

# Minutes of the ALADIN evening meeting, Bratislava, 13rd of October 1999

The EWGLAM/SRNWP meetings are not only the opportunity to attend good scientific presentations and informal reception or to visit forecast center, castle, downtown and restaurants ... an evening is usually dedicated to an ALADIN meeting. This time it was on Wednesday evening, just after the end of the EWGLAM session (and before another ALADIN meeting ... at the restaurant).

20 people from 9 ALADIN countries were present (nobody from Bulgaria, Morocco, Portugal, Romania and Moldavia could attend). Main discussions were about :

- The scientific program for next year :

A scientific program for next year will be presented to the next Assembly of Partners (the preliminary document is available on [our public ftp](#)).

Among the subjects for 2000, the orphan ones were identified and some of them were attributed to volunteers during this meeting. Others are still free.

- The ALADIN school on high resolution modelling :

This school will be mostly theoretical and will not be organized for the formation of newcomers. Of course, people attending to this school should have then the opportunity to go on working on ALADIN after the school (some of the people trained during the last general purpose training exercise did not work on ALADIN after the school for many many months or years...). Commitments on this subject will be asked to the Directors for the Assembly.

- Common ALADIN verification :

Météo-France have funding for initiating this work on verification with a 2 month stay in Toulouse in 2000. A call for volunteer is hereby announced.

- Maintenance :

The situation is critical with a participation less and less important from some countries, whereas Météo-France's effort is increasing every year. Some promises of some participations were made; hopefully they will be kept ...

The next phasing (March 2000) will be rather a small one with mainly ODB and some cleaning of the code. A more important phasing will begin in October after the EWGLAM meeting.

- Assembly of Partners

A first draft of the agenda of the Assembly was prepared. Since then, it has been completed and proposed (and approved) to/by the participants (see above).

- Next EWGLAM meeting in Toulouse

The 2000 meeting will be in Toulouse and an effort will be made to have at least one participant of each ALADIN countries. The dates of the stays in Toulouse will be chosen in order to offer the opportunity of attending this meeting to the maximum of people (some stays could end just before the meeting and others, such as phasing stays, could begin just after the meeting). This will be a huge organization effort at the same time when the EWGLAM meeting should be prepared ...

The important question of which excursion will be organized during the next meeting was touched during a contradictory debate ... The subject is still open and suggestions are welcome.