

OPERA User Group – a new way to account for user requirements on OPERA products

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EUMETNET observation program OPERA has started its fourth phase in 2013. The decision was made to establish an additional team which should collect needs and requirements of all potential users of the OPERA products. Beside the already established composites delivered by OPERA, it is expected that OPERA collect radar volume data of reflectivity and radial velocity from joined members and will redistribute this to users. User opinions are very well expected to improve processes and to define standards (formats, timeliness, ...).

Currently OUG consists of 12 members representing users from numerical weather prediction (in particular data assimilation), now-casting of severe weather, hydrology and bird migration purposes. Other communities might be unrepresented so far. So the aim of the presentation is to introduce OUG and to invite further users to join. It is planned to have a short side meeting of OUG during ERAD, where interested users are welcome.