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**Agreement between the European Severe Storms Laboratory  
represented by the ESSL Director, Nikolai Dotzek  
and the European Meteorological Society  
represented by the EMS President, David Burridge**

The European Severe Storms Laboratory (ESSL) and the European Meteorological Society (EMS), an association of Meteorological Societies from the whole of Europe, share a common vision of advancing meteorology as well as caring for pan-European severe weather research and the quality of disseminated knowledge thereof. The signatories agree to the following guidelines for beneficial cooperation.

**1. Co-operation in meeting activities**

Both associations agree to be listed as formal co-sponsors of the European Conferences on Severe Storms and the EMS Annual Meetings and other EMS-organized meetings related to extreme weather events. In particular, the EMS and the ESSL will cooperate in the organization of severe weather-related sessions at the EMS Annual Meetings. The ESSL in turn will seek similar co-operation with the EMS for ESSL-organized conferences and meetings. In order to avoid conflicting dates, information on upcoming meetings will be exchanged between the secretariats of both organizations. This co-sponsorship includes being free from financial obligation but it ensures that each society will promote the other's meeting through its regular channels.

**2. Representation at General Assemblies**

Each association will be given the opportunity to have a Representative, with Observer status, at their General Assemblies. The travel and lodging costs associated with this representation will be borne by the organization sending the representative and not by the host organization.

**3. Development and exchange of information material**

Each organization agrees to consider the involvement of the other in the development of information material on extreme weather events and agrees to supply the other with reference copies of information material. If this information material is sold, it shall be available to the other for a discount price.

**4. Publications**

The EMS will be offered a complimentary copy of the ESSL Newsletter. Similarly, the ESSL will receive a complimentary subscription to the EMS Newsletter and/or other publications that EMS feels may support the spirit and intent of this agreement.

## 5. Registration fees for conferences

Both organizations agree that members will be able to register at EMS-organized conferences which include severe weather-related components, or, respectively at ESSL-organized conferences for reduced rates, if applicable.

## 6. Term of agreement

This agreement expires five years after the date it is executed, but can be renewed for additional five-year terms through a letter signed by appropriate representatives of ESSL and EMS stating the intention to extend the agreement. The agreement can be terminated by either party in writing at any time.

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