

Summary for Plenary Session

- Major findings/developments...
 - ECMWF plans immediate post-launch performance monitoring and validation studies
 - Pre-launch campaigns with ALADIN airborne demonstrator are planned, along with A2D simulation studies (DLR/EAS/Astrium teams)
 - French consortium to validate ADM data from ground, aircraft (WIND/LNG) and stratospheric balloon campaigns
 - ESA Announcement of Opportunity for ADM/Aeolus Validation proposals will be issued in 2007
- Recommendations...
 - Select ADM validation science steering group – develop Validation Plan
 - Rely on previous new instrument val efforts (i.e., CALIPSO) and “lessons learned”
 - Get data to NWP groups ASAP after launch and commission
 - Educate potential WMO member users on the ADM data/products (pre-launch)