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Dear Reader,

Once again I welcome you to another issue of the *European Forecaster*, this being the eleventh newsletter of the Working Group on Cooperation between European Forecasters (WGCEF). All of the articles here were presented at the last meeting but we encourage any reader to contribute to future issues of the newsletter in the interests of sharing information and learning how others deal with something that affects us all and knows no borders – namely the weather. A list of contacts can be found at the back of the newsletter if you feel that you would like to get involved.

Our meeting at KNMI, De Bilt, followed the ECAM/EMS conference in September 2005 and was particularly special since we were celebrating ten years of the working group. It is good to reflect on the reasons as to why the group was first set up and where we have come since then. However, it is also important to look forward and concentrate on how the forecaster role will develop over the next ten years. This was a theme for the Round Table discussion at the ECAM conference.

The WGCEF website found at <http://www.euroforecaster.org> can provide you with extra information and includes links to future conferences. It also includes the announcement of our next meeting that will be held at the Hellenic National Meteorological Service in Athens, Greece at the end of September 2006.

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