

***AGU Precipitation Committee Meeting***  
2002 Fall Meeting, San Francisco  
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**Participants**

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**AGU Meeting Planning**

*2003 EGS-AGU-EUG Joint Meeting (Nice, France)*

The deadline for special sessions for the joint meeting has past. The final list of sessions related to precipitation was reviewed.

AGU is not scheduling meetings for section committees at the joint meeting (lack of rooms available for small meetings).

*2003 Fall Meeting (San Francisco)*

Since there will be no formal Precipitation Committee meeting this Spring, planning for the Fall Meeting will need to be accomplished by email. The deadline for submitting approved special session descriptions to the Hydrology Fall Meeting Program Chair is early June 2003.

Topics for special sessions were discussed for the Fall Meeting. Possible topics for precipitation sessions are:

- Global Precipitation Mission
- Warm Season Precipitation

Sessions that the committee might wish to co-sponsor with other Technical Committee are:

- Prediction in Ungaged Basins (PUB)
- Hydrology in the West

A session on “Ensemble Prediction Systems,” joint with Atmospheric Sciences, Nonlinear Systems, and other Hydrology Technical Committees, was proposed. Several people were identified as possible conveners. Allen Bradley will talk to these individuals to try to arrange such a session.

*2004 AGU Spring Meeting (Montreal)*

A session on the “Global Water Cycle” was proposed. Rick Lawford will help in convening the session.

The early deadline for 2004 Spring Meeting special session descriptions is October 2003.

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

*Other Upcoming Meetings*

Hydrofactals '03, 24-29 August 2003, Centro Stefano Franscini, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland ([http://www.iahr.org/newsweb/files/HF03\\_Flyer\\_FinalDraft.pdf](http://www.iahr.org/newsweb/files/HF03_Flyer_FinalDraft.pdf))

Next International Precipitation Conference?

## **Discussion Topics**

Several items from the Hydrology Section Technical Chairs meeting were discussed by the committee:

- The recent rise in costs for institutional journal subscriptions was discussed. There are significant concerns that institutions will cancel subscriptions, making AGU inaccessible to researchers and students.
- The relative mix of oral and poster sessions at the Fall Meeting was discussed. Fewer than 20% of the presentations are oral, and the percentage will continue to decrease. Many expressed the feeling that AGU should make additional efforts to secure access to unused rooms at the Moscone Center for oral sessions.
- Due to the limited slots available for oral sessions at the Fall Meeting, the number of abstracts submitted to a session determines whether the session will be poster-only, or also an oral session. However, many in the Hydrology Section are concerned that some focused sessions on new or emerging topics may not get a lot of contributions, but would make better oral sessions. To create a better program that serves the needs of the section, the Technical Committees may need to provide prioritize special sessions that wish to have an oral session for the Program Chair.
- Session conveners need to be aware that one of their responsibilities is to find judges for the student presentations in their session.