

The current issue of the COSMO Newsletter presents a selection of articles on the recent developments of the consortium. I would like to thank the authors for sharing their results on the hot and interesting topics and to encourage all of you to use the Newsletter for presentation of your results.

An extensive review and discussion of our recent progress and results took place during the COSMO General Meeting held from 8 to 11 September 2014 in Eretria, Greece. You can find the presentations at <http://www.cosmo-model.org/content/consortium/generalMeetings/general2014/default.htm> .

An important achievement of the current COSMO year was the release of new edition of the COSMO Science Plan. The document was approved by the COSMO Steering Committee in March 2015 and will guide the development of our consortium by the year 2020. You can find the document at http://cosmo-model.org/content/consortium/reports/sciencePlan_2015-2020.pdf The preparation of the document stimulated very interesting discussions and involved feedback from many of you and from scientists from outside of the consortium. I would like to thank and express my gratitude to all who participated in the work and influenced the final shape of the Plan.

Other important milestone was the release of new version 5.1 of the COSMO model, which begins practical implementation of our Strategy aimed at harmonization with ICON, that is an implementation COSMO-ICON physics library. The release of V5.1 was the first to be tested with newly prepared NWP test suite, in accordance with our code management standards. I would like to thank all the developers, involved, and wish many successes in further work on the COSMO model and its tools.

For the next General Meeting, we will meet in Wrocław, Poland, from 7 to 10 September 2015. I wish every success in your work!

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Figure 1: Participants of the 16th COSMO General Meeting in Eretria