



Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership Mailing: November 2009

New SCCIP Team



The Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SCCIP) team has grown to fulfill an expanded remit to support climate change adaptation activity in Scotland. The Partnership is managed at SNIFFER by Julian Holbrook who continues his involvement from an earlier phase of the project. New to the team are Lorraine FitzGerald who has joined as Private Sector Officer, Anna Beswick as Public Sector Officer and Joseph Hagg who is the Science Officer.

Projections in Practice Events – 16-20 November



These events provided initial training and guidance to enable organisations to start using the UK Climate Projections and to assess the risks of climate change. The events kick-started a process which will help establish a user community in Scotland. SCCIP will continue to provide support to users after the events. The 10 workshop sessions were attended by over 200 people - a diverse audience including policy and decision makers, regulators, local authority staff, consultants, educators, NGOs among others. Presentations from the practitioners' workshops can be downloaded from the [SCCIP website](#).

Free Webinars on UK Climate Projections (UKCP09), 30 Nov–4 Dec 2009



As part of the Projections in Practice (PiP) programme, UKCIP will be running a week of webinars (a seminar broadcast over the internet) for people who have not been able to attend one of our PiP events, or who want a refresher.

These events will cover the same topics as at our face-to-face PiP events:

- Introduction to UKCIP & UKCP09
- How to use UKCP09
- Products available
- Other resources
- Demonstration of the UKCP09 User Interface

Take advantage of one of the 25 places available on each session. Book your free place [online](#).

Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Framework



Scottish Government is intending to release the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Framework in early December. Please check the [Scottish Government website](#) for further information in due course. We will report on the new framework in our next newsletter.

UKCP09 User Interface Update



The update of the UKCP09 user interface took place on Wednesday (26/11/2009). There are two key features added

Version 1.0 of UKCP09 Threshold Detector released

Version 1.0 of the UKCP09 Threshold Detector is now available as a post-processing tool to run on Weather Generator output. In order to access the Threshold Detector, please submit a Weather Generator job that satisfies the following criteria:

- Number of model variants sampled: 100
- Time frequency: Daily
- Duration: 30 years

Data source added: Past and Future Multi-level Ocean Model Simulations for UK Waters

The *Past and Future Multi-level Ocean Model Simulations for UK Waters* data source has been added. This allows users to select a map, or its underlying data, from the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory's (POL) POLCOMS model. Users should note the following issues:

- Due to the high-resolution spatial grid it has not been possible to provide overlaid values on top of the marine model data. In tests it was found to run very slowly on browsers and was making the UI unstable.
- Defining your request by location first is only allowed for single locations, since the marine model data is only provided as a multiple location selection (bounding box) it cannot be selected from the location start page.
- Salinity is presented in units of (parts per thousand or "0.001"). This is the same as representing salinity in "practical salinity units" (PSU) which sea water typically being around 35 parts per thousand or PSU.

More information on the UKCP09 User Interface updates can be found [here](#).

SNIFFER's annual Flood Risk Management conference, 10th-11th February 2010

Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh



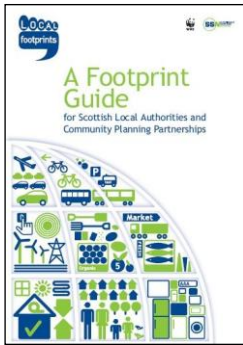
SNIFFER's 5th annual Flood Risk Management conference will take place at Our Dynamic Earth Edinburgh on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February 2010.

The purpose of the conference is to:

- Provide an update on the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 implementation in Scotland, and progress since last year's conference;
- Provide an update on SEPA's Flood Warning Direct programme
- Disseminate research and share knowledge of experience in Sustainable Flood Management and engaging with stakeholders on natural flood management implementation.
- Present case studies and other examples of putting policy, research and solutions for Sustainable Flood Management into practice.

Conference speakers will include representatives from the Scottish Government, SEPA, the Local Authorities and researchers. Registrations will be open at www.rise-frm.org.uk from the beginning of December 2009. Invitations to the conference providing will be issued to the SCCIP mailing list in the coming week.

New Scottish Footprints guide launched



Local Footprints is a joint project between WWF Scotland and the Sustainable Scotland Network, with funding and support from Eco-Schools Scotland, the Improvement Service, the Scottish Government and Scottish Power.

The project purpose is to help local authorities and schools to make an effective contribution to reducing Scotland's global footprint through the use of footprint analysis.

As part of the project a new **Scottish Footprint Guide** was launched on 25th November, download a copy of the [guide](#) to access information on applying the footprint approach to raise awareness and inform policies.

Climate Change Communication Course- Jan 2010 (Edinburgh)

This course, by Talk Action takes place on Friday 22 January in The Melting Pot, Edinburgh. The one day course will help you build the skills you need to communicate climate change. Full information on the course can be found [here](#).

Please forward any news items or information to sccip@sniffer.org.uk. Thanks.

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