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‘METEOROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE’

LARNACA, Cyprus, 22 - 23 March 2001

1. WELCOME TO PARTICIPANTS

The 3rd MC meeting of the Action was held in Larnaca, in the New York room of Palm Beach Hotel. Mr. MARACCHI, the chairman of the Action opened the session, welcomed the participants and thanked Mr. Stelios Pashiardis and the Meteorological Service of Cyprus for the hosting of the Management Committee meeting. New members joined the meeting from Finland, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Slovakia and United Kingdom. The list of National Delegates is given in **Annex 1**. The copy of the attendance list is given in **Annex 2**.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

New item was added to the agenda and the order was changed in one case.

MCM3/D1 The modified agenda was adopted unanimously.

The agenda is given in **Annex 3**.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 2ND MCM, 19 OCTOBER 2001, PISA, ITALY

The date of the Pisa meeting was written wrongly. No other comments were presented.

MCM3/D2 The minutes of the 2nd MCM was approved unanimously.

4. REVIEW OF THE DECISIONS OF 2ND MCM

The decisions of the 2nd MCM were reviewed. The decisions were carried out. Mr. MARACCHI thanked the WG leaders of their good work and documentation and good collaboration. Mr. MARACCHI asked Mr. Dobesch, the Chairman of Action 719, to summarise the content and goal of the COST Action 719. Mr. DOBESCH gave a short presentation about the Action 719. The Memorandum of Understanding and the Technical Annex available on the COST common web page: <http://cost.cordis.lu>. The Action has got own web page: <http://www.knmi.nl/samenw/cost719>.

5. STATUS OF THE ACTION

Mr. DUNKEL presented the status of the Action 718. The status of every Action in meteorology domain is given in **Annex 4**.

6. APPLICATION OF NEW COUNTRIES

No new application has been submitted.

7. BUDGET

Mr. DUNKEL summarised the budget of COST Meteorology domain. The summary of 1998-2001 year' budget is given in **Annex 5**.

8. REPORT OF WG'S CHAIRS

Mr. MESTRE, the leader of WG 1 summarised the activities of his group. The submitted paper as part of WG1's activity disseminated among the WG member before the MC meeting is given in **Annex 6**. Mr. TOULIOS summarised the activity of WG1.1. The list of submitted paper in the frame of WG1.1 sub-group is given **Annex 7**.

Ms. KAJFEZ-BOGOTAJ as chair-lady of WG2 presented the activities and plans of the WG2. Her report is given in **Annex 8**.

Mr. HOCEVAR, the leader of WG 3 summarised the activities of his group. The report of WG 3 is given in **Annex 9**.

9. SEPARATE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

The three working groups hold separate meetings. The accepted WG decisions are given in the WG papers. The WG leaders would disseminate the plans by e-mail. The results of the Working Group 1 activities are given in **Annex 10**, the WG1.1 subgroup's in **Annex 11**. The **Annex 12** contents the report of WG 2 and **Annex 13** the report of WG3.

10. FINAL COMPOSITION AND TIME TABLES OF THE WGS

The timetables of WGs are given in the Annexes respectively. The names of the participants of separate working groups are given on the web side.

11. OVERALL TIME TABLE

In the second half of 2001 two meetings will be organised. The next MCM will be held in September and an Ad-hoc Working Group meeting will close the 2001's activity in November.

MCM3/D3 Mr. Sivertsen and Ms. Susnik will make exercises with PLASMO model.

MCM3/D4 A comparison study exercises will be carrying out with crop-wet model by Cyprus, Poland and Romania.

MCM3/D5 The leaf wetness model will examine by Mr. Orlandini, Ms. Susnik and Mr. Huard.

12. COST-718 WEB SITE

Ms. ROSSI presented the state-of the art of the web side. The readers can find the relevant information of the COST Action 718 on the web side. The web side address is <http://agromet-cost.istea.bo.cnr.it/>.

The results of Survey on Agrometeorological Services in Europe are given in **Annex 14**.

Mr. PERDIGAO will add a questionnaire to the web side about the LAND-SAF. Mr. VAN DIEPEN will give information about the European Phenological Network and Mr. STRUZIK will establish a link about the agrometeorological conferences. Mr. DALEZIOS suggested putting every result on the web page.

13. STUDY CONTRACTS

Every study contract plan had been postponed because of the budget restrictions in 2000. The Secretaries had been given the information that the new policy of the Directorate is to finance only very important contract. Mr. THYSEN suggested a new study contract plan.

14. SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION

Following the suggestions of WG leaders the MC approved the STSM plans.

MCM3/D6 The MC approved the following short term missions:

Mr. Stancalie to LAMMA, Florence, I,
 Mr. Vasiliadis to Wageningen, NL (SWAP),
 Mr. Babzelis to Florence, I (PLASMO model),
 Ms. Susnik to DWD, host Mr. Friesland,
 Mr. Pashiardis to Wageningen, NK,
 Ms. Zerva to Florence, I.

Mr. HOCEVAR suggested organising a sub-committee to decide the STSM between MC meetings.

MCM3/D7 The applications for STSM will be decided by the MC Chair, Vice-Chair and WG chairs by e-mail.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. ROSSI presented 'the summer school' plan will be held in Bologna on 8-12 October 2001 about the 'Plant-Atmosphere relations'. Mr. HOCEVAR asked about the presentation of the Action 718 on international conferences. Mr. DALEZIOS remarked that the EGS gives a possibility to show our work every year, the ECAM in every second year. Mr. MARACCHI added that concerning the INSAM he would reflect in September. Mr. DALEZIOS asked about the connection of the foot and disease problem and the ongoing Action.

Mr. DALEZIOS mentioned that 23 March in the World Meteorological Day.

16. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

MCM3/D8 The Ad-hoc Working Group meeting with the WG Chairs will be held in Madrid in November 2001.

According to kind invitation of Ms. GOMES, P and Mr. THYSEN, DK the next MCM meetings will be held in Ponta Degada and Tjele respectively.

MCM3/D9 The 4th Management Committee Meeting will be held in PONTA DELGADA, P, in April 2002. The exact day to be decided later.

MCM3/D10 The 5th Management Committee Meeting will be held in TJELE, DK in September 2002. The exact day to be decided later.

18. REMARKS OF MR. FITZGERALD, THE TC CONTACT PERSON OF THE ACTION

Mr. FITZGERALD gave a presentation about the TC expectation concerning the agrometeorological Action and his personal impression about the meeting and work was carried out work. His background is climatology and participated in the session of WG1. He missed the weather generator from the programme of the Action. He would welcome a handbook of spatialisation. He expressed his hope that Action 719 would make some steps on the use of numerical weather prediction, LAM results use. He also missed the use of radar data. The application of LAM and radar data together would promote very much the efficiency of meteorological information for agriculture. He put a question concerning the 'real user' in case of survey of user requirements. He suggested connecting the NWP and 'agromet' models.

19. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Mr. MARACCHI thanked the participants the active work, wished safe return to home and closed the meeting.

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