

## RC LACE Council

37th session, 9 February, Budapest, Hungary

## Minutes

## Participants:

Directors of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and/or their representatives:

Václav Dvořák (Chair) (VD)	ČHMÚ, Czech Republic
Martin Benko (MB)	SHMÚ, Slovak Republic
Jure Jerman (JJ)	ARSO, Slovenia
Ivan Čačić (IČ)	DHMZ, Croatia
Branka Ivančan Picek (BIP)	DHMZ, Croatia
Yong Wang (PM)	ZAMG, Austria
	LACE Program Manager
Eszter Labo (EL)	OMS, Hungary
Imre Bonta (IB)	OMS, Hungary
Kornélia Radicz (KR)	OMS, Hungary

RC LACE Executive and steering body representative:

Jure Cedilnik (JC) LSC Chair

Observers:

Radmila Brožková (RB)

ČHMÚ, Czech Republic

Partners:

Claude Fischer (CF)

Météo France

### 1. Opening of the session (President)

The meeting was opened by Council Chair.

### 2. Practical Matters (PM)

PM informed participants on the organizational matters.

### 3. Adoption of the provisional Agenda (President)

Agenda was adopted by Council.

RB suggested that reports by the LSC chair should be included in the future Council meetings' Agenda.

### 4. Review of decisions from the 36th LACE Council session (President)

It was stated that all decisions were fulfilled.

## 5. Report by the Program Manager (PM)

### 5.1 R&D status report

PM presented the report in form of highlights of each working group.

The presentation was accepted by the Council without comments.

### 5.2 Common Operations

PM presented the status of common operations: OPLACE and LAEF.

LAEF has been migrated to Cray at ECMWF's facilities.

IČ pointed out that there are large areas with no observations data over Croatia in OPLACE and that this seems strange.

PM explained that the image in the presentation was not up-to-date. The list in the printed document is correctly stating much more Croatian data.

## 6. Exchange of the national surface observations and OPLACE (PM)

i)

The updated list of exchanged observations through OPLACE can be found in the preparatory document for the Council.

ii)

KNMI has granted the access to ModeS EHS data broadcasted by their service to OPLACE. It was decided that VD will sign the ModeS EHS data request form on behalf of LACE which will be then submitted to KNMI.

iii)

Request for data access by non-LACE countries

Tunisia and Turkey sent official requests. It was stated that only WMO member data would be included in this exchange (no national data). EUMETSAT data would be made available only for EUMETSAT member countries.

In return, two man-months of man power will be provided to LACE, which will be funded by external (non-LACE) sources.

RB brought to Council's attention the fact that Turkey doesn't want to have any written agreement on this.

VD replied that LACE should insist on written agreement, for Turkey, Tunisia and for any other potential candidate. This was agreed on by all other Council members.

IČ added that they (Turkey) should find a way to sign.

VD raised a question whether we are able to find topics for this additional man-power.

PM responded that these are subjects of common interest and that this won't be a problem.

## 7. R&D plans 2016 (PM)

The Council fully accepted the R&D plan.

IČ formed a request for a permission to access the LAEF archived data for the purposes of a hydrological research project.

This was considered obsolete since LAEF is a common activity and this data is available to all LACE members, hence there is no need for special request.

## 8. Budget 2015 and proposal for 2016 (PM)

The Council has agreed on the Budget Report for 2015. The common comment was that there is still underspending, but the trend is good.

The Council also accepted the plan for the budget for 2016 with no comments.

### 9. LACE MoU from 2017 (PM)

The Council decided to extend current MoU and wait what happens with ALADIN HIRLAM MoU.

The current LACE MoU was extended for the period 2017-2019.

### 10. AOB, date and place of the next session (President)

i)

Two LACE positions in PAC are vacant: vice chair of PAC and a member of PAC.

The accepted proposal was: BIP as PAC member and RB as vice chair.

ii)

IČ expressed a request to extend the LAEF output in direction of marine relevant meteorological parameters.

BIP explained that this would be performed by coupling of LAEF ensemble members with wave model.

PM stated general support for this but stated that LAEF domain will not cover Black Sea in the future. He also raised the question of billing units.

JJ explained that a fully coupled Atmospheric-Wave-Ocean model running in SI uses ECMWF's WAM for the wave component and that this is very expensive in terms of BUs.

The Council proposed that expert should meet on this and decide on technique, resolutions etc.

iii)

VD inquired with CF on the whereabouts of the next General Assembly.

CF explained that next regular GA will be at the end of the year, place will be proposed by HIRLAM, which typically means that it will be in Reading.

KR mentioned that EUMETNET/ECOMET will also take place in Reading.

Reading was thus identified as a potential place of the next Council session.

## 11. Closing

Just before closing RB pointed out that a potential replacement is needed for PAC LACE members. It was decided that this would be LSC Chair (JC).

The meeting was closed with a group photo taken by IČ.