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## **FOREWORD**

The success of the technical workshops, beginning at the eleventh session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP), encouraged the panel to make such workshops a regular feature of its annual session, as a practical means of promoting cooperation and information exchange amongst all sections of the global buoy community, including buoy deployers, data users and communication systems providers.

Consequently, a technical workshop on *Developments in Buoy Technology, Communications and Data Applications* took place during the first day and a half of the sixteenth session of the panel, held in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, October 2000. A total of twenty-five papers were presented to more than sixty participants during the workshop. The texts of seventeen papers and four abstracts, and slides of four presentations are included in this DBCP technical publication. In all cases the papers and slides have been reprinted as received, without additional editorial intervention.

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AND DATA APPLICATIONS**

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**Monday, October 16, 2000**

**Session 1      Developments in moored and drifting buoy design, sub-surface floats, sensors,  
communications, and operational programs**  
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**Developments in the Technocean SVP-Barometer Drifter**

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**Calibrated Minimet Technology**

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**An update to results on SVP-B performance and cost analysis presented at  
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**Getting ready for the Argos Downlink**

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**Drifting Wave Buoy using ORBCOMM Data Transmission**

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**ORBCOMM Performance - results of an Antarctic evaluation**

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**A New High Data Rate GOES Satellite Transmitter for Buoy Applications**

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**Preliminary results from a Met. Office Open Ocean Buoy fitted with a TRIAXYS Wave Sensor**

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**Neptune- METOCEAN Data Systems Limited 's Deep diving profiling floats**

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- Session 2**    **Data requirements relating to operational oceanography and meteorology, including, in particular, case studies related to weather forecasting**  
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**Project Argo, moving towards the implementation phase.**

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**Specific Contributions to the Observing System: Sea Surface Temperatures**

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**The potential of data buoys in support of numerical weather prediction: The EUCOS initiative**

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- Session 3**    **Buoy data applications in oceanographic and meteorological modelling, global climate studies, and as a complement to remote sensing.**  
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**New Argos User interface on the Web**

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**Inter comparison of sea surface meteorological data from two different buoys and with ship observations**

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**A full buoy network for complex mesoscale weather**

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**Physical and biological monitoring with the western Canadian ODAS marine buoy network**

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**Status of the global drifter array, and the Hurricane array deployments**

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**Observed Changes in Arctic Climate**

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