



# 5<sup>th</sup> EARSeL Workshop

## Remote Sensing of Snow and Glaciers Changing Climate – Changing Cryosphere

11 - 13 February 2008  
Department of Geography, University of Berne,  
Switzerland



Monday, 11 February 2008

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| 9:30 – 10:50  | <i>Registration / Coffee</i>   |  |
| 10:50 – 11:00 | <b>Welcome</b>   | Stefan Wunderle  |
|               | <b>Why we should use remote sensed data – or why not?</b>  | <b>Chair: Stefan Wunderle</b>  |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Potential and limits of satellite data for climate issues<br><br><b>Abstract<br/>Presentation</b>  | Hans v. Storch <sup>1</sup> (invited), Mathias Zahn <sup>1,2</sup> ,<br>Anne Blechschmidt <sup>2</sup> , Stig Wilkenkjeld <sup>1</sup> , Heinz<br>Günther <sup>1</sup> , Stephan Bakan <sup>2,3</sup><br><br><sup>1</sup> Institute for Coastal Research, GKSS Research Centre,<br>Germany<br><sup>2</sup> Meteorological Institute of the University of Hamburg,<br>Germany<br><sup>3</sup> Max-Planck Institute of Meteorology, Germany  |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Assessment of snow cover of northern Eurasia for climate<br>model validation and related GMES snow monitoring services<br><br><b>Abstract</b>  | Jouni Pulliainen <sup>1</sup> , Matias Takala <sup>1</sup> , Panu<br>Lahtinen <sup>1</sup> , Anna Kontu <sup>1</sup> , Jarkko Koskinen <sup>1</sup> ,<br>Heikki Järvinen <sup>1</sup> , Sari Metsämäki <sup>2</sup> , Miia<br>Eskelinen <sup>2</sup> , Yriä Sucksdorff <sup>2</sup> , Juha-Petri<br>Kärnä <sup>3</sup> , Kari Luojus <sup>3</sup><br><br><sup>1</sup> Finnish Meteorological Institute<br><sup>2</sup> Finnish Environment Institute<br><sup>3</sup> Helsinki University of Technology |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Arctic Sea Ice in 2007: A Year to Remember<br><br><b>Abstract<br/>Presentation<br/>Paper</b>   | Julienne C. Stroeve <sup>1</sup> , Sheldon Drobot <sup>1</sup> , James<br>Maslanik <sup>1</sup> , Walter Meier <sup>1</sup> , Ted Scambos <sup>1</sup> , Mark<br>Serreze <sup>1</sup><br><br><sup>1</sup> NSIDC, University of Colorado  |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <b>Lunch</b>   |  |
|               | <b>A step forward – new sensors and new missions</b>   | <b>Chair: Rune Solberg</b>   |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | New Missions of ESA's Living Planet Programme in the<br>context of the IGOS-Cryo Theme<br><br><b>Abstract<br/>Presentation</b> (for further information please contact M.Drinkwater<br>(Mark.Drinkwater@esa.int) directly) | Mark Drinkwater <sup>1</sup> (invited)<br><br><sup>1</sup> European Space Agency   |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | CoReH <sub>2</sub> O – A dual-frequency SAR mission for improved snow<br>and ice observations  | Helmut Rott <sup>1</sup> , Donald Cline, Christian Haas,<br>Claude Duguay, Richard Essrey, Giovanni<br>Macelloni, Eirik Malnes, Jouni Pulliainen,<br>Helge Rebhan, Simon Yueh<br><br><sup>1</sup> University of Innsbruck  |

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| 15:00 – 15:30 | <b>Poster session (4 minutes/3 slides per poster)</b><br>Thin Sea-ice Thickness as inferred from Passive Microwave and In Situ Observations<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a>   | <b>Chair: Rune Solberg</b><br>Kazuhiro Naoki <sup>1</sup> , Jinro Ukita, Fumihiko Nishio <sup>1</sup> , Masashige Nakayama<br><br>1 Center for Environmental Remote Sensing, Chiba University, Chiba, Japan                                   |
|               | Rapid avalanche detection using optical remote sensing data<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>   | Yves A. Buehler <sup>1</sup> , Tobias W. Kellenberger <sup>1</sup><br><br>1 RSL Department of Geography, University of Zurich   |
|               | Retrieval of snow physical parameters using ground-based spectral pyranometer<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>   | Katsuyuki Kuchiki <sup>1</sup> , Teruo Aoki <sup>1</sup> , Etsuko Tanaka, Hiroki Motoyoshi, Tomonori Tanikawa<br><br>1 Meteorological Research Institute, Tsukuba   |
|               | Effect of sun-crust on spectral reflectance on snow<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a>   | Tomonori Tanikawa <sup>1</sup> , Teruo Aoki <sup>2</sup> , Konosuke Sugiura, Akihiro Hachikubo <sup>1</sup> , Hiroyuki Enomoto <sup>1</sup><br><br>1 Kitami Institute of Technology<br>2 Meteorological Research Institute, Tsukuba           |
|               | Quantitative high-resolution stratigraphy of snow<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>   | Martin Schneebeli <sup>1</sup><br><br>1 Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research SLF   |
|               | Simulation of spaceborne microwave radiometer measurements of snow cover from in-situ data and emission models<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>                               | Anna Kontu <sup>1</sup> , Jouni Pulliaisen <sup>1</sup><br><br>1 Finnish Meteorological Institute   |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | <b>Poster presentation / Coffee break</b>   |   |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | <b>A step forward – new sensors and new missions II</b><br>Microwave Backscattering Measurements of Alpine Snowcover - Ground based microwave measurements of snow in support of the CoRe-H2O mission<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a> | <b>Chair: Teruo Aoki</b><br>Andreas Wiesmann <sup>1</sup> , Tazio Strozzi, Christian Mätzler, Charles Werner, Urs Wegmüller<br><br>1 GAMMA Remote Sensing   |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | X- and Ku-band Snow Backscatter Signatures from the SARALPS-2007 Campaign; SARALPS-2007<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>   | Keith Morrison <sup>1</sup> , Helmut Rott <sup>2</sup> , Thomas Nagler <sup>2</sup> , Helge Rebhan, Patrick Wursteisen <sup>4</sup><br><br>1 Cranfield University<br>2 University of Innsbruck<br>3 ENVEO, Austria<br>4 European Space Agency |
| 18:30 – 21.30 | <b>Ice breaker</b><br>University main building (Kuppelsaal)<br>Hochschulstrasse 4<br>Ch-3012 Bern   |   |

**Tuesday, 12 February 2008**

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| 08:30 – 9:00  | <b>Continental Snow Cover</b><br>The onset of snow melt estimated from SMMR and SSM/I data in Eurasia<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   | <b>Chair: Thomas Nagler</b><br>Mathias Takala <sup>1</sup> , Jouni Pullainen <sup>1</sup><br>1 Finnish Meteorological Institute   |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Diurnal thaw and refreeze during spring snowmelt from QuikScat over entire Siberia - A sensitivity and time series analyses<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   | Annett Bartsch <sup>1</sup> , Richard A Kidd, Wolfgang Wagner<br>1 Vienna University of Technology  |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Mapping Arctic albedo and cryosphere from MODIS for the International Polar Year at the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a>   | Alexander P. Trishchenko <sup>1</sup> , Yi Luo <sup>1</sup> , Konstantin V. Khlopenkov <sup>1</sup> , William M. Park <sup>1</sup><br>1 Canada Centre for Remote Sensing  |
| 10:00 – 10:40 | <b>Poster session (4 minutes/3 slides per poster)</b><br>Glacier Monitoring by remote sensing and GIS techniques in open source environment<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><br>Snow Cover Monitoring using Multi-temporal ENVISAT/ASAR Data<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   | <b>Chair: Teruo Aoki</b><br>Eva S. Malinverni <sup>1</sup> , Claudia Croci, Fabrizio Sgroi<br>1 Dardus – Universita'Politecnica Marche<br><br>Linda Valenti <sup>1</sup> , David Small, Erich Meier<br>1 Remote Sensing Laboratories - University of Zürich   |
|               | Using Satellite Product Snow Cover Maps in Snowmelt Runoff Modeling and Impact Studies in the Eastern Part of Turkey<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><br>Firline detection of the Northern Patagonia Icefield using ERS-1 data - An example from San Rafael Glacier<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><br>EuroCryoClim: A new initiative for the development of an operational cryospheric climate monitoring system<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a> | Emrah Pekkan <sup>1</sup> , Aynur Sensoy <sup>1</sup> , Arda Sorman <sup>1</sup> , A. Unal Sorman<br>1 Anadolu University<br><br>Masamu Aniya <sup>1</sup> , Gonzalo Barcaza<br>1 University of Tsukuba   |
|               | Towards combined spectrodirectional reflectance measurements and detailed snow microstructure studies<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>  | Rune Solberg <sup>1</sup> , Lars-Anders Breivik, Rune Engeset, Stein Tronstad<br>1 Norwegian Computing Centre<br><br>Stefan Rey <sup>1</sup> , Jürg T. Schopfer <sup>1</sup> , Martin Schneebeli <sup>2</sup> , Mathias Kneubühler <sup>1</sup> , Klaus H. Itten <sup>1</sup><br>1 RSL Department of Geography, University of Zurich<br>2 Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research SLF |
|               | Snow influences on shrub occurrence in an Alaskan tundra inferred from remotely sensed data<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a>  | Keiji Kushida <sup>1</sup><br>1 Institute of Low Temperature Science, Hokkaido University, Japan  |
|               | Impact of Climate Change on Himalayan Glaciers and Glacial Lakes<br><br><a href="#">Abstract</a><br><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>   | Pradeep Mool <sup>1</sup> , Samjwal Bajracharya <sup>1</sup> , Deo Raj Gurung <sup>1</sup> , Basanta Shrestha <sup>1</sup><br>1 ICIMOD, Nepal   |

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|               | Glacier Lake Outburst Flood Hazard Mapping – Imja Tsho Case Study   | Birendra Bajracharya <sup>1</sup> , Deoraj Gurung <sup>1</sup> , Lokap Rajbhandari, Basanta Shrestha <sup>1</sup><br>1 ICIMOD, Nepal  |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>  |   |
|               | Monitoring Daily Snow Cover over the Western Arctic using AVHRR and MODIS Imagery   | Richard Fernandes <sup>1</sup> , Konstantin Khlopchenko <sup>1</sup> , Alexander Trishchenko <sup>1</sup><br>1 Canada Centre for Remote Sensing   |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   |   |
| 10:40 – 11:30 | <b>Poster presentation / Coffee break</b>   |   |
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|               | <b>Spectral characteristics of snow and ice</b>   |   |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Physically based snow albedo model and satellite retrieved snow parameters  | <b>Chair: Helmut Rott</b><br>Teruo Aoki <sup>1</sup> , Taichu Tanaka <sup>1</sup> , Etsuko Tanaka <sup>1</sup> , Katsuyuki Kuchiki <sup>1</sup> , Hiroki Motoyoshi <sup>1</sup> , Tomonori Tanikawa<br>1 Meteorological Research Institute, Tsukuba |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  |   |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | The behaviour of snow and snow-free surface reflectance in the boreal forest area   | Miaa Eskelinen <sup>1</sup> , Jouni Pulliainen <sup>1</sup> , Anna Kontu <sup>1</sup> , Hanne Suokanerva, Sari Metsämäki <sup>1</sup><br>1 Finnish Environment Institute  |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   |   |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Snow cover change detection with laser scanning range and brightness measurements   | Sanna Kaasalainen <sup>1</sup> , Harri Kaartinen, Antero Kukko, Henri Niitymäki<br>1 Finnish Geodetic Institute   |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>  |   |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <b>Lunch</b>  |   |
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|               | <b>Multisensoral / multitemporal snow and ice</b>   |   |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Time-series fusion of optical and SAR data for snow cover area mapping  | <b>Chair: Jouni Pulliainen</b><br>Rune Solberg <sup>1</sup> , Ragnar B. Huseby <sup>1</sup> , Hans Koren <sup>1</sup> , Eirik Malnes<br>1 Norwegian Computing Centre  |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   |   |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Multi-sensor remote sensing observations of the near past and present structure and dynamics of Wilkins Ice Shelf (Antarctic Peninsula) | Matthias Braun <sup>1</sup> , Angelika Humbert, Albert Moll<br>1 Center for Remote Sensing of Land Surfaces, University of Bonn   |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  |   |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |   |
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|               | <b>Snow hydrology</b>   | <b>Chair: Jouni Pullainen</b>   |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Demonstration activities for snow cover monitoring and hydrology using satellite data                                   | Thomas Nagler <sup>1</sup> , Helmut Rott <sup>1</sup> , Florian Mueller <sup>1</sup> , Petra Malcher <sup>1</sup>     |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  | 1 ENVEO, Austria  |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | AWARE project - the geo-service for snowmelt runoff modelling in Alpine environment                                     | Anna Rampini <sup>1</sup> , Paola Carrara <sup>1</sup> , Monica Peppe <sup>1</sup> , Massimo Antoninetti <sup>1</sup> |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  | 1 IREA-CNR  |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Assimilation of snow melt information from SAR in the water balance and runoff model PROMET                             | Bach Heike <sup>1</sup> , Florian Appel <sup>1</sup> , Natali Ohl, Monika Prasch, Ulrich Strasser, Wolfram Mauser     |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  | 1 Vista Remote Sensing in Geosciences   |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Temporal Evaluation Of Snow Depletion Curves Derived By Optical Satellite Data For Simulating Snowmelt Runoff in Turkey | Gokhan Marim <sup>1</sup> , Aynur Sensoy <sup>2</sup> , Unal Sorman <sup>3</sup>                                      |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  | 1 Middle East Technical University, Department of Geodetic and Geographic Information Technologies                    |
|               | <a href="#">Presentation</a>  | 2 Anadolu University<br>3 METU Geodetic and Geographic Information Technologies                                       |
| 19:30 – 23.30 | <b>Conference Dinner</b>  |   |
|               | Haus der Universität<br>Schlösslistrasse 5<br>CH-3008 Bern  |   |

**Wednesday, 13 February 2008**

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|               | <b>Snow monitoring in mountains</b>   | <b>Chair: Alexander Trishchenko</b>   |
| 8:30 – 9:00   | Snow Cover Mapping over the mountainous areas in Europe with MSG-Seviri   | Serdar Surer <sup>1</sup> , Orhan Gokdemir, Zuhal Akyurek <sup>1</sup> , Unal Sorman <sup>1</sup><br>1 METU Geodetic and Geographic Information Technologies  |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   |   |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | Analysis of short-term trends in snow cover variability in the European Alps - based on operational sub-pixel snow mapping with NOAA AVHRR data | Fabia Huesler <sup>1</sup> , Stefan Wunderle <sup>1</sup> , Nando Foppa <sup>2</sup><br>1 Remote Sensing Research Group, University of Bern<br>2 Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology Meteoswiss |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>  |   |
| 9:30 – 10:00  | Alpine Snow Cover Climatology – a Swiss GCOS Pilot Project  | Gabriela Seiz <sup>1</sup> , Andreas Asch <sup>1</sup> , Nando Foppa <sup>1</sup><br>1 Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology Meteoswiss   |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   |   |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <i>Coffee break</i>   |   |
|               | <b>Glacier monitoring</b>   | <b>Chair: Alexander Trishchenko</b>   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Mapping Little Ice Age glacier maximum in Jotunheimen, Norway, using aerial photography and LANDSAT imagery                                     | Sabine Baumann <sup>1</sup> , Liss A. Andreassen, Stefan Winkler <sup>1</sup><br>1 University of Wuerzburg  |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Paper</a>   |   |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Topography of glaciers and ice caps with Spot 5 HRS devices   | Jérôme Korona <sup>1</sup> , Etienne Berthier <sup>1</sup> , Marc Bernard, Frédérique Rémy <sup>1</sup><br>1 OMP-LEGOS  |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  |   |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | <i>Lunch</i>  |   |
|               | <b>Glacier monitoring II</b>  | <b>Chair: Stefan Wunderle</b>   |
| 13:00 – 13:30 | Measurements of the Rhone Glacier velocity and topography using in-situ real-aperture RADAR   | Charles Werner <sup>1</sup> , Tazio Strozzi <sup>1</sup> , Andreas Wiesmann <sup>1</sup> , Andreas Bauder, Urs Wegmüller <sup>1</sup><br>1 Gamma Remote Sensing AG  |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>  |   |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Satellite radar interferometry and feature tracking for measuring Everest region glacier recession  | Duncan J. Quincey <sup>1</sup> , Adrian Luckman <sup>1</sup><br>1 Centre for Glaciology, Aberystwyth University   |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a><br><a href="#">Presentation</a>  |   |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | GlobGlacier: Mapping the worlds glaciers and icecaps from space for improved climate change impact assessment                                   | Frank Paul <sup>1</sup> , Andreas Kaab <sup>1</sup> , Helmut Rott <sup>2</sup> , Andrew Shepherd, Tazio Strozzi<br>1 Department of Geography, University of Zurich<br>2 University of Innsbruck           |
|               | <a href="#">Abstract</a>  |   |
| 14:30 – 14:40 | <b>Closing session</b>  |   |

Further information is available at:

<http://www.geography.unibe.ch/lenya/giub/live/research/remotesensing.html>  
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