARO training course

An ALARO training course will take place in Radostovice from 26 to 30 March 2007 (only possible week once taken into account all already planned meeting : by the way, please note ALADIN Workshop & HIRLAM ASM, Oslo, 23-27 April 2007).

5. Planification effort

The PAC asked for the work plan to be ready 2 weeks before the GA (November 9) after being discussed in the LTM meeting (October 26) ... Due to this very short delay, everybody is welcomed to send his idea to the PM (even if not CSSI members, either LTM, ...) with copy to their LTM. During the GA, the operational issues will be presented by Manu; the maintenance effort will be summarized by MF/COOPE for a presentation at the GA by PM"

6. Term of Reference of CSSI

The PAC asked that both CSSI and LTM prepare their ToR. For LTM, it will be discussed in the next LTM meeting. For CSSI, a draft proposal of ToR is distributed for comments. Dijana remarks that CSSI prepares the plan but also the reports should be mentioned. Cornel proposed to change "its Members are chosen by..." by "it Members are approved by ...". It is proposed to add in a preamble something like : "the CSSI works by correspondence and meets twice a year at least, on the margin of the ALADIN workshop and the EWGLAM/SRNWP meetings".

7. ALADIN consortium in the EWGLAM meeting

Feeling after the 2 first days of the EWGLAM meeting :

- Our consortium doesn't seem enough implied in high resolution verification.
- The level of what we are presenting is at least at the level of the other consortia. But we are the only ones to have so many existential questions to solve. Sometimes, we even have some potential bridges with other consortia (ex UK for dynamics, COSMO for physics) appearing in a clearer manner than those of our own internal coordination.