

Vacancy Notice

Research Fellowship

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EUMETSAT is now inviting applications from suitably qualified scientists from its Member States and Cooperating State for a Research Fellowship on Investigating the Assimilation of Geostationary Water Vapour Radiance Data to extract Wind Information with an Ensemble Kalman Filter.

POST: Research Fellowship

(Investigating the Assimilation of Geostationary Water Vapour Radiance Data to extract Wind Information with an Ensemble Kalman Filter)

LOCATION: Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD),
Frankfurter Str. 135,
63067 Offenbach,
Germany

DURATION: The fellowship is offered for two years.

AREA OF RESEARCH: The Research Fellow will join the Data Assimilation Group in the Numerical Weather prediction (NWP) Department at the German Weather Service (DWD). She or he will work alongside DWD scientists, taking active part in the research and development of the new ensemble-based data assimilation system to be employed

for the global and regional high resolution forecasts.

The work will focus on the assimilation of water vapour radiance information from geostationary satellites. The main aim is to evaluate the ability of the ensemble data assimilation to extract wind information from the movement of water vapour structures observed in time sequences of geostationary satellite observations.

Whilst the main work is done in the context of the global data assimilation system using a combined variational and ensemble-based approach (VarEnKF), results and experiments may be extended to the high-resolution ensemble-based assimilation system (LETKF in KENDA) towards the end of the position period.

The work will involve the following topics:

- Data monitoring of clear-sky radiances from METEOSAT/SEVIRI within the operational global VarEnKF/ICON numerical forecasting system, and consistency checking of results with corresponding data from HIRS and IASI;
- Setup of an idealized experiment: Use of synthetic humidity 'data' and water vapour radiances computed from a 'nature' model run for assimilation into the EnKF. Evaluation of the filter's ability to extract wind information from the displacement of humidity structures and tuning of relevant parameters;
- Assimilation experiments with real clear-sky water vapour radiances (CSR) together with conventional and other satellite radiances;
- At all assimilation stages, evaluation of humidity and wind increments, cross-correlations, ensemble spread and tuning of relevant EnKF parameters like localization length scale, variance inflation and model error representation, assimilation time window (e.g. 3 versus 6 hours) as well as bias corrections.
- Optionally, experiments can be extended to a comparison of assimilation of CSR data with available atmospheric motion vectors (AMVs).

QUALIFICATIONS / SKILLS: Applicants should have a University degree in Meteorology, Physics or Mathematics, relevant research experience equivalent to PhD level, and a good general knowledge of numerical methods and quantitative data processing.

Sound programming skills in Fortran and/or C on Unix/Linux systems are mandatory.

Experience in one or more of the following areas would be a clear advantage: data assimilation, quantitative processing and analysis of observations from meteorological satellites, operational numerical weather forecasting, applied mathematics, working with large amounts of data, radiative transfer modelling.

Strong interpersonal and team working skills are required, along with strengths in analysis, synthesis and presentation.

Good working knowledge of the English language is required and command of the German language is an advantage.

An objective of the EUMETSAT research Fellowship Scheme is to contribute to the education of graduates and thereby to the development of further competence within its Member and Co-operating states.

GRADE & REMUNERATION: The remuneration depends on qualifications and experience according to DWD's standards (*within the range of TvÖD level E13 to E14*). In addition, approved travel costs are reimbursed.

CLOSING DATE: 2 October 2016
Interviews are tentatively scheduled for week 44/2016.

Applications in English or French should be sent via our online form (attaching curriculum vitae and covering letter quoting Reference VN(16)39) at

www.eumetsat.int

Please note that only nationals of EUMETSAT Member States and Cooperating States may apply and that applications will not be returned.