

WELCOME ADDRESS

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Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Colleagues,

This is, after Washington, the Second International Wind Workshop co-organized by WMO, NOAA, JMA and EUMETSAT. The first workshop was, according to its participants and recipients of the proceedings, extremely useful.

Some of the actions and recommendations resulting from the Washington Workshop were completed, others initiated.

I recall that one of those was to plan a second workshop in 1993. We obviously met that one, thanks to JMA, the host organizer and the support of many colleagues, amongst those Mr. Hamada and Mr. Saiki, and thanks to WMO and Dr. Hinsman providing financial support allowing some of our colleagues to be here today.

The sessions were organized in order to reflect the status of current and planned research and operational activities as defined by the responses to the first announcement. The outcome of the first workshop was reported at the April 1993 meeting of CGMS and there was overwhelming support from all Delegates. We will certainly address the link with CGMS during the course of the present workshop.

I am aware of further improvement in the quality of some wind products since the last meeting. No doubt our colleagues from the numerical provision community will report on their latest findings and hopefully confirm this fact.

On behalf of the Director of EUMETSAT, I wish to welcome all the participants to the Second International Wind Workshop and wish all of us a very successful meeting.