

First Meeting of newly elected RA VI Management Group

Summary of discussions

1. Introduction

1.1 The 1st Meeting of the newly elected RA VI Management Group (MG) was held on 16 September 2013 in Helsinki as a side-meeting of the 16th RA VI Session.

1.2 The meeting was attended by: I. Cacic (President), V. Auguliene (Vice-President), H. Berkovich (MG member), G. Adrian (MG member), P. Taalas (Mg member), D. Berod (Mg member, Co-chair of WG-CH), A. Hovsepyan (Mg member, Co-chair of WG-CH), A. Thomalla (Mg member, Chair of WG-SDP), D. Schroeder (Mg member, Chair of WG-TDI), K. Pandzic (adviser), D. Froemming (adviser), M. Altinyollar (adviser), M. Hurtola (adviser), D. Ivanov (WMO Secretariat), N. Berghi (WMO Secretariat).

1.3 The RA VI President and Chair of the Management Group, Mr. Ivan Cacic, chaired the meeting.

2. Summary of Discussions

2.1 The MG discussed the organization of the regional activities in the coming months and until the second meeting of MG which will take place in the 1Q of 2014.

2.2 The following actions were agreed:

2.2.1 **RA VI subsidiary bodies:** MG noted that the basic structure has been agreed by the Session with the re-establishment of the MG and the three Working Groups: WG Climate and Hydrology, WG Service Delivery and Partnership and WG Technology Development and Implementation. The next task is to complete the whole structure in two stages as follows:

- WMO to circulate a letter to all PRs for nomination of members of WGs and TTs;
- WG chairs to select appropriate experts and prepare a proposal for the core membership and required Task teams in each WG.

The task should be completed in time for the planned second meeting of MG in early March 2014.

2.2.2 **Regional input to the draft WMO Strategic Plan (2016-2019).** Mr Cacic proposed that the issues related to the strategic planning and the regional operational plan should be overseen by the vice-president, Ms Auguliene. He informed that there is a first draft of the new WMO SP and the regions are being requested to provide their comments and inputs before the next meeting of the EC WG-SOP which will take place in early 2014. In this regard:

- A letter should be sent on behalf of the President to RA VI PRs requesting their views and proposals.
- TT-SPAP should be re-established under the MG to work on the updated regional operating plan.

2.2.3 **Next full MG meeting.**

- The meeting agreed that MG/2 meeting should be held in the first week of March, 2014 (tentative dates, 4-5 March). Turkey kindly offered to host the MG/2 meeting in Istanbul.