

DRAFT – 05/21/09

SUMMARY AGENDA
Sixth GOES Users' Conference
3-5 November 2009
Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center
Madison, Wisconsin

Conference Goal: Help users to better use GOES and prepare for GOES-R

Conference Objectives:

- 1) Seek ways/define methodologies to ensure user readiness for GOES-N and -R series;
- 2) Continue to improve communication between NOAA and the GOES user communities;
- 3) Inform users on the status of the GOES-N and -R series constellation, instruments, and operations;
- 4) Promote understanding for the various applications of data and products from the GOES-R series.

NOTE: Breakouts will be conducted on afternoon of Wednesday, 4 November. At registration participants can select their group to attend.

Monday, 2 November

The 50 year anniversary of the 1st meteorological satellite experiment (on Explorer VII) will be commemorated on Monday, 2 November 2009. The program will begin at 5pm and will consist of presentations followed by a reception at the Monona Terrace.

Tuesday, 3 November

Session 1: Welcome
Introduction, GEOSS, Keynote

Session 2: Information Briefings I
Current Constellation, GOES-13, GOES-N Series and EMWIN/LRIT

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch (included)
Lunch Panel: Status and Plans for GEO and HEO Satellites in the
International Community

Session 3: Information Briefings II
GOES-R Program and Earth-Observing Instruments

Session 4: Information Briefings III
Solar and space, Ground Systems and Products

Reception and Poster Reviews

Wednesday, 4 November

Session 5: GOES-R User Readiness

Session 6: Breakout Questions/Issues

**GOES-R Town hall Meeting (Lunch Provided)
“The Need for an Advanced Sounder on GOES”**

Session 7: Breakouts

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Banquet

Speakers: “The Weather Guys” (Jon Martin & Steve Ackerman)

Thursday, 5 November

Session 8:

Breakout Session Results and Wrap-Up

Session 9:

A Look to the Future

**11:30 am Lunch (Provided)
“A Look Into the Future” - Steve Ackerman**

Afternoon: A briefing and demonstration of McIDAS V

