

ETMS

Newsletter

ETHIOPIAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY (ETMS)

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ETMS NEWS

1. Re-registration and approval of ETMS

In accordance with Proclamation NO. 621/2009, of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Charities and Societies Agency has announced that all societies must be re-registered. Following the announcement, the revised draft of the Statute and the proposed new name of the Society, Ethiopian Meteorological Society (ETMS), was presented and approved by the Third General Assemble of the Society. This was forwarded to the Charities and Societies The Agency, after approving the request, got the new name with the Acronym published in the Addis Zemen News Paper for possible objection by any entity. Since no objection was received by the deadline, the Agency approved the re-registration and issued a letter of recognition and a certificate to the Society.

2. OUTCOME OF THE THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The third General Assembly (TGA) of the Ethiopian Meteorological Society (ETMS) was held on 22 December 2009. The TGA was opened by the deputy Director General of the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority.

Prior to the TGA meeting, a high level expert has given detailed account on the current issue related to climate change and its subsequent impacts on the country. In addition, he explained the result of the negotiations of the world Leaders, at the Copenhagen meeting, and the measures that should be undertaken by member counties to mitigate and adapt the adverse effects of Climate Change. The annual progress report of the Society was presented by the president of the Society; as well as the financial statement of the society was presented by the auditor of the Society,

Then the society's annual plan and budget was presented by the president and it was unanimously approved.

3. DONATION

According to the request made on December 2008, the world Bank office in Ethiopia has donated to the Ethiopian Meteorological Society two used desk tops, three monitors, three docks and three laptops.

4. BRANCHES OF THE SOCIETY

Though the Society's Branch at the Arbaminch University was established in May 2009, it has not been functional for about a year, due to the unforeseen Circumstances.

5. INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

The President of the Society has participated in two international meetings in January and February 2010

5.1 International Forum OF Meteorological Society (IFMS) of the World

The first IFMS was held in Atlanta, USA in January 2010; The President of Ethiopian Meteorological Society attended the Meeting and has been nominated to be member of the steering committee of the IFMS

The President of the Society met and discussed with the president of the China Meteorological Society (CMS) on matters related to mutual cooperation. The President of the Society has reported that the Next IFMS meeting will be held in October 2011 in China, where it will be chaired by the President of CMS.

5.2 Climate Outlook Forum (COF)

The President of the Society has also participated the Meeting on the 25th Greatest Horn of Africa, Climate outlook forum (GHACOF) in Nairobi, Kenya from 25-26 Feb 2010

In addition, the President has reported that in collaboration with Dr. Mihitha, who is the President of the Tanzania Meteorological Society have prepared a project brief to publish a handbook/guide for use by producers as well as users of climate information, particularly by media experts. The proposal was approved by COF25 and recommended for the preparation of a full project document for donors consideration.

6. Visits

6.1 Visits by experts from the United States.

Ethiopian Meteorological Society members Dr. Tufa Dinku, Dr. Mengistu Wolde and Dr. Ademe Mekonen from the USA visited the ETMS office during January & February 2010.

Their visit was quite beneficial to strengthen the link between the members abroad, particularly those in North America with the ETMS.

- Dr. Tufa has conducted a project on data processing and modeling with the financed assistance of the university of reading in the UK. In this connection, the ETMS office assisted by handling the payment for the experts of NMA, who were involved in the data processing and modeling exercises of the project.

- Dr. Ademe Mekonen gave a two hour talk on modeling and its findings of tropical Meteorology in Africa particularly in Ethiopian. He has discussed and exchanged ideas on the subject with experts who attended the talk.

Dr Adema expressed his willingness to look for scholarships for 3-4 competent members of the Society at USA universities. In this regard, the ETMS office has issued an announcement for members to apply and ETMS Training and Research Committee will make the selection. It is anticipated that the scholarships, if the selected candidates meet the requirements and are obtained, will be implemented in the fall of 2011.

6.2 Visit of officials of China Meteorological Society

The President of the Ethiopian Meteorological Society (ETMS) and the President of the China Meteorological Society (CMS) met in Atlanta, USA during the meeting of the IFMS in January 2010. They have discussed on mutual cooperation and agreed to cooperate and strengthen the collaboration efforts between the two sister societies.

At first CMS delegation initiated to visit ETMS some times in May 2010. But after exchanging messages, the visit of CMS delegation was postponed to 2011. However, the CMS officials proposed that the ETMS delegation could visit China any time after October 2010. The Executive Committee of ETMS has agreed to the visit and preparations under way to make the visit a reality.

7. Training and Research policy

In order to strengthen the Meteorological Services in Ethiopia, it is of paramount importance to promote the training of skilled man power and conducting research. In this

regard, ETMS has intentions to coordinating its efforts in these areas with relevant national and international institutions.

With a view to promoting these important activities the Executive Committee has established a Training and Research Committee. To help the work of the Committee the Executive Committee has now issued a Training and Research Policy recently which will be made available to all members soon.

8. Journal Guide

It may be recalled that the Society held its first scientific conference on 16 October 2008 . Different Original papers were presented at the conference.

The proceedings of the Conference was published and distributed to members in 2009.

Since then the society was to publish the first Journal of the society. But because of unforeseen problems and lack of an appropriate guide, it has not been possible to publish the first Journal of the Ethiopian Meteorological Society (JETMS).

The Executive Committee has now issued the guide for publishing the JETMS, and it is envisaged that the first scientific Journal of ETMS will be published and distributed as soon as possible.