

1 Introduction

As has traditionally been the case, all contributions to this COSMO Newsletter are summaries of presentations given at the last COSMO General Meeting which took place from 15 to 19 September 2008 in Cracow, Poland. The last COSMO General Meeting has been the 10th one in a row, starting from the first meeting in 1999 in Bologna, Italy, and having been hosted in Zurich, Athens, Warsaw, Langen, Milan, Zurich, Bucharest, and Athens, respectively, in the years in between. Within these 10 years, the meetings have grown a lot, starting from a two-day get-together with a list of participants that easily fitted onto a single sheet of paper to a full-week parallel-session event with around 80 colleagues participating. Needless to say that this nicely reflects the success of the COSMO model as well as the fruitful collaboration within the Consortium for Small-Scale Modelling.

Additional to this Newsletter, the final reports of the first COSMO Priority Projects, introduced and started at the Zurich meeting in 2005, will be published as COSMO Technical Reports within the next few weeks. This partly explains why this years Newsletter is comparatively thin, since a lot of last years COSMO work has taken place within the Priority Projects, and will hence be reported on in the upcoming COSMO Technical Reports rather than in this Newsletter.

For those of you who would like to participate at a COSMO General Meeting, rather than 'only' reading the Newsletters: the next General Meeting will take place from 7 to 11 September 2009 at the DWD in Offenbach, Germany!

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Figure 1: Participants of the 10th COSMO General Meeting in Cracow