

SPARC-DA Discussion

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Themes for next workshop

- Unified method for error for limb sounder datasets (invited: T. von Clarman)
- Future of DA without limb sounders, OSSE for proposed instruments, impact on tropospheric forecast (e.g. SSW) (invited: SNAP A. Charlton Perez)
- Whole Atmosphere Model: nudging data assimilation, ...
- New instruments (radiance DA)
- Rem:
 - Should keep some themes from workshop to workshop to see improvements (e.g. strato-meso representation in model)
 - DAWG to write a white paper (3 pages) to NASA decadal survey about limb sounding (deadline: Nov. 2nd, 2015)

Travel support

- SPARC recommendations: Young Scientist and Dev. Country participants
- Very tight funding this year: 3000CHF for each workshop this year while 8 participants asked for funding
 - Try to fund everyone but only partially
 - Impossible to make everybody happy
 - Significant administration work
- Schedule this year:
 - Request for travel funding end 3 ½ months before workshop (and visa)
 - Financial plan sent to SPARC 2 ½ months before workshop
 - WMO approval 1 month before workshop!
- Next year:
 - Full support YS and DCP
 - What about left money: workshop fees? other travel request?
 - Earlier request for travel funding?