

## ***Summary of 13 March 2008 Drought Working Group Telecon***

### *Agenda*

- 1) Kirtsen - results from GFDL runs
- 2) Scott - the LLJ in NASA runs
- 3) Sumant and Alfredo - basic climatologies and drought/SST connections
- 4) Phil – comparisons of CCM3, NSIPP1 and GFS
- 5) Arun - outline of collaborations on mechanisms

We had some very interesting presentations that I will not try to summarize here. The ppt files will be put on the US Clivar website. I am happy to report that all the groups are contributing model runs, including runs being made by the NCAR folks with the new CAM3.5 (we heard from Sumant that a subset of the idealize SST runs have started).

Some things to note:

- 1) Sumant urged that comparisons be done with observations – so also need to look at AMIP runs.
- 2) Selected monthly mean files are being put on an ftp site.  
[ftp://nsipp.gsfc.nasa.gov/atmos/www\\_ftp/clivar\\_drought\\_wg](ftp://nsipp.gsfc.nasa.gov/atmos/www_ftp/clivar_drought_wg)
- 3) We need to work more on collaborations. Please take a look at Arun's ppt to see where you might want to contribute focusing on mechanisms in the atmosphere. Other areas to address involve the fixed soil moisture runs/role of land-atmosphere interactions, characterizing drought, and high versus low frequency patterns.

Things to focus on for our next conference call (mid April):

- 1) Ben will present some results from his CFS runs
- 2) Role of land/characterizing drought etc.