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15th ACCORD LTM meeting

**Monday 23 June 2025,
14h00 - 15h30 CEST
online**

Minutes

Remotely
Excused/represented
Absent

Country	NMS	LTM	representative
ALGERIA	ONM	Mohamed Mokhtari	
AUSTRIA	GeoSphere Austria	Stephan Schneider	
BELGIUM	RMI	Alex Deckmyn	
BULGARIA	NIMH	Boryana Tsenova	
CROATIA	DHMZ	Antonio Stanesic	
CZECH REP	CHMI	Radmila Brožková	Petra Smolikova
DENMARK	DMI	Tommaso Benacchio	Julia Sommer
ESTONIA	ESTEA	Alina Lerner-Vilu	
FINLAND	FMI	Reima Eresmaa	
FRANCE	MF	Cécile Loo	
HUNGARY	HMS	Gabriella Szépszó	
ICELAND	IMO	Guðrún Nína Petersen	
IRELAND	Met Eireann	Saji Varghese	
LITHUANIA	LHMS	Rimvydas Jasinskas	
MOROCCO	DGM	Siham Sbii	
NETHERLANDS	KNMI	Wim de Rooij	
NORWAY	MET Norway	Jørn Kristiansen	
POLAND	IMGW-PIB	Bogdan Bochenek	
PORTUGAL	IPMA	Maria Monteiro	
ROMANIA	NMA	Alexandra Craciun	
SLOVAKIA	SHMU	Maria Derkova	
SLOVENIA	ARSO	Jure Cedilnik	
SPAIN	AEMET	Javier Calvo	

SWEDEN	SMHI	Jelena Bojarova	
TUNISIA	INM	Wafa Khalfaoui	
TÜRKIYE	TSMS	Yelis Cengiz	

Claude Fischer (PM), Anne-Lise Dhomps (CSS)

Opening and adoption of agenda (CNA)

Mariska opened the meeting with the 29 participants connected and presented the agenda.

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Cécile asked whether it would be possible to have 2 minutes to talk about access to MF machines.

The agenda is unanimously adopted.

1. Introduction of new LTMs (CNA)

Mariska welcomed Stephan Schneider who replaces Christoph Wittmann as LTM for Geosphere Austria.

2. Info by CSS

Mariska gave the floor to Anne-Lise.

Anne-Lise presented a few updates on the DAP, the RWP2026, the annual contributions of each NMS and on the following-up on the operational configurations.

DAP 2025 follow-up

- DAP list-2 proposals are now closed.

- Please use the "ACCORD_DAP2025_follow-up" file to keep Anne-Lise informed of the realisation of actions.

- Remember that a scientific report is expected after each visit, more preferably as a newsletter article.

- The form for DAP2026 list1 will be open in september

RWP2026 - action, timeline for LTMs

On going: Redaction by MG and co-leads
End of June: First draft version to be sent to LTMs
July - August: 2nd redaction of the RWP2026,
                   MG continue to liaise with co-leads, teams and LTMs
End of August: RWP2026 content ready
September: Commitments by LTMs
                   DAP2026 form open
4-5 November: Submission to STAC
1-2 December: Submission to Assembly

Financial Contributions 2025

NMS annual contributions: Most countries have paid so far.

You need to pay the contribution in order to have the compensations for 2025.

For those who have already paid, you should have received the compensation.
If you haven't, do not hesitate to liaise with Anne-Lise css@accord-nwp.org

List of operational configurations

In ACCORD operational configurations are monitored, listed and illustrated on the ACCORD website:
https://www.accord-nwp.org/ CONFIGURATIONS / Operational configurations

As requested on the Information4LTM file, LTMs are supposed to inform the CSS of any changes. None in the last 18 months ?

Please check and complete the table on the sheet "Operational configurations" of the Information4LTM file (tick in column Q-R-S). It is possible to add a line if it is needed (new configuration). The deadline is till the next LTM meeting.

Partners	Operational Models	Operational configurations	Horizontal resolution (km)	Domain size (nb gridpoint)	Number of vertical levels	Version	Coupled with	Computer	Configuration	ELATC	ELONC	ELAT0	ELON0	CONSORTIUM	VALIDATION		
															still valid	not used anymore	new configuration
ALGERIA	ALGE (ALADIN)	ALGERIA: ALGE (ALADIN)	6	600x600	70	43t2	ARPEGE	FENNEC-HPC	ALADIN	32.5	3.25	32.5	3.25	FR	☐	☐	☐
ALGERIA	ALADIN_DUST	ALGERIA: ALADIN_DUST	14	250x250	70	43t2	ALADIN-ALGE	FENNEC-HPC	ALADIN	32.5	3.25	32.5	3.25	FR	☐	☐	☐
ALGERIA	AROME-NORD-ALGE	ALGERIA: AROME-NORD-ALGE	3	500x500	41	43t2	ARPEGE	FENNEC-HPC	AROME	34	3	34	3	FR	☐	☐	☐

Mariska: In LACE we have to produce reports, but they are long and technical. Would a summary or a link be enough for the Newsletter ?

Anne-Lise: the best would be to keep the report as it is and just put it in the right Newsletter format (as described on the website). But if they are very long and too technical, a 1-2 pages summary (and 1 picture) with the link would be great to advertise on the topic. Not just the link alone.

Mariska: about the op. conf. I got a request from Spain (oceanography) for a better definition of domains. Could it be possible to add the coordinates of the corners of the domains? not just the center.
E.g. top left corner and bottom right corner ?

Anne-Lise: Yes, I can add two columns in the file so partners provide this info.

Tommaso: when will the RWP2026 be made available ? Next week ? the following ?

Anne-Lise: at the best end of next week. Else beginning of the following one.

Claude: The last review by the MG will be on the 4th July. So closely after that.

Tommaso: DMI management will be on holiday then. They won't be able to read it before August.

Anne-Lise: it is fine, you'll still have all August to interact with AL and co-leaders.

No more questions. Mariska gave the floor to Cécile about the item on the access to MF HPC resources.

Cécile:
We received some very short term requests this year in relation to WWs in ACCORD, where participants needed to have access to some MF resources. If for a WW you need access for a new person, please make your request to us well in advance !
It should be no later than one month ahead of the WW (time required for internal processing with the relevant departments in MF).

An additional question was raised regarding password changes at MF. If you received an email asking that you change your password, you should do it (this request was sent to everyone, MF and external users).

***Mariska**: We recently tried to change our passwords when connected to "belenos" and this didn't work. Any reason for this ? => **Cécile** will check and provide feedback to Mariska.*

3. Transition phase 1 to phase 2

Mariska gave the floor to Claude to explain the next steps for the Transition phase 1 - phase 2 of ACCORD.

Management positions

- Assembly meeting on 7 July
- Management positions (pending decisions of the A/A)
  - CSC-Leaders: Eric Bazile (Arome), Martina Tudor (Alaro), future UWC/PM (Harmonie-Arome)
  - The names of the CSS and of the Integration Leader are expected to be confirmed
  - Area Leaders: The functions will be discussed for approval
  - Calls open soon after the A/A of 7 July:
    - Area Leaders: motivate your relevant staff to consider applying!
    - likewise also for Documentation Officer and Coordinator for Networking Activities

MoU-2 signing process

- Legal check completed. The text will be re-submitted for final approval and the signing process is expected to start soon after the 7 July.
- The goal is to have collected all signatures by mid-November and be able to exhibit the fully signed MoU at the A/A meeting of 1-2 December.
- The PM+CSS might reach out to the one or other LTM for him/her to check the status of the signing process at their institute.

headlines of timeline regarding the management positions

- **A/A 1-2 December 2025**: Approval of all other management positions; Nomination of LTMs (per institute)

- in the end of October or in the first half of November: Interview the AL candidates

- **A/A 9 October**: Budget aspects; Discuss any pending issue (management, status of signing)

- July 2025: Call for applications to the other management positions (DL for receiving answers: Tuesday 7 October 2025)

- **A/A 7 July**: Approve nomination of CSC-Leaders; Approve the structure of the MG (the list of Area Leaders); Discuss the management positions which require a Call for application; Discuss other management positions and approve the first nominations

- May-June: preparation of the definitions of the Area Leader functions (Working Group)

- May 2025: Procedure for nominating the CSC-Leaders is organized within each list of "CSC institutes"

- **A/A 13 May**: Nominate the PM for phase 2

- 2nd half of April or in the beginning of May: interviews of the PM candidates

- March-April 2025: Consultation for the CSC Leaders (facilitated by the PM+CSS if needed)

- **A/A 10 March 2025**: Approve the procedure for listing the "CSC institutes" & Approve each list of "CSC institutes" (*each list then agrees on how it organizes the selection of the corresponding CSC-Leader*);

- December 2024: Call for application for the PM position (DL of receiving answers: Friday 4 April 2025); **DONE ON 20 JANUARY 2025**

- **A/A 9 December 2024**: Discuss the procedure and the timeline, as well as the Selection Panel and the Call of application for the PM position; *provided the A/A approved the scientific strategy with no reserve (item 10) => APPROVED*

Nina: And for the PM ? Has the Call already happened or not yet ?

Claude, yes, I've been appointed PM for the new phase of ACCORD by the A/A of 13 May.

Tommaso: about the AL, what will be required for applications ?

Claude: the requirements will be very similar to what we had for phase1.
Call for application, including general ToR for all AL functions and specific ToR for each AL.
The Call will contain a text explaining the context and the skills required, the link to the strategy position, and that the functions are 0.5 FTE positions. 1 candidate per function but could be 2 persons from the same institute for a function.

For a candidacy, the required material is a motivation letter, a letter of support by the institute and a CV.

Everything should be explained in the call. So please, check carefully the content of that text when you look after potential candidates.
It will be proposed at the Assembly of 7th July and then officially distributed.

4. All Staff Workshop 2026

Claude introduced the list of confirmed hosts of the forthcoming ASW, and suggested each LTM to take the floor.

- 2026: on the invitation of DMN-Maroc Marrakech
  13-17 April ~~or 23-27 March~~: the exact dates will be further assessed with our Moroccan colleagues

- 2027: Météo-France

Toulouse (CIC)

- 2028: DHMZ (Croatia)

Siham: *We will be happy to host the ASW in Marrakech and welcome our ACCORD colleagues.*
I do confirm that the dates 13-17 April work for us.

Cécile: *I do confirm that MF can host the ASW in 2027. Dates are not settled yet, but it will be during the same period as usual.*

Antonio: *I do confirm that it will be possible for DHMZ to host the ASW in 2028. We have the confirmation of our DG.*
2002 was the last time we hosted it, so we are very happy to host the ASW again.

Claude: *I'd like to thank the persons that I contacted in Zalakaros. There were more ACCORD members whom I approached, and who have been considering the organization. Some were not in a position to confirm quickly, but I'll keep in touch with them since there was a real interest to host the ASW in an upcoming year.*
Regarding 2026, the confirmation now had to be obtained fairly quickly, and we will now recontact Siham and the Moroccan team to discuss the practical arrangements.
Thus many thanks to our colleagues in Morocco, to those at MF and in Croatia, and also to the few other teams with whom we could discuss in Zalakaros.

5. AOB

Mariska gave the floor to Claude to present one slide.

Claude explained that this LTM meeting offered an opportunity to keep ACCORD teams informed about the coding norms and the availability of HARP:

- We collected a set of questions regarding the IFS coding norms (2023): ECMWF and MF have recently provided their feedback (resp. Olivier Marsden and Philippe Marguinaud). Available here [ECMWF-MF answers to the comments on the coding norms](#)

- For future queries regarding the coding norms, use the link to the github repo: https://github.com/ecmwf-ifs/ifs-arpege-coding-standards

- Advertisement regarding the use of harp: a scripting now exists and is promoted for the teams who want to use harp for local verification (in experimental and/or in operational kind of verification). The scripts are stored in the repository "oper-harp-verif" under harphub. Instructions for installation and use are found in the repository. https://github.com/harphub

6. Next meetings and closure

- Besides EWGLAM in week 22-25 Sept (SMHI and hybrid)
  Tuesday 23 September second half of afternoon 1h (pending final program confirmation)

- Then maybe only in the beginning of 2026

Nina: If I do not go to EWGLAM, can I send someone to represent me ?

Claude: Yes, you have to inform Mariska, Anne-Lise and myself and be clear that the person will attend the LTM meeting in your name. Then the mission of this person is accounted for as the LTM mission to EWGLAM and compensated by the ACCORD budget.

ANNEXE: Picture gallery from the online meeting.

Dismissed !