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HIRLAM All Staff Meeting

To be held on March 14-16, 2005, in Dublin (Ireland).

Unfortunately, there will be only French ALADIN representatives. The HIRLAM research plan for the next years, especially mesoscale challenges, will be discussed.

2nd SRNWP workshop on "Short-Range Ensemble Prediction Systems"

To be organized on April 7-8, 2005, in Bologna (Italy), by the Ufficio Generale per la Meteorologia.

The workshop will be arranged on selected talks covering :

- global prediction systems and evaluation techniques,
- ensemble prediction systems for short range,
- related international projects.

There will be a session dedicated to the discussion on the following selected topics:

- methodologies for initial perturbations in limited-area models and interactions with boundaries
- model perturbations; parameters settings, stochastic physics
- how to combine properly different models (and different analysis) in a different model approach ?
- ensemble data assimilation: feasible for limited-area models ?
- ensemble size
- validation techniques

More details at : <http://www.meteoam.it/>

4th WMO international symposium on "Assimilation of Observations in Meteorology and Oceanography"

To be held on April 18-22, 2005, in Prague (Czech R.).

This will be a huge meeting, with up to 270 participants registered. And this will be an opportunity for ALADIN and HIRLAM scientists to discuss research plans for the next years.

More details on the program at : <http://www.chmi.cz/dasympo/index.html>

ICAM-MAP meeting

The 28th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology (ICAM) and the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Mesoscale Alpine Programme (MAP) 2005 will take place in Zadar (Croatia), from Monday 23 to Friday 27, May 2005. The conference will be hosted by the Meteorological and Hydrological Service of Croatia, the "Andrija MOHOROVI" Geophysical Institute (University of Zagreb) and the Croatian Meteorological Society. ALADIN contributions are welcome !

LM Users seminar

The Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD) will be holding a seminar on the design, products and operational use of the NWP model-chain of the DWD in Langen (Germany) from the 30th of May to the 3rd of June 2005. Non-COSMO participants are also welcome.

3rd SRNWP workshop on "Statistical and Dynamical Adaptation"

To be held on June 1-3, 2005, in Vienna (Austria), at the Central Institute for Meteorology and Geodynamics (ZAMG).

As in previous years, presentations on all aspects of statistical and physical/dynamical adaptation in numerical weather prediction are welcome. Contributions about adaptation of EPS products, in particular with regard to extreme events, are particularly welcome.

15th ALADIN workshop "QUO VADIS, ALADIN ?"

To be organized in June 6-10, 2005, in Bratislava (Slovakia), by SHMI (contact points : Maria DERKOVA and Michal MAJEK).

The workshop is intended to review the current status and ongoing developments of mesoscale modelling and to enable the exchange of information and ideas inside the meteorological community. Those can cover wide range of research results in the fields of model dynamics, physics and data assimilation, including ensemble predictions. Contributions focussing on 2-3km target scales will be of particular interest. Presentations on local applications, technical and operational environment, verifications are also welcome. The poster session shall be devoted mainly to the status of your operational applications.

And, most important, this workshop should deliver the next medium-term research plan for ALADIN (2005-2008).

And next ...

- x HIRLAM workshop on mesoscale modelling (physics mainly ?)
September 2005 - Norway

- x 27th EWGLAM & 12th SRNWP meetings
3-6 October, 2005 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

- x SRNWP workshop on non-hydrostatic modelling
31 October - 2 November, 2005 - Bad Orb, Germany

- x 10th Assembly of ALADIN partners
October 21, 2005 - Bratislava, Slovakia

- x HIRLAM-ALADIN working week on variational data assimilation ?
An informal proposal from Per UNDEN ...

- x Next ALADIN-HIRLAM training course
November 2005 ? - Bucarest, Romania
More details in the ALADIN-2 section