

Work plan until JCOMM-I

Document preparation. Documents for JCOMM-I will be prepared according to the document plan given in document 8 for the present session. This envisages completion of the documentation by April 2001. In particular, the documents from the chairs of the different existing JCOMM subsidiary bodies are expected to contain draft proposals and recommendations for the session when appropriate, together with proposals for future work, which will be included in the integrated work plan for the commission.

Other documents needed before JCOMM-I include:

- (a) the *JCOMM background paper*, to be drafted by the Secretariats and reviewed by the interim co-Presidents, to be made available by February 2001;
- (b) the *proposal regarding the inclusion of surface salinity measurements within the present GTSPP tasks*, to be drafted by Bob Keeley and made available by November 2000

VOSCLIM project. A first planning meeting for the project took place in Southampton in November 1999. A second project meeting will be held in Asheville in October 2000, and it is expected that implementation will be underway by the end of 2000, for completion some time in 2001.

TIP. The TAO Implementation Panel will meet in Perth in November 2000.

PMO workshop. A third regional workshop, for English speaking PMOs from Africa, will be held in Cape Town in November 2000, with support from NWS/NOAA. This follows previous such workshops in Valparaiso and Melbourne. It will be in English only and around 25 participants are expected. A similar workshop for French-speaking PMOs from Africa will be held later.

GLOSS/GE session. The Group of Experts on GLOSS will held its 7th session in Hawaii in [April/May] 2001.

ASAPP and DBCP. The annual sessions of the ASAP Panel and the DBCP will take place respectively in Reading, U.K., in September and in Victoria, Canada, in October 2000. As usual the latter will encompass a 1.5-day technical workshop, where 50-60 participants are expected.

Argo Information Centre. Interim arrangements for this centre are already in place through the DBCP/SOOP coordinator. Some funds for the separate Argo coordinator position have been offered, and it is hoped that IOC will be able to establish the Toulouse post and the centre before JCOMM-I.

Integrated work plan and capacity building strategy. Both a fully integrated work plan and capacity building strategy for JCOMM will be completed and formally presented to JCOMM-I as a part of the session documentation.

WIOMAP. A draft of the WIOMAP Project document has been prepared (by Sachooda Ragoonaden acting as WMO consultant). This still requires some revision, but it is expected to be submitted to potential funding bodies by late 2000.

MPERSS. IMO has strongly supported the MPERSS concept and is assisting in its implementation. MPERSS has already effectively been implemented in a number of parts of the world. Operational trials of the system are taking place in the Mediterranean, in co-ordination with the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency

Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) in Malta. The WMO Secretariat will participate in the meeting of REMPEC focal points in October 2000.

IGOS Partners and COP. The IGOS partners (which include WMO and IOC) have developed Oceans as an initial theme to facilitate implementation of the strategy. A presentation on IGOS and its oceans theme will be made separately to the session. It is expected that JCOMM, through various subsidiary bodies, will be directly involved in the implementation of this theme, for which IOC and WMO are to play a co-ordinating role. This work is likely to commence fairly soon. A number of decisions of recent Conferences of the Parties (COP) to the FCCC have provided an excellent political impetus to enhance marine observing systems for climate, as well as possibilities to obtain funding for the support of developing countries in this work. JCOMM will now have to work quickly with GCOS and GOOS to develop a strategy to properly exploit this opportunity. Results of this work will be presented to JCOMM-I.