



General Assembly

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8d optimizing the planning process

Discussions and suggestions about the annual suite of actions likely to lead to an optimal establishment of the ALADIN work-plan. Links with the 'gliding' of the 4-year plan.

Proposal from PM, CSSI Chair

- **ALADIN Workshop** (April or May). CSSI (with the help of interested LTMs) draws up a list of topics (at least 'short term priorities' and 'actions needing a steady support'), for which there will be a call to contributions in manpower.
- **PAC Session (May or June)**. The list of topics is confirmed or modified and becomes final for the given year.
- **June to September**. Call for contributions, with answers (by LTMs) in terms of topics, volume of effort, priorities, names (when feasible) and short description of the proposed actions in each country. Iteration with PM and CSSI for immediately identified problems (over- or under-staffing, non-matching of the offer to the actual call, ...). Preparation of a draft-version of the 'partial-work-plan'.
- **EWGLAM-SRNWP, early October**. The draft 'partial-work-plan' is discussed and updated and this 'consolidated version' of it becomes the backbone (transversal to the whole Programme) of the foreseen work in the coming year.
- **Bureau (or PAC) Session, October or early November**. One verifies for the last time the match of the plan with the priorities set by last year General Assembly and the spring PAC Session. Meanwhile, the LTMs have the task to complete the work-plan with broad actions, compatible with the 4-year plan and/or with local priorities. Those tasks must be performed without withdrawing manpower away from the commitments made for the 'backbone' part of the plan. The requirements for precision about these tasks is of course less than for the 'transversal' issues.
- **November**. PM and Chair of CSSI verify the 'complementary' output provided by LTMs to avoid misunderstandings and/or duplications. They prepare a synthesis document for the General Assembly (without yet trying to harmonise every aspect).
- **General Assembly (November or December)**. Remaining issues about over- under-staffing (as identified in the synthesis) are discussed and corrections to the plan (in either of the two parts) are brought in. The final version of the work-plan is thus adopted, with the understanding that the commitments concerning the 'backbone part' have priority over the other ones.
- **January-February**. Following the now well established 'offer vs. demand' method, the 'flat-rate-visits' plan is established. Whenever possible, the 'left-overs' of the work-plan with respect to the 4-year plan are privileged.
- **ALADIN Workshop**

GA: make proposals

- ***The General Assembly is invited to debate, modify if needed, and hopefully approve a proposal made for rationalising the calendar of establishment of the work plan. Additionally the General Assembly is invited to suggest how to best harmonise this calendar with the one of the annual 'gliding' of the 4-year plan.***

Basic proposals for the 'system' issue (fyi)

- More IFS/ARPEGE constraints' awareness on the HIRLAM side
- Less frequent 'export-type' interim Cycles, with better QA & more common work on them
- More HIRLAM effort of full Cycles (common with ECMWF)
- Coordination mechanism to implement (a bit alike the IFS ⇔ ARPEGE one)
- Distinction to be made between phasing strategies for differing types of R&D (accounting of time-scales for instance)
- Better knowledge of the HARMONIE system to be acquired by ALADIN people

HIRLAM was invited to react last week during HAC

MoU: idea during the bureau meeting for phasing in with HIRLAM

- The procedure for the common part of the HIRLAM-ALADIN MoU's previously:
 - ALADIN MoU first signed in Bratislava, 21 October 2005
 - *Signing of HIRLAM MoU with the Appended common part between both MoUs*
 - ALADIN re-signing in Brussels, 23 February 2006, confirmation of the common part between both MoUs.
 - Reverse this in 2010?
 - *HIRLAM signs its 'single' MoU at the occasion of a Council besides EUMETNET meeting early November 2010*
 - ALADIN signs on its own G.A., postponed in late December and with the Appendix.
HIRLAM re-signs complete HIRLAM MoU during its next Council after the G A
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(1) Reaction from HAC?