

Precipitation Committee Meeting

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AGU Meeting Planning

2006 Spring Meeting (Baltimore)

The following special sessions were reviewed:

- Remote Sensing of Precipitation (POSTER ONLY)
Conveners: Jeffrey McCollum, Matthias Steiner, Eyal Amitai, and Hongjie Xie
- Aerosols, Pollution, and Urbanization Effects on Precipitation
Conveners: Thomas L. Bell and Marshall Shepherd
- Flood Forecasting
Conveners: Yang Hong
- Ensemble and Probabilistic Estimation and Forecasting of Precipitation for Hydrologic Prediction
Conveners: Dong-Jun Seo and Zoltan Toth (and Allen Bradley?)

The deadline for submitting abstracts is March 1.

2006 Fall Meeting (San Francisco)

The following topics were discussed as potential special sessions:

- Coordinated Enhanced Observing Period (CEOP)
Conveners: John Roads and Ana Nunes

Potential conveners need to be identified and contacted.

General Discussion Topics

Conferences

The following meetings were pointed out:

- NASA PMM meeting: December 12-15, 2005
Precipitation Measurement Missions (PMM): NASA Precipitation Measurement Missions (PMM) Science Team Meeting. The meeting will be focused on review of PMM Team research and planning of future science activities for PMM (TRMM and GPM). Organizers: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Dr. Robert Adler, Dr. Arthur Hou, Mr. Richard Lawrence, NASA Headquarters, Dr. Ramesh Kakar.
http://www.infonetic.com/tis_conferences/pmm/
- CEOP/IGWCO Workshop in late February, early March (2006) in Paris: The workshop will deal with a number of water cycle topics including a session (but not the entire workshop) on the intercomparison of high resolution precipitation products.
- Western Pacific Geophysics Meeting: 24-27 July, Beijing, China.
<http://www.agu.org/meetings/wp06/>
- 3rd IPWG Workshop: 23-27 October, 2006; Abstracts Due: 21 July 2006. Bureau of Meteorology, Melbourne, Australia. Topics: All areas of quantitative precipitation measurements. Of particular interest:
 - a. International projects, current and future missions
 - b. Satellite-based rainfall estimation techniques
 - c. Precipitation assessment
 - d. Research activities
 - e. Validation efforts
- International Workshop on Hydrometeorological and Hydrologic Ensemble Prediction, 19-22 July 2005 in Boulder, Colorado. Details may be found at the following website:
<http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/events/hepex05/index.html>.

Precipitation Committee

- Jeff McCollum assumes chair responsibilities spring 2006.
- It was noted that new members, especially younger colleagues, have been added to the committee, providing opportunities for people to get actively involved in the AGU meetings organization. At the same time, inactive members have retired from the committee. It was deemed

important that the committee membership should convene sessions at spring and/or fall meetings, but that it shouldn't be a requirement for initial membership on the committee.

- A request for nominations for deputy chair was made.

Old/new business; additional issues

- It was suggested that the committee should be more active in facilitating hydrology section and union awards.
- It was deemed worthy trying to dig out, revisit and update the previous statement composed by this committee approximately two decades ago (published in EOS in the mid 80s). Possible holders of the previous statement were identified.