

2nd South Eastern Europe GEO Workshop, 20 and 21 October 2014, Athens, Greece

2nd South-Eastern Europe GEO Workshop on Integrating Earth Observation Data and Services for monitoring the Environment, protecting the citizens and stimulating the regional economic growth

Monday 20th October

8.40	Registration - Electra Palace Hotel - 18-20, N. Nikodimou Str.
9.00	Opening Session and Introductory Statement, Chair: Prof. C. Zerefos
9.00	Welcome by the Greek GEO Principal, Prof. Christos ZEREFOS, Academician
9.15	Welcome by the General Secretary for Research & Technology, Dr. Christos VASILAKOS (TBC)
9.30	Introduction about National Observatory of Athens and the first Mirror Site of ESA's Sentinels at NOA, Prof. Kanaris TSINGANOS, NOA
9.45	A summary of the Greek GEO Office Activities, Dr. Evangelos GERASOPOULOS, NOA
10.00	EO research funding opportunities within H2020 Social Challenges " Climate action, environment, resource efficiency, and raw materials", Dr. Michael BERGER, European Commission
10.15	GEO in the next decade: an increased focus on the regional dimension, Dr. Giovanni RUM, GEO Secretariat
10.45	The BEYOND Project, Dr. Charalabos (Haris) KONTOES, NOA
11.15	Coffee Break
11.45	Plenary Session I: Balkan EO Networks & Infrastructures, EO based Societal Services , Chair: Prof. K. Tsinganos, Rapporteur: Dr. I. Papoutsis
11.45	From EO observations and data Sharing to Early Warnings: the technological Platform Dewetra, ALBANIA, Dr. Paolo Fiorucci, CIMA Foundation
12.05	The Activities of SRTI-BAS related to GEO initiative, BULGARIA, Dr. Hristo NIKOLOV, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
12.25	Earth Observation Activities in Greece, GREECE, Dr. Ifigenia KERAMITSOGLOU, National Observatory of Athens

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12.45	Remote sensing activities in Romania , ROMANIA, Dr. Doina NIKOLAE, Remote Sensing Department National Institute of R&D for Optoelectronics
13.05	Integrating aerosol observations and atmospheric-dust models: A way to further improve regional weather forecasts , SERBIA, Dr. Slobodan NICKOVIC, WMO
13.25	Experiences from EO-related projects in the Balkan region , SERBIA, Boris ANTIC, Assistant Professor, University of NOVISAD
13.40	Lunch Break
14.30	Plenary Session II: North Africa EO Networks & Infrastructures, EO based Societal Services , <i>Chair: Mr. Giovanni Rum, Rapporteur: Dr. V. Amiridis</i>
14.30	ARCE Networking Activities and EO Capacities in Algeria ,ALGERIA, Dr. Sahabi Abed SALAH, Association of Research on the Climate and the Environment (ARCE)
14.50	Different earth observation possibilities in Egypt: case studies , EGYPT, Hesham EL-ASKARY, Associate Professor of Remote Sensing and Earth System Sciences, Chapman University
15.10	Technologies of EO: An asset to support the socio-economic development of Morocco , MOROCCO, Kamal LABBASSI, Professor, Chouaib Doukkali University, Morocco
15.30	Coffee Break
15.45	Plenary Session III: Middle East EO Networks & Infrastructures, EO based Societal Services , <i>Chair: Dr. Ivan Petitville, Rapporteur: Dr. E. Keramitsoglou</i>
15.45	Survey of observational infrastructure in Cyprus ,CYPRUS, Dr. Silas MICHAELIDES, Director of the Cyprus Department of Meteorology
16.05	The Isreael GEO Activities , ISRAEL, Eyal Ben DOR, Professor, Remote Sensing Laboratory Head: Department of Geography and Human Environment, Tel Aviv University
16.25	Integrating Earth Observation Data and Services in RISICO system to improve the prediction of wildland fire in Lebanon , LEBANON, Dr. Paolo FIORUCCI, CIMA Foundation

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16.45	Novel Infrastructure and Data Collection Facility at the Space and Remote Sensing Lab , SAUDI ARABIA, Ashraf FARAHAT, Assistant Professor of Physics King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
17.05	Discussion
17.25	Adjourn
20.00	Dinner at Kostis Palamas Restaurant - Akadimias 30 & Sina (by invitation)
Tuesday 21st October	
10.00	Plenary Session IV: From National Aspects to Regional Perspectives, Chair:Michael Berger
10.00	Introductory Statement by the European Space Agency , Ivan PETITEVILLE, Directorate of EO Programmes
10.20	Earth Observation in the Balkans & the Eastern Mediterranean. i-BEC's initiatives for coordination and integration of EO data through GEO, Interbalkan Environment Center, Prof. Georgios ZALIDIS, GEO Principal
10.40	WIS - DCPC / WIGOS Marine Meteorological Centre for Adriatic - from Need to Action by MSc. Ivan Cacic, GEO Principal, President of RA VI and Director of Meteorological and Hydrological Service (DHMZ) of Croatia and Dr Kreso Pandzic, Deputy Director of DHMZ"
11.00	The EuroGeoSurveys Earth Observation / GEO Activities by Gerardo Herrera, Chair of Earth Observation and Geohazards Expert Group, EGS Eleftheria Poyiadji, Deputy Chair on Geohazards of Earth Observation and Geohazards Expert Group, EGS Patrick Wall, Scientific Policy Officer EGS Dr Marianthi Stefouli EO, EKBA/IGME
11.20	FireHub - NOA EO- based Fire Related Service -A regional Perspective , Dr. Charalabos (Harris) KONTOES
11.40	Coffee Break

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12.00	Reports from Sessions - Review of Commonalities, Overlaps and Gaps - Needs for Coordination, <i>Chair: Prof. G. Zalidis</i>
12.00 -12.30	Report from Session I
	Report from Session II
	Report from Session III
12.30 - 13.30	Review of Commonalities, Overlaps and Gaps - Needs For Coordination, Chair: Prof. C.Zerefos, Prof K. Tsinganos, Dr. E. Gerasopoulos & H. Kontoes, Rapporteur: I.Papoutsis & E. Christia
	Panel Discussion
13.00	Conclusion - Adjourn
13.30	Lunch & Coffee