

SPECS interesting climate events survey

First results

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Aims

- SPECS aims to investigate predictability of events that had a large impact
- In order to help direct the research effort a survey was taken of the scientists and stakeholders of SPECS, EUPORIAS and ECLISE to ask which events were most important and for what reasons

Preliminary results

- 30 responses
- mainly from SPECS (23)
- mainly scientific interest, some economical, ecological

Seasonal events

1. Drought and heat wave summer 2003 in Europe
2. Hot summer 2012 around the Mediterranean
3. Cold spell and snow December 2010 in Europe
4. Cold and snowy winter 2010 in Europe
5. Cold spell February 2012 in Europe
6. Drought and heat wave 2010 in Russia
7. Floods summer 2002 in Central Europe
8. Severe winter storms in Europe winter 1999

Decadal events

1. Warm summers in Europe 2002-2012
2. Cold winters in Europe in the 1960s
3. More Atlantic hurricanes since 1995
4. Warmer North Atlantic Ocean since 1995
5. Sahel drought starting around 1970
6. Less Arctic sea ice 2005
7. Dry winters in the eastern mediterranean 1990-2012

Main surprises up to now

- More interest in temperature extremes than hydrological extremes
- Not much interest expressed in wind storms

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