



Subject Minutes of the 1st meeting of the board of
OpenDA

Meeting date June 29th 2010

Present Dr. Mark Roest (Vortech), Prof. Arnold
Heemink (TU Delft), Dr. Martin Verlaan, Karel
Heynert, Simone de Kleermaeker (Deltares)

By Martin Verlaan

1. Opening and agenda

Everybody is welcomed to the meeting. This is the first meeting of the board of the OpenDA association. The board members are all present, Prof. Arnold Heemink (chairman), Dr. Mark Roest (treasurer) and Dr. Martin Verlaan (secretary).

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Since this is the first meeting there are no minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Practical matters

- A wiki page has been created under <http://public.deltares.nl> to collect material within Deltares about OpenDA. There is some discussion about the use of the wiki. Since OpenDA is open-source all publications that can be shared with the community should be put on the OpenDA website at <http://www.openda.org> The purpose of the wiki is to collect material about ongoing projects at Deltares as well as other information to keep Deltares colleagues informed about OpenDA developments. Further action is needed to plan what information should be shared in what manner.
- It is decided that contribution for the OpenDA association for 2010 is 3000euros per participant. As this was discussed during the draft of the charter of the OpenDA association, this was decided unanimously without further discussion.
- There have been some requests for a MAC version of OpenDA, but we have no suitable computer to develop and test this. Perhaps a VMWARE image is an option. (Action: Martin will

contact Johan Meijdam about his experience with OSX on VMWARE)

- The mail address is not the primary place for support questions. Questions about the software and its use should be directed to the forum first.
- Version control of the software is discussed. It is decided to keep using the Deltares subversion repository for now. Martin will investigate the possibility to mirror this to sourceforge.net.

4. Evaluation of the launch of OpenDA

Each of the participants gives their view of the past few months around the launch of OpenDA.

- Mark Roest: The cooperation with the partners was very good. It is good to see that most things were finished in time. The publicity that was generated was less than anticipated. Also Mark had expected more reactions.
- Martin Verlaan: A lot of effort went into the creation of the first open-source version of the software and the new website. Everybody helped to make the launch successful and to finish in time.
- Arnold Heemink: It is difficult to control the publicity. Arnold expects a gradual growth of attention for OpenDA, taking small steps forward over several years. It is really a long term investment.
- Karel Heynert: The new documentation that was made is very important and useful for OpenDA. The strong feeling of cooperation and having a common goal has been very inspiring. It is now up to us to make this work.
- Simone de Kleermaeker: It is important to keep an overview and plan the various activities.

5. Contacts with potential developers and users

The participants discussed the reactions of their contacts to the launch of OpenDA.

6. Upcoming events

- FEWS user days. There will be several presentations about OpenDA and its applications (start November 2010).
- Summer school on data-assimilation organized by Remus Hanea (summer 2011).
- Dutch community for data-assimilation. Ghada El Serafy will organize the next meeting (end January 2011).
- We also want to organize a user meeting in 2011. Also an install party is proposed.

7. Next meeting

It is agreed to meet again end of 2010 for evaluation of 2010 and look ahead towards 2011. A date will be put forward later.

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8. Actions

20100629.01	Martin Verlaan	Contact Johan Meijdam about VMWARE image for mac	new
20100629.02	Martin Verlaan	Investigate possibility to mirror svn to sourceforge	new