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# to the NKG Working Group for Geodynamics

## Chalmers, Onsala Space Observatory

### Geodynamics

Onsala Space Observatory is engaged in using Continuous GPS to observe the postglacial rebound of Fennoscandia. The system builds on joint efforts in the Nordic counties during most of the 1990'ies to create, furnish and maintain highly stable satellite observation facilities with permanent monuments.

We emphasis all-weather systems based on microwaves for distance, positioning and timing/ranging measurement. We develop measurement techniques for the reduction of systematic errors, and consider especially the atmosphere.

For solid earth applications and relations to sea level, the BIFROST project's objectives are to produce station velocity results and attribute studies of deformation in all three spatial components. Active in BIFROST is an international group of geodesists and geophysicists from Nordic countries US and Canada. This year the BIFROST project has strengthened its ties to WEGENER.

Onsala has been participating in European and world-wide VLBI experiments for crustal deformation and Earth rotation (EURO, CORE-B, RDV). We are involved as a Special Analysis Center, as a Network Station, and as a Technical Development Center in the recently created International VLBI Service (IVS). We have responsibility for a special study group on geophysical models in VLBI software.

We have investigated the impact of ocean tide loading-induced site displacements on estimation of earth orientation parameters in sparse VLBI networks. GPS point-positioning has been used to study residual motion and compare with predicted loading effects.

We host an informal service for ocean tide loading parameters used in GPS, SLR and VLBI analysis programs. Results have been contributed to EUREF GPS analysis, and many international contacts. IERS Conventions 2000 (in progress) endorse our ocean loading data base.

Owing to the BIFROST project, OSO is interested in intensification of absolute gravimetry work as a useful complement to measuring changes related to crustal rebound and sea level changes.

### OSO presentations on geodynamics at international conferences

13th Working Meeting on European VLBI for Geodesy and Astrometry, Viechtach, Feb. 1999 Haas and Scherneck (Ocean Loading)

IUGG/IAG Birmingham, July 1999 Johansson et al., (BIROST); Haas and Scherneck (Ocean Loading) Scherneck et al., (BIFROST); Scherneck et al., (Ocean Loading)

World Stress Map Conferece Oskarshamn, Sep. 1999

Bergstrand et al., (BIFROST) Haas et al., (Strain from VLBI); Scherneck et al., (BIFROST)

GPS99 Tsukuba, Oct 1999 Haas et al., (European VLBI), Scherneck et al. (BIFROST)

Colloque AGRET, Paris, Nov. 1999 Scherneck et al (BIFROST)

AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, Dec. 1999 Haas and Scherneck (Ocean Loading); Scherneck et al. (BIFROST)

IVS First General Meeting, Kötzting, Feb. 2000 Scherneck et al. (Ocean Loading); Campbell et al. (European VLBI)

EGS 2000, Nice, Apr. 2000 Scherneck et al. (BIFROST)

Earth Tide Meeting 2000, Mizusawa, Sep. 2000 Haas (Space Techniques); Scherneck (Tides in boreholes).

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