

Second ALADIN PAC Meeting, Lisbon, 21-22 September 2006 Results (with appended Agenda)

The PAC Chairman, 27/10/06

1. Evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of PAC mechanisms for consultation of Members: PAC should in a systematic way filter questions for the General Assembly and prepare a smooth General Assembly as far as possible.
2. CSSI: The Project Manager was tasked to prepare a draft for the Terms of Reference of CSSI, taking into account the role of CSSI stated in the ALADIN MoU. CSSI should be a lean body with the possibility to create ad hoc task teams if appropriate.
3. LTM: PAC reiterated the important role of LTM for ALADIN. PAC tasked the Project Manager to draft Terms of References for the role of LTM. The LTM should cooperate with the Project Manager to fulfil the workplan of ALADIN, but he is at the same time under the ultimate responsibility of the Director of the NMS. Therefore it is of importance that the Directors are informed well about the necessary ALADIN work.
4. To enhance the cooperation with HIRLAM, PAC recommends to invite observers from the relevant HIRLAM bodies to the relevant ALADIN bodies, depending on the agenda of the meetings and expecting some form of reciprocity, yet to be defined.
5. PAC welcomed the common HIRLAM/ALADIN position paper to the draft of the proposal for the next possible SRNWP Programme of EUMETNET.
6. In regard to the EURRA initiative there is still an attempt to have a common ALADIN proposal. It seems that this have been not successful till now because of a coordinator taking the responsibility is missing. PAC is favourable to a common proposal, because it would bring more visibility in a field, where scientific effort has to be done in any way.
7. PAC reaffirmed the necessity to develop the strategy of the ALADIN Programme and discussed several items which should be taken into account in the strategy. The established task team under the chairmanship of Abdalah Mokssit should draft the strategy within the next half year. PAC recognised the very valuable paper of the project manager concerning the strategic plan as an input to the task team.
8. PAC discussed in detail the relationship between ALARO and AROME, which are seen as complementary as ALARO is dealing with scales of about 5

km and AROME with scales of about 2,5 km. PAC welcomed the relevant position paper of Meteo France, especially as it made the proposal that Meteo-France tests in about one year (with a possible view of further operational use) a 5km version of ALARO-0 on the ALADIN-France domain. This version should be prepared and scientifically maintained by Meteo-France Partners under the control of the PM) and should thus require only logistic support from Meteo-France.

Meteo France indeed clarified, that the AROME development is compulsory because of the contract at governmental level, and there is no possibility to decrease the effort on AROME or divert human resources to pursue other objectives. So Meteo France wants to rely on an ALARO team mostly populated by the other members to develop it, without decreasing the already dedicated Meteo France effort (manpower, financial, logistical, etc.).

But Meteo France is willing to participate after 2008 in a brainstorming at the Consortium level to design the future of NWP activities. PAC realised that the Project Manager has still some concerns in this regard, with respect to the articulation with Meteo-France above-mentioned proposal for ALARO-0.

PAC discussed further the interaction of ALADIN with ECMWF. In the case of the global extension of the use of the ALADIN-NH dynamical core, this should be dealt in a specific ALADIN working group with the project manager as member. A discussion about the treatment of similar possible future cases (when an ALADIN-born development may become of interest for global applications) finished inconclusively.

9. PAC revised the Objectives and Priorities 2007.

10. PAC tasked the project manager to elaborate with the help of LTM's, CSSI and individuals the workplan for 2007 to be presented to the General Assembly.

11. PAC recommends that an official addendum to the ALADIN MoU should not be signed, when Turkey is now joining ALADIN, but for administrative purposes an exchange of letter may be advisable.

12. PAC took note, that with Moldavia an agreement has not been signed till now.

13. PAC recommends that the President of the General Assembly contacts FYROM to assess the situation with respect to the accession criteria.

14. PAC was pleased to see the significant manpower involved in ALADIN 2005/2006.

15. PAC took note of the use of the flat rate budget. Further PAC took note, that the 2006 budget execution is monitored and under control.

16. Meteo France informed PAC that for ALADIN royalties of about 40 k€ due to Meteo France International activities will be distributed to ALADIN. PAC

recommends that all the royalties be used to finance the central budget. Proposed modalities to achieve this goal in the three budgetary entities (M-F, RC LACE, flat-rate contributors) will be presented to the GA.

17. PAC recommends to record in the Minutes of the next General Assembly in Budapest that the Members accept an “extensive” understanding of the article 86 of the MoU, namely that “selling” may refer to direct or indirect (through another national body, whose liability, etc. is acknowledged by the Member) sales. In the case of “indirect” sales, the Member must assume full responsibility to collect on behalf of the other Members the incurrent Royalties from third parties and to transfer it to Members it acted on behalf of.

18. PAC decided to hold the next meeting on 29/30 March in Czech Republic. This date was postponed later to 3/4 April 2007 afterwards.

APPENDIX

Second ALADIN PAC Meeting Lisbon, September the 21st and 22nd 2006 Draft agenda (for a start at 10 am on the 21st)

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the draft agenda
3. Final approval of the Minutes from the first PAC meeting
4. PAC matters:
 - a. Evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of PAC mechanisms for consultation of Members
 - b. Possible evolutions of PAC's mandate and/or practice
 - c. PAC advices/recommendations about intersession affairs (except for the extraordinary General Assembly in Brussels):
 - i. CSSI/ST
 - ii. LTM's work
 - iii. Link with HIRLAM
 - iv. SRNWP issues
 - v. EURRA
 - d. Required PAC advices/recommendations about matters arising from the extraordinary General Assembly in Brussels:
 - i. Working practices and links between various bodies
 - ii. The question of 'Objective and Priorities' vs. the role of LTMs
2. Strategy of the ALADIN Programme
 - a. Mandate of the Task Force
 - b. ALADIN core problem of constraints ("continuity and evolution towards AROME" vs. "continuity or evolution towards AROME"):
 - i. Introduction to the topic
 - ii. Historical background, i.e. return of experience from 2000-2006
 - iii. Status and risk-assessment for AROME and ALARO
 - iv. PM's 'requirements document'
 - v. PAC's opinion and recommendations for further action (oriented towards a 'risk-reduction' target)
 - c. Skeleton of the strategic plan
3. ALADIN planning and programme definition:
 - i. PAC recommendations for revised 2007 'Objectives and Priorities'; see also Document N° 4 d ii
 - ii. Updated calendar for the planning and programme definition (in light of the outcome of discussions on Agenda Item 5)
4. Membership and cooperation matters
 - i. Monitoring the cases treated at the extraordinary General Assembly

- ii. PAC's general opinion for an ALADIN doctrine during the transition to the new governance and new practices (possibly in liaison with HIRLAM); see also Document N° 5 b iv
5. Resource matters
- a. Manpower requirements and allocation
 - i. Review of the past year (mid-2005 to mid-2006) situation
 - b. Budget matters
 - i. Recall of 2006 budget decisions of the General Assembly and of interim measures for the 2006 budget execution; see Document N° 4 d
 - ii. Monitoring of the 2006 budget execution, money stream and financed actions
 - iii. Proposals for additional mechanisms for transfer and management of contributions in 2007
 - iv. Matters regarding Royalties
6. Workplans for end of 2006 and 2007
- a. For the Programme, synthesis of the input from Agenda Items 5, 6 & 8
 - b. For PAC:
 - i. Synthesis of all relevant issues from the previous Agenda Items
 - ii. Review of actions and recommendations to the Budapest General Assembly
7. A.O.B.
8. Date and place of the next PAC meeting (two scenarii must be envisaged depending on the later decision to have a PAC- or a 'bureau-type' meeting early 2007)
9. Closing of the meeting