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+33.5.61.07.98.38**▲ EUFAR FP7 News**

EUFAR FP7 Grant Agreement has been signed by the EC. The Forms A have been sent to all the partners for signature.

▲ Welcome to the new EUFAR Office members

The EUFAR office has hired 5 more employees in the first quarter of 2009:

- ▶ **Marion Ciaïas as web developer/webmaster for the N8-EC activities.**

She is in charge of administrating the web site and associated databases, maintaining the EUFAR website and developing new tools for the EUFAR community.



- ▶ **Matt Freer as "standards and protocols" engineer for the N6-SP activities.**

He is responsible for programming a data analysis software and developing protocols for data acquisition and exchange between instruments on board an aircraft, between the aircraft and the ground, via satellite data link and between operators and users of the data.



- ▶ **Bob Wells as scientific assistant for N2TAC/N9-SST and Management activities.**

He is in charge of providing the EUFAR coordinator with general scientific and technical support including web site content and Transnational Access applications.



- ▶ **Valentina Carminati as technical assistant for N9-SST and Management activities.**

She provides statistics on the activities of the aircraft fleet and on EUFAR Transnational Access and Education and Training activities. She also evaluates the scientific impact of airborne research.



- ▶ **Sabrina Bekhat, replacing Emilie Serf, as secretary of the project.**

Sabrina is in charge of the organisation of the meetings, accountancy records and the communication of the project.



▲ EUFAR meetings

▲ EUFAR 1st N6SP meeting

The EUFAR N6SP group will be holding its first meeting at Meteo-France in Toulouse on June 29-30 to define technical details of the software to be developed for aircraft data processing, standardization and inter-comparison.

▲ **EUFAR 2nd General Assembly**

EUFAR partners are invited to attend the EUFAR General Assembly 02 which will take place in **Evora (Portugal), from September 14th to 17th 2009**, hosted by FCT, University of Evora. The objective will be to make the assessment and conclusions regarding EUFAR in the 7th Framework Program.

▲ **EUFAR 2nd N1SAC meeting**

The SAC members are invited to attend the N1SAC meeting 02 which will take place in **Evora (Portugal), from September 15th to 16th 2009** (within the EUFAR 2nd General Assembly).

▲ **Previous EUFAR meetings**

All meeting reports are available at www.eufar.net (Select Search / Documents from top menu; Select "Meeting" in "Links with specific subject"; Choose your meeting).

- ▶ **1st Expert Working Group meeting on leaders roles and plans for FP7**, held in Warsaw (Poland), on February 10th 2009, hosted by the Institute of Geophysics, University of Warsaw. The main objective was to discuss the responsibilities of the EWG leaders, the procedures to organize a workshop and the plans for specific workshops in FP7. There were 17 participants.
- ▶ **2nd Expert Working Group meeting to plan a textbook on "Airborne Measurements – Methods and Instruments" (kick-off meeting)** held in Warsaw (Poland), from February 10th to 12th 2009, hosted by the Institute of Geophysics, University of Warsaw. The main objectives were to plan and discuss the contents of a textbook on airborne measurements. There were 26 participants.
- ▶ **3rd Expert Working Group meeting on Hyperspectral water applications**, held in Wageningen (The Netherlands) on April 15th 2009, hosted by the Campus of Wageningen University, the Netherlands. There were 11 participants (including 9 experts external to EUFAR).
- ▶ **2nd JRA2 HYQUAPRO meeting**, held jointly with the MICAS project kick off meeting in Wageningen (The Netherlands) from April 16th to 17th 2009, hosted by the Campus of Wageningen University, the Netherlands. There were 17 participants.
- ▶ **1st N3FF Meeting on high-altitude aircraft**, held in in Jülich (Germany) from 29th to 30th April 2009, hosted by FZ JULICH. The objective was to discuss the options for high-altitude aircraft with MDB. There were 13 participants.
- ▶ **4th N9SST meeting (within the 33rd ISRSE conference)**, held in Stresa (Italy) from 3rd to 5th May 2009 .

This meeting included:

- ▶ An ICAAGRA-EUFAR meeting on May 3rd 2009 to discuss the possibilities of a coordination between European and American structure.
- ▶ An internal EUFAR meeting on May 4th 2009 with partners to discuss what has been done for each activities and the preparation of the ISPRS WG1/I meeting.
- ▶ An ISPRS WG1/I meeting on May 5th 2009. The objective is to build an international organization which can help to develop processes which will improve all of aircraft science operations support. There were about 30 participants.

▲ **Transnational Access / Education & Training**

The NEW EUFAR Transnational Access call is now open!!!

▲ **Some statistics:**

- ▶ Transnational Access: 17 projects have been submitted in FP7: 6 are in pre-review and 11 under evaluation.
- ▶ Education&Training - Join an existing campaign: 1 application has been received and accepted.

▲ **EUFAR at conferences**

▲ **EGU 2009 - Vienna, April 20th-24th 2009**



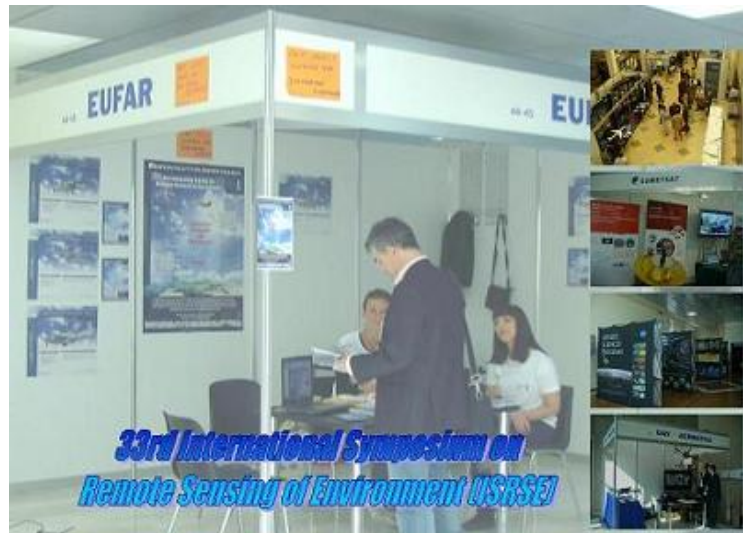
- ▶ Presentation of the EUFAR network:

A stand was manned at EGU (European Geosciences Union) to present and promote EUFAR FP7 activities to the scientific community. A large EUFAR poster and several aircraft posters were displayed.

- ▶ Advertisement of Transnational Access and Education&Training activities to the academic community:

Cedric Chou, a PhD student who attended the 2nd EUFAR Summer school ACAS and participated to the Perform PINC campaign through the EUFAR FP6 Education&Training activity, displayed a poster and shared his experience with many students. Besides, IIs Reusen, Education&Training coordinator, made an oral presentation entitled "EUFAR training opportunities to advance European airborne research". Many leaflets were distributed during the conferences and teachers and students were invited to advertise EUFAR opportunities to their university and colleagues. Some email addresses were also collected as point of contact.

▲ 33rd ISRSE, May 4th to 8th 2009



The overall theme of the symposium is the use of Earth Observation systems and airborne techniques for understanding and managing the Earth environment and natural resources. A stand was also manned at ISRSE (International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment) to present and promote EUFAR FP7 activities to the scientific community. A large EUFAR poster and several aircraft posters were displayed.

▲ COPAL NEWS

▲ COPAL Future Meetings

▲ COPAL 2nd Steering Committee meeting

COPAL partners are invited to attend the COPAL 2nd SC meeting which will take place in **Evora (Portugal) from September 17th to 18th 2009**, hosted by FCT, University of Evora. The objective will

be to make the assessment and conclusions regarding COPAL Year 2 and propose actions for COPAL Year 3.

▲ COPAL 2nd Governing Board meeting

Governing Board members are invited to attend the COPAL 2nd GB meeting to be held in **Roma (Italy) from October 14th to 16th 2009**, hosted by CNR. This meeting aims to approve decisions made by the SC and make recommendations to the SC for the following year.

▲ COPAL: INVITATION TO EXPRESS INTEREST

As part of its preparatory Phase, COPAL is refining the cost estimation for the construction of a heavy-payload and long endurance aircraft. We are also looking at potential operators for the aircraft and the data acquisition system.

If you are interested in this project, you will find information in the documents named COPAL D3.1.2, D4.1.1, D4.2.1. You are welcome to submit a preliminary offer by June 30th 2009.

Do not hesitate to contact us at copal@eufar.net

▲ COPAL was at the Research Connection 2009 Conference, May 7th-8th, Prague (Czech Republic)

COPAL and EUFAR were represented at a stand at this conference organized in the Czech Republic. The aim was to enable researchers, scientists and related persons working in the field to network.



▲ COPAL Webpage

Now a direct link to COPAL webpage: <http://www.eufar.net/copal>

▲ COPAL dissemination material

COPAL posters and brochures will be available soon on this website. Partners will be informed.

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