



Dear Aline members,

On April 09th 2015, a LALINET executive meeting was conducted in the VIII WLMLA in Cayo Coco, Cuba. In this meeting some decisions were taken aiming a better way of communicating among the different LALINET leader stations and with the network coordination regarding the application of the measurement protocols and quality assurance procedures. Also some discussions were conducted regarding the future data analysis workshops in special the next one to be held in Medellin, Colombia, from 24 to 28th August.

The data analysis workshop will count with the participation of the Medellin Local team coordinated by Dr. Alvaro Bastidas and Dr. Henrique Barbosa (USP), Dr. Fabio Lopes (IPEN), Msc Maria Fernanda Sanchez (LIPAZ), René Arredondo (Camaguey Meteo), the groups of Argentina and Chile will nominate their representatives. In order to proceed with the paperwork needed to support this workshop the Medellin Local team will count in the provision by each participant with the following documents until the end of May:

- **Attendee Short CV**
- **Copy of Passport**

The workshop objectives will be:

- **Finalization of Klett Analysis to be used by all LALINET stations**
- **Definition of LICEL as a common data format**
- **Initialization of Raman data analysis package**
- **Discussion of NETCDF format for LIRIC, GARLLIC and GRASP future implementations**

By a demand of a better communication flow between the network coordination with the LALINET station the delegates at this meeting have nominated two science officers who will help in implementing and supervising the measurement protocol, QA procedures, data distribution and observing this activity schedule compliance. The appointed SO's are:

- **Dr. Eliam Wolfram**
- **Dr. René Arredondo**

In order to better disseminate the network activities Dr. Ricardo Forno will help to implement a network blog.

Regarding the system settings and tests for quality assurance and handbook of instruments implementation it was agreed that the tests ZERO BIN and BIN SHIFT should be reapplied for those that have not implemented it yet or/and those system which have gone major configuration changes. TELECOVER and RAYLEIGH FIT and DARK CURRENT should run again until the end of July.

The group has decided as well to have by the end of July a “logfile” from each station telling which Monday’s and Thursday’s has each station been able to take measurements and in the case no measurement was carried on it should have a “flag” telling the reason such as rain, clouds, maintenance and so on.

OPEN DISCUSSION SESSION

On Friday, April 10th, by the end of the meeting an open discussion session occurred where some points were highlighted and suggestions given:

- 1. To have all workshop reports published in the website**
- 2. To have all related papers in OPA and other publications such as SPIE beed published in the website**
- 3. Update all ALINE member names**
- 4. To guarantee that in the next workshop the lectures and oral presentation to be in english especially in the case of students**
- 5. The next workshop to hosted in Colombia will be confirmed after ILRC when we will have the decide the most suitable date to have the workshop happening**
- 6. A call for proposals will be lauched soon to decide when a MPNET system will be installed**
- 7. ESA has given the opportunity a validation campaign should be carried on in South America – The station leaders should prepare a proposal to be sent to ESA tentatively by the end of this semester**

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