

Annual Report of the European Meteorological Society 2007

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Mission Statement

The European Meteorological Society (EMS) will advance the science, profession and application of meteorology, and of sciences related to it, at the Europe-wide level, for the benefit of the whole population. To this end, EMS will help its Member Societies and Associate Members, individually and collectively, benefit all classes of their membership. In particular, EMS will work to achieve better communication and understanding between individual members of Member Societies and Associate Members.

EMS shall be a non-profit-making organization, operating always under its Constitution approved at a General Assembly by its Member Societies, and arrange its activities economically, with the public good in mind.



Introduction and Highlights

ast year was undoubtedly dominated by the EMS Annual Meeting and the European Conference on Applications of Meteorology (ECAM) that were held concurrently in Spain in October, with the Instituto Nacional de Meteorología acting as the local host. These were immensely fruitful meetings in many respects, foremost because it provided ample opportunities for discussions across communities, through plenary sessions, working group meetings and other formal and informal sessions. The opportunity for side meetings was taken up throughout the entire week as never before; undoubtedly, the meteorological community has created a meeting place that is attractive for many partners and institutions.

The EMS is still growing and at the 9th General Assembly, held in September 2007 in San Lorenzo de El Escorial, the Azeraeronavigation Enterprise, Baku, was welcomed as a new Associate Member. At the end of 2007, the EMS had 35 Member Societies and 28 Associate Members.

After eight years the EMS has developed into an organization which provides opportunities for communication and networking mainly through the EMS Annual Meeting. However, to increase the benefit of the society for the individual national members and the community as a whole, more emphasis has been put on the promotion of best practice and contributions to the development of environmental policies in Europe. A strategic implementation plan is being developed outlining the main activities for the near future which should be undertaken to satisfy the EMS strategic goals and to achieve its objectives. The aim is to establish the EMS as a valued and useful partner for international organizations along with effective involvement of the individuals in the community.

Central to the achievement of the objectives is the establishment of transparent information policy. At the heart of this is the EMS Website which was re-launched in the summer of 2007. The website has a discussion forum to provide direct contact so every voice "can be heard". It provides a platform to promote best practice in communication, education and other fields of activity. I hope that this opportunity for a fruitful exchange of ideas will be taken up by the entire community.

In summary, the EMS is maturing, it is becoming more professional and it is having a positive impact on European Meteorology, but more has to be achieved in order to provide better support for its members.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the EMS partners for their support and collaboration and to express my thanks to all those individuals who have contributed to the development of EMS.

David Burridge, EMS President

Seventh Annual Meeting of the EMS, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain

The highlight of the activities of the EMS is the Annual Meeting which is normally organized in collaboration with partners. The Seventh Annual Meeting of the EMS took place from 1 to 5 October 2007 in the beautiful setting of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, located in the mountains that lie northwest of Madrid. It was organised in partnership with the Instituto National de Meteorología (INM), the leading institution of the European Conference on Applications of Meteorology (ECAM). The conference was steered by a Programme Committee, under the leadership of the EMS President, David Burridge, and the Director of the Instituto National de Meteorología, Francisco Cadarso.

Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony was held on the impressive premises of the Centro Universitario Maria Christina, associated with the monastry of San Lorenzo, the centre of life in the town. Not even the rain that started as expected with the opening of the conference could diminish the good humour of participants.

After the publication of the IPCC report in February 2007 the question of how to mitigate and adapt to climate change has become a central issue for all societies. This was reflected in the theme of the meetings – High Impact Weather. High quality lectures that were given by John Zillman (former President of WMO), Filippo Giorgi, (Vice Chair IPCC Working Group I), Michel Jarraud (WMO Secretary-General), Dominique Marbouty (Director of ECMWF) and Alain Ratier (Deputy Director Météo-France), all focussed on this theme, providing different aspects. Awards for Young Scientists were also presented during the opening session.

Conference programme

The programme was expanded compared to earlier years and was organised in five broad themes involving 27 oral sessions and as many poster sessions. The programme groups were:

- Applications of meteorology
- Forecasting the weather from one day to one year ahead.
- ◆ Atmosphere and the water cycle.
- Climatology (under the auspices of the EUMETNET programme ECSN).
- Meteorology and society.

A considerable number of these sessions were organised by COST Actions, or originated from former COST Action meetings at earlier EMS Annual Meetings.

Highlights of the programme – if they can be singled out at all, because there were many – were the plenary discussions in the middle of the week which considered the use of satellite data for the observation and prediction of weather and climate. The discussion was chaired by the Director of EUMETSAT, Lars Prahm, with contributions from Christophe Accadia (EUMETSAT), Paul Ingman (ESA), Jean-Noël Thépaut (ECMWF) and Mikko Strahlendorff (GMES Bureau).

There was an afternoon session reserved for a discussion on "Strategies for the future of meteorology in Europe – how to further exploit meteorology for the benefit of society in the 21st century". After short initial statements by representatives of different players in the meteorological community, there was a lively discussion that was driven by contributions, comments and questions of the audience.

About 550 participants came to San Lorenzo de El Escorial. With 650 abstracts submitted, the conference encompassed about 380 oral and 270 poster presentations. Due to the large number of posters, the poster presentations had to be split into two parts: the first one taking place from Monday to Wednesday, and the second one from Thursday to Friday.

Meeting place: networking, side meetings and exhibition

Many interest groups used the opportunity to hold working group sessions, management meetings and informal discussions alongside the conference, and to foster these activities additional rooms were provided within the conference venue. Among these groups were various Actions of the COST Programme, holding expert and working group meetings. This is gratifying as it highlights that the Annual Meetings have become established as a forum and meeting place for the meteorological community in Europe.

Opportunities for exhibitors were provided in the central area of the conference centre and 13 exhibitors took up this opportunity, among them manufacturers, publishers, a national weather service and COST. All exhibitors were satisfied with the interest of conference participants and the number of people visiting their booths.

There were a variety of opportunities for networking, and many participants have expressed their satisfaction with these arrangements. In addition social events like the "ice breaker" reception and the conference dinner have contributed to further exchanges and discussions.

Publications

As in the previous year, publication of conference papers in the newly established online journal Advances in Science and Research has been offered to participants, with session convenors acting as guest editors of the Journal. Five sessions have taken up this opportunity. The published papers have become available at:

http://www.adv-sci-res.net/topical_library.html.

Conference papers of the 6th EMS Annual Meeting and ECAC 2006 are accessible at:

http://www.adv-sci-res.net/1/index.html.

The conference programme and abstracts continue to be accessible through the conference web site at:

http://meetings.copernicus.org/ems2007

Presentations of the conference are available from the EMS Internet site at:

http://www.emetsoc.org/annual_meetings/ presentations_2007.php

Awards and Prizes

The European Meteorological Society made the following Awards in 2007.

Young Scientist Travel Awards

EMS provided Young Scientist Travel Awards for six conferences and seminars. These have supported young scientists from seven countries: Croatia (1), Finland (1), Germany (4), Hungary (4); Iceland (1), Serbia (1), UK (1).

Kipp& Zonen Young Scientist Award for Boundary Layer Meteorology

Ivan Mammarella, Finnish Meteorological Institute, Helsinki, Finland.

The EMS Broadcast Meteorologist Award

José Anotonio Maldonado, Madrid, Spain.

The EMS Best TV Weather Forecast Trophy Award

Francis Wilson, United Kingdom.

	Ana Cirisan Faculty of Agriculture, University of Novi Sad, Serbia.
Seventh EMS Annual Meeting and Eighth ECAM, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain, October 2007 <i>Five awards were made.</i>	Edit Hagel Hungarian Meteorological Service OMSZ, Budapest, Hungary.
	Ioana Colfescu National Meteorological Administration, Bucharest, Romania.
	Agota Juhasz Department of Soil and Water Management, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary.
	Csilla Vince Department of Meteorology, Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary.
2007 ESA ENVISAT Symposium, 23–27 April 2007, Montreux, Switzerland	Jadunandan Dash School of Geography, University of Southampton, United Kingdom.
6 th International Conference on Urban Air Quality, 27–29 March 2007, Limassol, Cyprus	Aynul Bari Institute of Process Engineering and Power Plant Technology (IVD), Universität Stuttgart, Germany.
	Christof Gromke Institute of Hydromechanics, University of Karlsruhe, Germany.
29 th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology (ICAM2007), 4–8 June 2007, Chambéry, France	Kristian Horvath Meteorological and Hydroloigical Service, Zagreb, Croatia.
	Teitur Arason University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland.
EMS Annual Seminar, 3–7 September 2007, Reading, UK	Reima Eeresmaa Finnish Meteorological Institute, Helsinki, Finland.
4 th European Conference on Severe MeteStorms (ECSS), 10–14 September 2007, Trieste, Italy	Lisa Schielicke Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.
	Christoph Gatzen MC Wetter GmbH, Berlin, Germany.

Awards Committee

Chair: Dario Giaiotti (UMFVG, Italy) from 1 October 2007 Werner Wehry (DMG, Germany) until 30 September 2007

The Awards Committee continued to:

- prepare announcements of Young Scientist Travel Awards (YSTA) and Young Scientist Awards (YSA) in collaboration with the respective conference organisers;
- review applications and decide on awardees;
- prepare proposals on future conference awards as basis for Council decisions;
- prepare papers on the EMS awards policy. Based on a decision of the 17th Council Meeting the Terms of Reference for an EMS Silver Medal to acknowl-

edge distinguished contributions to the development of meteorology in Europe have been developed. The Silver

Medal Award will be given for the first time in 2008, and presented at the EMS Annual Meeting.

The threshold for the age of eligible candidates for the YSTA and YSA has been increased to 35 years to account for late careers and maternity/paternity leave.

Membership of Awards Committee:

Dario Giaiotti (Chair, UMFVG, Italy) Sarah Jones (DMG, Germany) Johannes Schmetz (EUMETSAT) Jan Bednar (ČMeS, Czech Republic) Hans Richner (SGM, Switzerland)

Publications Committee

Chair: Bob Riddaway (RMetS, United Kingdom)

The aim of the Committee is to recommend publication best practices and developments for the consideration of the EMS Council. Also the Committee will pay attention to publications and practices already existing in Member Societies and other organisations in order to coordinate the development of an EMS policy aimed at facilitating the generation and distribution of scientific and technical information to a wide range of audiences.

Re-launch of EMS web page and Newsletter

The EMS web page has been re-launched in August 2007. It now includes a discussion forum, to provide for a more direct involvement of individual members in the discussion processes and development of the EMS, and serves to disseminate information to the Member societies and individuals. This implied that the function of the traditional EMS Newsletter is covered for most issues by this Internet presence. The EMS Newsletter now appears once a year and contains the EMS Annual Report.

Publications

As reported in 2006, a concept for the publication of conference papers of the EMS Annual Meeting was developed, and publication in the newly established online journal "Advances in Science and Research" offered to participants, with session convenors acting as guest editors of the journal. Papers of the Sixth EMS Annual Meeting are now published at:

http://www.adv-sci-res.net/1/index.html,

and conference papers of the Seventh EMS Annual Meeting and Eighth European Conference on Applications of Meteorology are available at:

http://www.adv-sci-res.net/topical library.html.

Theses papers are published as soon as they are accepted. and are Open Access, available to all interested readers free of charge.

Membership of Publications Committee

Bob Riddaway (Chair, RMetS, UK) Raino Heino (GS, Finland) Martina Junge (EMS Executive Secretary)

Education Committee

Chair: Tomáš Halenka (ČMeS, Czech Republic)

The aims of the Committee are to:

- define objectives and lines of action dealing with education in meteorology and related sciences in Europe;
- identify relevant bodies, individuals and programmes where meteorological education or a dialogue on meteorology or its applications could occur;
- establish regular contacts with organizers of various European national education projects on meteorology and allied scientific subjects.

European catalogue of training opportunities in Europe – ECTOM2

The database for European catalogue of training opportunities in Europe is now available at:

http://meop0.troja.mff.cuni.cz/ectom.

The Bologna declaration aims to achieve compatibility between the systems and levels in individual countries. Therefore, when students are considering transferring between countries, it is useful to provide information about educational opportunities in a centralised and consistent form, but validated on a national level. In the case of meteorology and climatology, this can be reasonably done via the EMS by means of individual National Meteorological Societies and their guidance. The issue now is to fill the database, make it publicly available and promote its existence.

Collaboration

Collaboration with the ACCENT Project (FP6 Network of Excellence on the composition of the atmosphere that also considers educational aspects) was intensified. The Chair of the EMS Education Committee attended the ACCENT Symposium and presented the work of the EMS Education Committee.

Involvement in conferences

The main focus of the activities concerned the organisation of the Educational Session during the Seventh EMS Annual Meeting. This provided the opportunity for exchange of experience and information on the role of meteorology in science education and on possibilities and advances in education in atmospheric sciences. In particular the focus was on computer aided learning, web-based courses and additional resources; these contemporary problems and tasks are now becoming the focus of the committee's interests. The session was also used to intensify contacts with EU projects with an educational component.

The EWOC (Education: Weather, Oceans, Climate) meeting 2009 is will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, 6–10 July 2009. EMS is co-organising this conference, with the Chair of the Education Committee co-chairing the Conference Committee.

Membership of Education Committee

Tomáš Halenka (Chair, ČMeS, Czech Republic) Agueda Benito Capa (AME, Spain) Marina Grcic (HMD, Croatia) Pal Kirkeby (FM, Norway) Lucka Kajfez-Bogataj (SMD, Slovenia) Carlos Alberto Leitão Pires (APMG, Portugal) Margarida L.R. Liberato (APMG, Portugal) Ross Reynolds (RMetS, UK) Adamantia Vlassi (HNM, Greece) Jon Wieringa (Honorary Vice Chair, NVBM, The Netherlands)

Media Committee

Chair: Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia), Co-chair: Gerald Fleming (IMS, Ireland)

The aims of Media Committee are to:

- investigate the way presentations have an impact on the public;
- serve as a forum for experience exchange between meteorologists working in media in different countries;
- co-operate with weather presenter members of the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the International Association of Broadcast Meteorologists (IABM), the WMO expert team and the International Weather Forum (IWF);
- harmonize (future) accreditation protocols (or seals of approval) in European countries together with the Accreditation Committee.

Annual Meeting Media Session

The main activity of the Media Committee, and in particular the Chair of the Committee, has been to prepare the Media Session at the Seventh EMS Annual Meeting. It attracted a large audience and was attended by the local press agencies; these activities resulted in a wide coverage of the EMS Annual Meeting and ECAM in the Spanish Media. The media session during the EMS Annual Meeting remains the main platform for members of the Media Committee to meet and discuss plans for future activities.

Publications

DVDs featuring the presentations and the ensuing round table discussion of the Media Session from the 2006 EMS Annual Meeting have been distributed to many collaborators and organizations. Also DVDs of the 2007 Media Session were prepared for distribution at conferences that deal with communication of climate change science to the non-scientists.

Media Awards

In 2007 two new Media Awards were established:

- EMS Broadcast Meteorologist Award, honouring the lifetime achievement of an outstanding broadcast meteorologist.
- TV Weather Forecast Award presented to an individual to acknowledge best practice in communication of meteorology. The Award is presented in the form of a Trophy.

Membership of Media Committee

Tanja Cegnar (Chair, SMD, Slovenia) Gerald Fleming (Co-Chair, IMS, Ireland) Bernhard Kletter (ÖGM, Austria) Zoran Vakula (HMD, Croatia) Raino Heino (GS, Finland) Panagiotis Nastos (HMS, Greece) Jean-Christophe Vincendon (Météo-France) Inge Niedek (DMG, Germany) Karoly Vissy (MMT, Hungary) Anna Maria Siani (UNIMET, Italy) John Bernard (NVBM, The Netherlands) Ernest Rudel (ZAMG, Austria) Alex Rubli (SGM, Switzerland) Francis Wilson (RMetS, UK) Biljana Vranes (MDS, Serbia) Rasmus Benestad (FM, Norway)

Accreditation Committee

Chair: Howard Lyne (RMetS, United Kingdom)

The work and communication of the Accreditation Committee in 2007 was carried out by e-mail contact. The goals of the Accreditation Committee are to:

- make recommendations to Member Societies of good practice in running Accreditation Schemes and how they may be introduced;
- make recommendations to Member Societies on Codes of Good Practice and Ethical Behaviour of professional meteorologists;
- recommend how such Accreditation Schemes and Codes of Good Practice followed by meteorologists of any Member Society, or Associate Member with its headquarters in Europe, may be recognised in any or all European countries.

As there is no unified position with regard to accreditation on the national level, any developments will take time. The Royal Meteorological Society of the United Kingdom has a Chartered Meteorologist scheme which is now recognised in all member states of the EU through the appropriate European Directive. Also the German Meteorological Society has a similar scheme, and another which certifies companies rather than individuals.

Activities

Revised mission/goals and terms of reference of the Committee were agreed and presented for consideration at the 16th EMS Council meeting. Following discussion of these at the meeting, an action was placed on the Chairman of the Accreditation Committee to prepare a summary of the activities of the Committee since its establishment. This was presented to the 17th meeting of EMS Council and helped to inform the work of the Strategy Implementation Group (SIG).

A draft text for the Accreditation Committee web page was prepared and submitted.

Membership of Accreditation Committee

Howard Lyne (Chair, RMetS, United Kingdom) Sergio Barbosa (APMG, Portugal) Christophe Billard (SMF, France) Magne Lystad (FM, Norway) Marcello Pagliari (UNIMET, Italy) Manuel Palomares (INM, Spain) Heleen ter Pelkwijk (NVBM, Netherlands) Dragan Radovanovic (MDS, Serbia) Peter Rauh (SGM, Switzerland) Clemens Simmer (DMG, Germany) Sonja Vidic (HMD, Croatia) Mark Žagar (SMD, Slovenia)

Strategy Implementation

t its 16th session in Belgrade (April 2007), the EMS Council established a new Strategy Implementation Group. This Group convened in June 2007 and developed a Strategy Implementation Plan that was discussed at the 17th Council Session (September 2007). The Plan will be submitted for final decision and implementation to the 19th Council Session.

Intentions

Currently, the main focus of the EMS is to encourage and support scientific exchange within the European context. This includes explaining the specific characteristics of the meteorological science and the challenge in interpreting the results and communicating them to the general public, politicians and decision makers.

Objectives

Based on current practice and after reviewing the existing objectives it is proposed that the EMS should have the following five objectives.

- (a) To contribute to the advancement of the meteorological sciences.
- (b) To promote best practice and to assist the development of applications of meteorology for the benefit of the public and economic activity.
- (c) To promote public understanding and the appreciation of meteorology.
- (d) To provide advice on and contribute to the development of environmental policies in Europe.
- (e) To help all Members in the development of their activities and to foster co-operation between them.

A plan how to achieve these objectives includes the following main activities

- (a) Re-establishing the Meetings Committee.
- (b) Establishing of Communications Project Team that will replace the existing Publications Committee, in order to improve ways of sharing information within the European meteorological community and to foster a dialogue on issues important to that community.
- (c) Establishing an Education Project Team that will continue the work of the current Education Committee.
- (d) Having the Media Committee narrow its mission to focus on activities which could be implemented on a flexible project-by-project basis.
- (e) Establishing a Policy Advisory and Development Group (PADG) to provide advice to Council on how best to further the objectives of the Society. The PADG should subsume the role of the Current Committee on Accreditation.

The next steps

The 19th Session of the EMS Council (September 2008) will approve the proposed plan and identify the priority activities for the next year for each of the project teams to meet the objectives identified.

Membership of Strategy Implementation Group

David Burridge (Chair, EMS President) Claude Pastre (New Member of Council) Rasmus Benestad (Past Member of Council) Mikko Alestalo (FMI, Finland) **Chairs of two EMS Committees:**

- Chairs of two EMS Committee
- Bob Riddaway (Publications)
- Howard Lyne (Accreditation)

Finance

The financial situation of the EMS has improved with the accounts being in a much healthier position by the end of 2007. The settlement of the seventh EMS Annual Meeting and eighth European Conference on Applications of Meteorology 2007 in San Lorenzo de El Escorial could not be completed until 31 December 2007.

All financial figures are given in Euro.

Summary Statement of Financial activities for the Year 2007 as of 31 December 2007

Carried forward from 2006	44 944.29
INCOME	
Membership Fees	23 293.36
Associate Membership Fees	37 835.70
Annual Meeting	30 905.52
Total	92 034.58

The funds available will be used to increase the number and amounts of the prizes awarded by the EMS, such as the new EMS Silver Medal, and fund the priority activities and projects identified in Strategy Implementation Plan.

The financial accounts have been audited on 8 April 2008 by the auditor appointed by the EMS General Assembly 2007. His report will be submitted to the EMS General Assembly 2008 (Amsterdam, 28 September 2008).

Auditor: Frank Lucas Archivstr. 3a 14195 Berlin-Dahlem Germany

EXPENDITURE	
Salary Secretary	29 354.88
Tax and social/health insurance	26 843.28
Banking charges	120.80
Travelling	8 601.43
Office costs	1 940.55
Honoraries, Fees	1 380.35
Awards	4 200.00
Printing publications	677.74
EMS Website development and hosting	2 398.97
Committees	1 460.68
Other Expenditure	29.71
Total	77 008.39
INCOME – EXPENDITURE 2007	15 026.19
Account balance on 31 December 2007	59 970.48
Arrears	
Income Membership Fees 2007	628.74
Additional anticipated Income	
Income Annual Meeting 2007	45 328.80

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EMS Membership

The EMS has 35 Member Societies:

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Andorra	Asociació de Meteorología i Ciences de
	l'Atmosfera d'Andorra
Austria	Österreichische Gesellschaft für
	Meteorologie
Belgium	Société Royale Belge d'Astronomie, de
U	Météorologie et de Physique du Globe
Bulgaria	Aviometeorological Club of Bulgaria
Croatia	Hrvatsko Meteorolosko Drustvo
Cyprus	Cyprus Meteorological Association
Czech Rep.	Ceska Meteorologicka Spolecnost
Denmark	Dansk Meteorologisk Selskab
Finland	Geofyysikkojen liitto
	Geofysiikan Seura
France	Société météorologique de France
FYROM	Meteo Mak
Germany	Deutsche Meteorologische Gesellschaft
Greece	Elliniki Meteorologiki Etaireia
Hungary	Magyar Meteorológiai Társaság
Iceland	Félag Íslenskra Veðurfræðinga
Ireland	Irish Meteorological Society
Italy	Societá Italiana di Meteorologia Applicata
Itury	Societá Meteorologica Italiana
	Associazione Italiana die AgroMeteorologia
	Associazione Geofisica Italiana
	Unione Meteorologica del Friuli Venezia
	Giulia
Netherlands	Nederlandse Vereniging voor Beroeps
iveneriunus	Meteorologen
Norway	Forskerforbundets meteorologiforening
Poland	Polskie Towarzystwo Geofizyczne –
rolullu	Meteorological Section
Portugal	Associação Portuguesa de Meteorologia e
rontugui	Geofisica
Romania	Societatea Meteorologica Romana
Serbia	Meteorolosko drustvo Srbije
Slovakia	Slovensko Meteorolosko Drustvo
Slovenia	Slovenska Meteorologicka Spolocnost
Spain	Asociación Meteorologica Española
~P	Asociación Española de Biometeología
Sweden	Svenska Meteorologiska Sällskapet
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United	Royal Meteorological Society
Kingdom	i coja motorological boolety
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The EMS has 27 Associate Members:

International organizations

- ◆ ECMWF (Reading, United Kingdom)
- ◆ ESA (Paris, France)
- EUMETSAT (Darmstadt, Germany).

National and Regional Meteorological Services

- Czech Hydrometeorological Institute (CHI, Czech Republic)
- ◆ Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD, Germany)
- Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI, Finland)
- ◆ Hungarian Meteorological Service (OMSZ, Hungary)
- Instituto Nacional de Meteorología (INM, Spain)
- Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut (KNMI, The Netherlands)
- ◆ Météo-France (France)
- ◆ Met Office (United Kingdom)
- ◆ MeteoSwiss (Switzerland)
- National Meteorological Administration (NMA, Romania)
- Regional Meteorological Observatory of ARPA Friuli Venezia Giulia (OSMER, Italy)
- Royal Meteorological Institute (RMI, Belgium)
- Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI, Sweden)
- Zentralanstalt f
 ür Meteorologie und Geodynamik (ZAMG, Austria)

Companies

- Azerbaijan Aeronavigations (Baku, Azerbajan)
- ◆ Campbell Scientific (Loughborough, United Kingdom)
- Degréane Horizon SAS (Cuers, France)
- ◆ Meteo Consult B.V. (Wageningen, The Netherlands)
- ◆ MODEM (Chevannes, France)
- ◆ Saab Aerotech (Arboga, Sweden)
- Selex Systemi Integrati GmbH Gematronik (Neuss, Germany)
- ◆ VAISALA (Helsinki, Finland)
- ◆ VCS Engineering (Bochum, Germany)
- Weathernews (WNI, London, United Kingdom)

Membership of Council and Committees

Council Officers

President: David M Burridge

From 2 September 2006: Vice-Presidents: Tomáš Halenka, Raino Heino, Werner Wehry Treasurer: Tomáš Halenka

From 30 September 2007: Vice-Presidents: Gerhard Steinhorst, Raino Heino Treasurer: Gerhard Steinhorst

Permanent Members of Council

Deutsche Meteorologische Gesellschaft: Werner Wehry (*until 30 September 2007*) Gerhard Steinhorst (*from 30 September 2007*) Société Météorologique France: Claude Pastre Royal Meteorological Society: David M. Burridge

Accreditation Committee

Chair: Howard Lyne (RMetS)

Awards Committee

Chair: Dario Giaiotti (UMFVG, Italy) (Werner Wehry, DMG, Germany, *until 30 September 2007*)

Education Committee

Chair: Tomáš Halenka (ČMeS, Czech Republic)

Rotating Members of Council

(elected every two years)

Autumn 2006 – Autumn 2007

Vittorio Marletto (AIAM for UNIMET, Italy) Tomáš Halenka (ČMeS, Czech Republic) Raino Heino (GS, Finland) Vesna Petković (MDS, Serbia) Heleen ter Pelkwijk (NVBM, The Netherlands) Manuel P. Rosa Dias (APMG, Portugal)

Autumn 2007 – Autumn 2008

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Media Committee

Chair: Tanja Cegnar (SMD, Slovenia) **Vice Chair**: Gerald Fleming (Met Éireann, Ireland)

Meetings Committee

Chair (acting): David Burridge (RMetS, UK)

Publications Committee

Chair: Bob Riddaway (RMetS, UK)

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