

The previous COSMO General Meeting which took place in Sibiu, Romania, from 2 to 5 September 2013 gave an opportunity to review and discuss the recent developments within our consortium. You can find the meeting presentations at <http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/consortium/generalMeetings/general2013/default.htm>.

The COSMO Newsletter offers you a platform for providing more extensive information to the COSMO community on the problems you are tackling and results of your work. I would like to encourage you to make use of this opportunity and to thank all the contributors to the current and recent issues.

The current COSMO year started with important meeting of COSMO Directors which took place in Helsinki in September 2013. The Directors approved the COSMO Strategy which aims at harmonization of COSMO and ICON within time horizon of 2020 (see the document on http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/consortium/reports/cosmoStrategy_2013-11-15.priv.pdf) and approved new COSMO Agreement.

An important achievement of the current COSMO year was a release of new version 5.0 of the COSMO model, together with new INT2LM 2.0. The release unifies recent ART, CLM and NWP developments. This success was possible due to hard and dedicated work of the development teams and I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all involved. The new version already became a foundation for further developments and especially for an implementation of COSMO-ICON physics library. This current work is aimed at bringing recently developed tools to the COSMO model to further improve its results and is an important element of our Strategy.

During the current COSMO year we continue to work on a new edition of COSMO Science Plan. I would like to thank for all your contributions. The Science Plan becomes a very interesting and important document which will guide development of COSMO model up to year 2020.

To discuss a wide range of current COSMO activities we will meet for the next General Meeting in Eretria, Greece, from 8 to 11 September 2014. I wish every success in your work.

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Figure 1: Participants of the 15th COSMO General Meeting in Sibiu