

Minutes GUR annual meeting 2007

25th June 2007 at 17:45

Eurexpo, Lyon (at Novatech conference)

Attendees :

Guido Vaes (Chairman), Thomas Einfalt (Secretary), Leonardo Cisneros, Peter Steen Mikkelsen, Lisbeth Pedersen, Niels Einar Jensen, Raf Bouteligier.

1. Welcome

- The GUR chairman Guido Vaes welcomed the GUR members and guests.

2. Improvement of the minutes of the previous annual GUR meeting in St.-Moritz, December 2006 :

- Concerning the point on the update of the German Engineering guideline for rainfall (VDI 3786), Thomas Einfalt reports that there is a preliminary German version, but is not made public yet. Thomas will contact Ralph Oestreicher for an update on the revision and the possible involvement of GUR members. Thomas will meet the VDI representatives in September.
- No other remarks on the minutes : the minutes were approved.

3. GUR activities or supported by GUR since previous GUR meeting :

- St.-Moritz workshop : The reviewing process of papers for the Atmospheric Research journal should be in progress. Thomas Einfalt will contact Paolo Burlando for a status on it and a possible timing of it.
- Radar rainfall workshop at Novatech : this initiative was cancelled because of too little interest in it. Nevertheless the topic on radar rainfall is important for the GUR and new initiatives on it will follow.
- Reviewing of papers for Novatech by GUR members : different GUR members reviewed papers for the Novatech conference

4. News from the JCUD :

- JCUD Newsletter. The last newsletter of the JCUD was published in February 2007. In this newsletter there is a contribution on the GUR activities of the last year. A link to this newsletter is available on the GUR web.
- Yearly JCUD meeting : the last JCUD meeting took place on Sunday 24th June 2007. Thomas Einfalt attended part of this meeting and reported on the GUR activities. The JCUD agreed on a new mission statement and on new statutes. As soon as these are digitally available in final version, a link will be placed on the GUR web to these documents.
- There is an IWA Specialist Group on Climate Change established : there might be some interactions between this Specialist Group and the GUR. Thomas Einfalt will try to get in contact with them. There is more information available on this Specialist Group on the website of IWA.

5. Other reports:

- European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2007, Vienna, Austria, 15 – 20 April 2007 : non of the attendees of the GUR meeting was at this conference

6. Future activities :

- GUR activities :
 - Radar workshop at ICUD in Edinburgh August-September 2008 : The radar workshop that was planned before the Novatech conference did not attract enough people. This might be because it was too soon after the previous workshop or mainly because this conference was not the proper occasion. The GUR believes that this topic is however interesting enough to have a new try at the ICUD conference in Edinburgh in August 2008. Thomas Einfalt will take contact with the organizers to see what is possible. It is suggested that the title should be changed from “radar rainfall for hydrologists” to “radar rainfall for urban drainage applications”
 - 8th International Workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas, St.-Moritz, December 2009 : The concrete organization of this event still has to be started. Thomas Einfalt will take this up with the organizers at ETH Zurich in order to make a first announcement by August 2008 for the ICUD conference.
- Future conferences of importance :
 - Asia Oceania Geosciences Society annual meeting 2007 in Bangkok, 30 July – 3 August 2007 : www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2007/index.html
 - 33rd conference on radar meteorology from 6 till 10 August 2007 in Cairns, Australia organized by the American Meteorological Society : www.ametsoc.org/meet/fainst/200733radar.html
 - Hydrological Applications of Weather Radar, 10 – 15 March 2008 in Grenoble, France : www.wrah-2008.com/index_us.php : there is a call for contributions till 30 September 2007
 - 11th ICUD, 31 August – 5 September 2008 in Edinburgh, UK: www.11icud.org : The call for papers is open till 1st September 2007
 - Fifth European Conference on Radar in Meteorology and Hydrology, Helsinki, Finland, 30 June - 4 July 2008 : erad2008.fmi.fi : Abstract submission by November 2007
 - NEXRAD Rainfall Data Analysis and Application Track at the World Environmental and Water Resources Congress 13 – 16 May 2008 in Honolulu, Hawaii : content.asce.org/conferences/ewri2008 : abstract submission by 15 September 2007
 - Specialty International conference on Hydrological Applications and Data Analysis of Weather Radar Rainfall, December 2011 or January 2012 in Miami, USA
- Update of members list and website :
 - The members list was updated in spring 2007 by Thomas Einfalt
 - New members are welcome; members can provide a link to their website
 - The website was updated in spring 2007 by Guido Vaes
 - Suggestions for the website are welcome
- Next annual GUR meetings :
 - Annual meeting 2008 : at ICUD Edinburgh, 31 August – 5 September 2008
 - Annual meeting 2009 : at 8th International Workshop on Precipitation in Urban Areas, St.-Moritz, December 2009

7. Any other item

- In 2008 a new chairman and secretary have to be chosen. It will be organized in such a way that the new chairman and secretary are known at the annual meeting in 2008 in Edinburgh and can smoothly take over the tasks. As Guido Vaes has been chairman for 2 terms, he can not be re-elected. Candidates are requested to contact the chairman or the secretary.

8. Constitution and Meeting of the radar work team

- Because of the importance of radar rainfall for future use in urban hydrology it is planned to set up a radar work team as a subgroup under the GUR. This should provide a platform for discussion and create an anchor point for questions related to radar data use in urban hydrology. As there were not many attendees present at the GUR meeting, it was decided to look for another time to start this radar work team. The conference in Grenoble in March 2008 on Hydrological Applications of Weather Radar seems to be a good possibility. Thomas Einfalt will work this out and organize a meeting.