

ISST Conference Call Summary
Monday, November 20, 2006, 12:30 pm CST

Agenda:

1. Round Robin
2. RTMA status and evaluation
3. 10-2310 PAC request – Bill – see below the excerpt from the PAC minutes
4. Sky – PAC discussion – Bill, Lee, Greg
5. Day 4-7 Position Paper – Greg

Present – **Jim, Bill, Jeff, Ken, Greg, Reid, Dan**

Not Present – **Tom, Mike, Lee, Karl**

Round robin:

One team member attended the NCEP ensemble workshop and the biggest issue is data accessibility. NOMADS server might be made operationally soon. Amy McCullough will replace the two SR members on Dec 4. One ISST member was examining element PoP verification to determine if forecasters are opting for 14 or 30 percent versus having “slight chance” wording appear in forecasts even though climatology would say that a 20 PoP would be correct. Also, Central Region plans to implement new Day 4-7 Practice (similar to ER’s).

RTMA

A change to parallel run using WRF pre-processor implemented with improvement to land-sea map. ECA issues – we may be able to try to incorporate GOES sounder info in AWIPS OB7.2 if it’s deemed to be any good. WR SSD doing some verification, but difficult to know if these new changes (e.g., land-sea) will be observable in the verification data. We need more cases to be submitted via the Web form by offices evaluating the data. OCONUS – Training; question was asked if the ISST be putting together an evaluation. Not planned formally for ISST.

Other topics

MDL has been backing grid methodology standardization. Do we want one-size-fits-all mentality? No, this doesn’t work, especially with high-impact weather. Is near-seamless idea acceptable?

ERH Dave Novak working to try to include all STSIT smart tools baselined into AWIPS – ISST supports.

Paradigm of forecasting has changed to pulling from the strength of NWP. Discussion occurred about forecasters’ expertise in NWP.

Next call: 11/27/06