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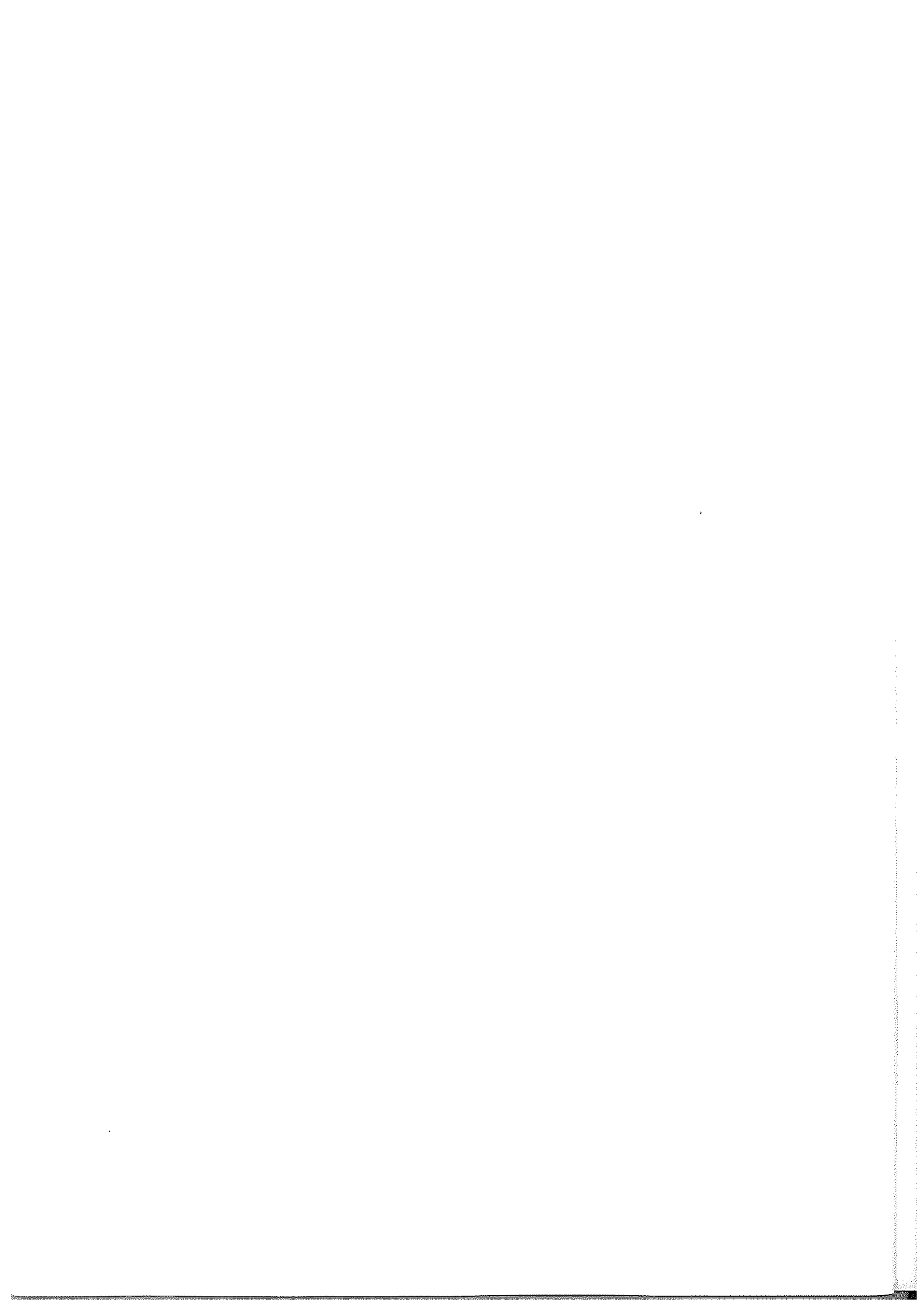
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## Introduction

The three day workshop on “Applications of GPS radio occultation measurements” took place on June 16-18, 2008. The workshop was co-sponsored by the EUMETSAT GRAS Satellite Application Facility (SAF) and ECMWF, and organised by ECMWF. The workshop brought together many of the world’s leading experts in the use of GPS radio occultation measurements in both operational NWP and climate studies, with the aim of producing a set of recommendations that would inform the future work at ECMWF, the GRAS SAF and the broader community.

The workshop began with a series of invited lectures which covered the following:

- An introduction to the measurement technique and the work of the GRAS SAF.
- The status of current and future missions.
- Assimilation of GPS radio occultation measurements at the NWP centres.
- Planetary boundary layer and altimetry applications.
- Climate and reanalysis applications.

The *presentations* are available at:

[http://www.ecmwf.int/newsevents/meetings/workshops/2008/GPS\\_radio\\_occultation/](http://www.ecmwf.int/newsevents/meetings/workshops/2008/GPS_radio_occultation/)

The lectures were followed by discussions in three work groups and the workshop concluded with a plenary session. The working groups discussed Future Missions, NWP applications and Climate applications. The discussions and recommendations of the working groups are summarised in the following three reports.

This was a very successful and stimulating workshop and ECMWF thanks all the participants for their contribution.

The *papers* contained in these proceedings can also be found on our website

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