

Minutes of the ALADIN evening meeting, Cracow, 11th of October 2001

An ALADIN informal meeting took place in Cracow besides the EWGLAM/SRNWP meetings. 16 ALADINers attended this meeting. Main topics discussed are :

Information about "Projet Meso" at Météo-France

The aim of this project, managed independantly from ARPEGE/ALADIN and GMAP, is to define the main features of the next generation meso-scale NWP model at Météo-France. Since this has short-term (significant code changes, some more modularisation, ...) and long-term implications for ALADIN, partners cannot just only wait.

ALADIN models verification

Up to now only two ALADIN countries produce monthly scores according to the EWGLAM rules. The e-mail list for verification (verifala++at++meteo.fr) has to be updated and .. used for the exchange of the scores. Guidelines for computation of these scores will be sent to each correspondent in this list. Dijana Klaric will be the LACE contact point. She is currently studying how to update the list of stations, which is not covering Slovenia neither Croatia. Patricia Pottier is proposed as the new ALADIN coordinator for verification. The present representatives agree, it will be submitted to an official vote at the next Assembly of Partners.

Statistics of ALADIN participation

Despite the new rules accepted with the signature of the new MoU, very few countries respect deadline and guidelines for the accounting of the ALADIN participation at home. The [http interface](#) will be available until November 4, 2001 to register the participation for the 3rd quarter of 2001. After this deadline, all contributions will be sent to the correspondents for checking/verification/... No repeated call for contributions will be sent and no contribution before this deadline means 0 m.m for this quarter. If it is known that a contact point cannot register before the deadline, as it is the case for Slovakia this quarter, someone should at least tell it to Patricia !

Newsletters

The ALADIN newsletter 20 / ALATNET newsletter 3 will be printed very soon. As usual, it has been a huge work to collect the contributions and to join them for a whole document. Please send text in .txt, .rtf or .html formats and pictures in .gif and .ps and do not wait the 5th call to give your contribution !... The proceedings of the 10th ALADIN workshop are also ready and will be sent simultaneously. [Report from the working groups](#) are already available on the ALADIN website.

Documentation

Using ALATNET funding, Hungary will print ALATNET documentation. Please send to Andras the list of available documents first, then "the ready-to-print" .ps files.

Stays in Toulouse for end of 2001 and 2002

MAE funding for 2001 are still not available. Thus, some stays were delayed or organized on other funding. Taking into account the very late availability of this MAE 2001 funding, we will feel free to use it until summer 2002. Anyway, it will be our last MAE funding (the MAE usually gives these

sorts of funding for beginning project and we celebrated this year the ALADIN 10 years anniversary !...).

Next ALATNET Seminar

It will take place on May 27-31 in Slovenia (near the Croatian border). An announcement will be sent to the ALADIN Partners with guidelines for the topics (Numerical Methods) ; commitments for the attendance to this seminar will be asked.

ALADIN Workshops

Considering the low attendance during the workshops on "Recent and planned operational exploitation of ALADIN model", it is proposed to have only one ALADIN workshop a year : the workshop on "Scientific developments" will be extended with a special session for exchanges with and between the forecasters/users. If the Assembly of Partners agrees, this will start in 2002 with a 3-4 days ALADIN workshop in Zagreb, just after the ALATNET Seminar (3-6 June 2002).

Maintenance

Some questions were asked about the libraries. Please find above Claude's answer :

AL15 is declared in Toulouse since June 2001 and contains all the improvements of the several cycora suites + fullpos new fields and also some drastic code modifications (transform package, merged scan2m). At the date of October, 18th, it is validated for *e001 / fullpos / e501/401/801 hydrostatic and nhs fullpos and e001*. Remaining problems with *screening/3dvar/canari* (validation is still underway), *new approach for screening/3dvar obs handling with odb* (under development), *e501/401 nhs* (bugged), *e601* (bugged).

An export version is planned for end of october, based on AL15.op2 Toulouse version. Some significant namelist changes are also needed in order to run the latest configuration of the physics contained in the `_op2` branch (see mails by jean-francois geleyn, and jean-daniel gril).

Next ALADIN research plan

The current research plan ends at the end of 2001 and a new one has to be discussed at the Next Assembly of Partners. The proposal for the new research plan has to be sent to the Directors (deadline mid-December). It has been decided :

- every team should read BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER the current [ALADIN research plan \(1999-2001\)](#) available on the ALADIN website, the [ALATNET joint programme of work](#) and the [ALATNET 1st progress report](#) (both documents on ALATNET website page) and the [reports from the Toulouse Workshop](#) (on ALADIN website).
- Every team should send by e-mail, before mid-November, its contribution to the new ALADIN research plan (proposals, remarks, noticed problems, ...)
- A small meeting will take place in Toulouse to study all these documents and prepare the plan to be sent to the Directors for validation during the Assembly. All ALATNET countries must be represented to this meeting as they are responsible for the progress of some research topics till 2004. Representatives from at least 2 or 3 other Partners should also attend this meeting, since everyone should feel involved. Some participants could be invited by Météo-France (in case they have no other funding available) BUT, in that case, we must prepare all papers NOW (i.e. before Thursday), including plane tickets,

New climate files

Due to other urgent tasks, the developments on e923 by Dominique have been delayed but are still planned !... A special effort will be done in November on that topic but it would be better to have another specialist of that topic. Volunteers welcome ...