

1st meeting of NWP WG

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Topics discussed

- The training needs in relation to NWP
- How Eumetcal (and particularly NWP WG) can work in answering these needs
- WG goals for the next year

The training needs in relation to NWP

- The needs vary from country to country:
 - In some countries the use of NWP is still in basic phase and initial training is needed
 - The ways of applying NWP in forecasting also vary a lot
 - NWP training should answer the real needs at the forecasting room

Eumetcal NWP WG role

- To collect information of:
 - Existing training material
 - Existing instructor/expert resources
 - The greatest needs in NWP among the forecasters
- To offer:
 - A course syllabus answering these needs
 - Courses, co-operation between NWP trainers

WG goals for the next year

- Survey of NWP training needs in member NMSs
- Survey of existing NWP training material in NMSs and on how NMSs can contribute to the working group
- To have a syllabus for future Eumetcal NWP courses

Timetable

- Identify members of the WG by the end September 2007
- By 1 November, the first draft of the questionnaire(s). Send out by 1 December.
- eMeeting on 12 March 2007 10:00-11:15 UTC
- WG meeting in conjunction with next Eumetcal workshop autumn 2008