
IROWG Updates

IROWG Website Update

Website Server Status: (<https://irowg.org/>)

- IROWG website server is hosted by EUMETSAT but hasn't been maintained very well in the past; some feature began failing recently.

Solutions:

- After discussions with the CGMS Secretariat during CGMS-51 WGII (April 2024), the IROWG web server has been updated and is now properly managed by EUMETSAT IT.
- Special thanks to CGMS, EUMETSAT, and Christian Marquardt for fixing the issues and acting as our liaison with EUMETSAT IT.
- Web content has been reorganized, and efforts are ongoing to keep it current.

IROWG Email List Update

Email List Management: ([subscribe to current email list](#))

- Previously, the email list ran without much administration on EUMETSAT computers—chairs had no control.
- Since CGMS-51, the email list management improved, but full administrative control over the list is still pending.

Planned Transition to External Provider:

- EUMETSAT IT plans to move the email list to an external provider.
- **Advantages of this move:**
 - A web interface will allow users to register and de-register themselves.
 - Easier setup of new mailing lists.
 - Archives of past emails (from the point of transition).
 - IROWG chairs will gain full administrative control to moderate postings and manage registrations.

IROWG Email List: Major Changes

The domain name of the list server will change to

lists.irowg.org

We propose the following changes to the email lists:

- **announcements@lists.irowg.org**: This will replace the current list and be used for general information and announcements.
- **co-chairs@lists.irowg.org**: For communication between co-chairs, the Rapporteur, and CGMS.
- **nwp@lists.irowg.org (and similar for other subgroups)**: A new list for the IROWG subgroups
- Additional specific email lists can be created upon request. For example:
 - **romex@lists.irowg.org**: A new list for ROMEX-related matters.

IROWG email list transition

In the following months:

1. We will announce the background and transition procedure via the current list—once a few weeks before the transition and again immediately prior to the change.
2. All email addresses from the old list will be copied to the new one, followed by a request for users to confirm their email addresses (users will either need to respond to the email or click a confirmation link). This will help eliminate outdated email addresses.
3. Once the new list is active, the old list will be disabled. Anyone attempting to post to the old list will receive an automated response directing them to the new list.

New Bufr Format

Action Item Since IROWG-8

BUFR Format Revision Subgroup (S. Syndergaard, N. Bowler, H. Anlauf, C. Marquardt, H. Shao, J. Haase, J. Aparicio, D. Raspaud, B. Ruston):

- Met regularly, incorporating expert insights (S. Elliott, J. Ator).
- Developed the attached BUFR proposal.

Now seeking feedback and comments for the BUFR proposal from the IROWG community

- Bufr document has been sent to IROWG email list and IROWG-10 participant list (Sept 11-12, 2024) [google doc link](#)
- Please submit comments during the IROWG-10 **NWP** subgroup meeting (Saturday, Sept 14, 2024) and/or
- Join the BUFR format side meeting on 2:30pm, Saturday, Sept 14, 2024, [ROOM 2126](#)
- Alternatively, send feedback via email to:
 - Stig Syndergaard (DMI)
 - Neill Bowler (MetOffice)