**Introducing Recommendations from CGMS 41 to**

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Sustained progress has been made over recent years on the part of the providers of operational wind products from satellites as well as on the part of the NWP users of the wind products. Notable is that the Fifth WMO Workshop on the Impact of Various Observing Systems on NWP held in Sedona, AZ, 22 - 25 May 2012 confirmed the important and complimentary role of wind observations from satellites. Inter alia this workshop also pointed at the need to infer winds at smaller spatial scales.

At the following CGMS meetings, especially at CGMS-41 held in July 2013, concrete actions and recommendations toward ongoing and future activities of the IWWG were discussed. This paper will briefly report on the relevant actions and recommendations and will provide a framework for discussions at IWW12.