

**AGU Precipitation Committee Meeting**  
2001 Fall Meeting, San Francisco  
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**Participants**

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**AGU Meeting Planning**

*2002 Spring Meeting (Washington DC)*

The following special sessions will be sponsored by the Precipitation Committee:

- Remote Sensing of Precipitation POSTERS (Matthias Steiner and Eyal Amitai)
- GPM and Hydrology (Matthias Steiner and Eric Wood)
- Water Cycle Science (tentative title) (Rick Lawford and others)

The first two sessions are listed on the committee web page (<http://www.iuhr.uiowa.edu/~precip/>).

The third will be posted when it becomes available.

The committee will co-sponsor a session from the Surface Water Committee:

- Predictability in Hydrometeorology

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Praveen Kumar has proposed a session on “Interannual Variability of the Hydrologic Cycle,” which could be co-sponsored by the Atmospheric Sciences section and the Nonlinear Geophysics committee.

The committee would like to sponsor a session on “Modeling and Observations of Precipitation”. Sessions on the same theme have been sponsored at past Fall Meetings. A recurring session on this topic should be considered for future Fall Meetings.

Another topic that may be relevant for a Fall Meeting is on “Orographic and Mountain Precipitation”. A session on this topic should be discussed.

The early deadline for 2002 Fall Meeting special session descriptions is April 2002.

*2003 Spring Meeting (Joint with EGS in Nice, France)*

The planning process is different for this joint meeting with EGS. A list of proposed session topics should be sent to Roger Beckie ([rbeckie@eos.ubc.ca](mailto:rbeckie@eos.ubc.ca)), Hydrology Section Program Chair. The deadline for this list is mid-January 2002. Please take a look at the EGS web site (<http://www.copernicus.org/EGS/EGS.html>) to learn more about EGS meetings, upcoming sessions for their 2002 meeting, and the planning process for the 2003 joint meeting.

The committee will recommend sessions on the *Global and Continental Water Cycle*. This theme could also expand to include water-carbon linkages. Contributions should be solicited on work related to LBA, Boreas, Baltex, Euroflux, Ameriflux, etc.

Other suggestions should be forwarded to Matthias Steiner ([msteiner@radap.princeton.edu](mailto:msteiner@radap.princeton.edu)) as soon as possible.

## **Precipitation-Related Conferences**

The committee discussed AGU co-sponsorship of the GAPP Conference on Water and Climate in the Mississippi River Basin (13-17 May 2002). The committee agreed that this conference should receive co-sponsorship from AGU. The Hydrology Section President (Ken Potter) has been contacted to help gain approval for co-sponsorship from AGU.

## **Committee Membership**

The committee discussed the terms and expectations of members of the committee. Active participation in organizing the committee's activities was suggested as the criteria for committee membership.

The following recommendations were made:

- The membership list for the committee should be reviewed. An update of the list is needed to reflect the currently active membership.
- The committee should discuss future membership at all committee meetings.
- The committee should seek to identify new members at each AGU meeting — especially younger colleagues, who may not be familiar with the AGU's Technical Committee structure — and invite them to attend our meetings.
- The committee should seek to maintain a membership that represents the broad range of expertise and organizational affiliations of AGU members involved in precipitation research.

## **Committee Activities**

The activities of the committee were discussed. Clearly, a primary goal of the committee is to help in organizing special sessions at AGU meetings. Other broader goals of the committee need to be better defined at future committee meetings.

Committee activities to be considered (some of which have been carried out in the past) include:

- Statements on research needs (white papers) — is this a relevant process for the committee?
- Functioning of journals — are the AGU journals meeting the needs of the precipitation community?
- Chapman conference — are specialized conferences on precipitation and related topics needed?
- Involvement in initiatives — how should the committee interact with ongoing initiatives (CUAHSI, etc.)?
- Support of precipitation research and activities — can the committee identify and maintain linkages to related conferences on precipitation, hydrometeorological field experiments and programs, and data sets, on its web site?