

JCOMM Expert Team on Sea Ice: practical results for 2002-2003

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JCOMM ETSI now incorporates experts from the 11 major ice services and centers dealing both with Arctic, Sub-Arctic and Antarctic sea ice and “review and advise [JCOMM] on scientific, technical and operational aspects of sea ice observations and forecasting, oversight operations of the GDSIDB, coordinate services development and training and linkages with major international programmes.” The first session of the group combined with the ninth session of the WMO project “Global Digital Sea ice Data Bank” (GDSIDB) was held in October 2002 in Buenos-Aires, Argentina. More recently an ad-hoc meeting of ETSI was held in April 2003 in St. Petersburg during the fourth session of the International Ice Charting Working Group (IICWG). Both meetings are by all means valuable for the sea ice community; full reports of the meetings are available from the WMO Secretariat and IICWG Committee correspondingly. Nowadays ETSI in collaboration with IICWG finalized or develops a number of the technical documents, including new format for data exchange (SIGRID-3), color standards for ice charts, proposals for a revised WMO Sea Ice Terminology and Marine Glossary et al., which are intended both for the operative sea ice community and other marine meteorology specialists.