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The current issue of the COSMO Newsletter presents a selection of articles on the recent COSMO developments and results. They were extensively reviewed and discussed during the COSMO General Meeting which took place from 10 to 13 September 2012 in Lugano, Switzerland. You can find the meeting presentations at http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/consortium/generalMeetings/general2012/default.htm.

During the current COSMO year, we focus especially on development of the new version V5.0 of the COSMO model which unifies the recent code developments for our ART, CLM and NWP communities. The new version will become a good operational and scientific tool to fulfill our current requirements and needs, and will lay a foundation for further coordinated code development. The code development is managed according to the recently approved coding standards and using recently redesigned code management web pages.

The work on renewed COSMO strategy, to be outlined in the revised COSMO Science Plan, starts during this COSMO year. We are all invited to actively participate in the work and discussions, involved. They will take place on all the levels of our consortium and I expect especially lively and fruitful discussions taking place on the level of the Working Groups. The important aim of our discussion is also to address the cross-cutting issues, like e.g. strategy for further code improvement and development or nowcasting. I look forward to the results of all the discussions.

For the next General Meeting, we will meet in Sibiu, Romania, from 2 to 5 September 2013.

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