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Dear Reader,

I welcome you to another issue of the European Forecaster, this being the twelfth newsletter of the Working Group on Cooperation between European Forecasters (WGCEF). All of the articles here were presented at the last meeting but as always we encourage any reader to contribute to future issues of the newsletter in the interests of developing a best practice across Europe when forecasting the weather. A growing list of contacts can be found at the back of the newsletter if you feel that you would like to get involved.

Our visit to Athens in September 2006 turned into a very special event. All of the details are in the following Chairpersons report so I will not repeat things here. Once again, the benefits of operational meteorologists sharing information were clear to all who attended. Another example of sharing can be found in the form of the Meteoalarm system which is now 'going live' following its official launch in March 2007.

The WGCEF website found at <http://www.euroforecaster.org> will continue to provide you with extra information and includes links to future conferences. Our next meeting will be held in Spain in October 2007 in conjunction with the next ECAM/EMS meeting. One of the items on the agenda will be to choose a new Chairperson since my four-year tenure will expire at the end of the year.

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