



PLINIUS Topical Conferences: review, relevance and future

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The Topical Conferences of the European Geosciences Union are designed for an in-depth discussion of selected topics in the Earth, Planetary and Solar System Sciences amongst invited specialists in a congenial atmosphere.

The most renowned conferences are, in addition to the Plinius one, the Alexander von Humboldt Conferences on different geophysical issues, the Alfvén Conferences on Solar-Terrestrial and Planetary Sciences, the Stephan Mueller Conferences on Solid Earth Geosciences and the Venning Meinesz Conferences on Geodesy.

The Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms sequence is the longest one in the tradition of the Union. Under the general umbrella of the Mediterranean Storms a large number of specialized topics were dealt with during the years. A large per cent of the contributions to the Conference is now annually published on NHESS or other Union journals.

A summary of the results, problems and successes of the Conference sequence is presented.

A few issues are discussed about scope and focus of next steps of the Plinius sequence.