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Tentative schedule for PreCOF MedCOF-17

Mon 29th November at 09:00 CET

(Joint to the event here: https://aemet.webex.com/aemet-en/j.php?MTID=m2cbe3d89ce13884e6afb90b45c3f9e3e)

- 09:00 – 09:30   S. Gualdi, CMCC: Recent news and discussion on the MSCU

  The Mediterranean Seasonal Climate Update (MSCU) is an outcome from the ERA4CS MEDSCOPE project consisting of a compilation SF systems and multi-models outputs including verification scores over a hindcast period (https://www.medscope-project.eu/products/mediterranean-seasonal-climate-update/)

- 09:30 – 09:45   E. Rodriguez-Camino, AEMET: Guidelines for Objective SF.

  The document "Guidance for MedCOF sub-region to enable operational production of objective seasonal forecasts (OSF)" is available on the MedCOF forum (http://medcoforum.aemet.es/) under the topic "Discussion on Guidance for OSF in MedCOF" in MedCOF-17/PreCOF

- 09:45 – 12:15   Discussion on Guidelines for Objective SF

  The main issues raised so far on the "Guidance for MedCOF sub-region to enable operational production of objective seasonal forecasts" document will be here discussed. Each item will be briefly introduced and moderated by a presenter from the MG. A time slot of approximately 20 min. has been allocated for each item to hear different views from the participants. The Guidelines document will be updated taking on board comments and suggestions from the whole MedCOF community.

  1. Should Objective Seasonal Forecast (OSF) [traceable, reproducible and well documented] be always grid based? (Jean-Michel Soubeyroux/Christian Viel)
  2. Should downstream applications be based on the OSF? Or Should MedCOF facilitate access and use of existing downstream applications? (Anahit Hovsepyan)
  3. Criteria for models selection from a pool of Seasonal Forecasting Systems: ability to simulate relevant drivers and/or variability patterns, skill scores, etc. (Silvio Gualdi)
  4. How to incorporate a coherent message (as in current production of MedCOF) to communicate objective seasonal forecasts (Branko Bjelic/Goran Pejanovic)
  5. Quick substitution of consensus for objective forecasts or parallel operations (how long?) (Esteban Rodriguez)
  6. Steps to incorporate current expert knowledge into a future OSF scheme (Wafae Badi)
  7. Discussion on human resources and training needs (Ernesto Rodríguez)
  8. Harmonization with the rest of RCOFs around the world (Peter Bissolli)

- 12:20 – 12:30   Wrap-up
- Closure