

Corrections/additions

Referee 1: A great number of typos and technical errors are all corrected now.

The reference list has been brought into line with HGSS standards. I have also included text to address the Tromsø staff complement, KAIRA and physical tape formats.

The reference in line 71 is now corrected to the du Castel et al. publication, the "Green Book", the very first publication outlining the future EISCAT. The correct reference was already in the reference list.

Referee 2:

The referee asks for a major reorganization of the manuscript. I can partially understand his arguments. However, my intention in structuring it the way it is was that, right after the Introduction, as a background to the technical sections, I first wanted to focus on the staff, not only its makeup but also on the distribution of responsibilities between the sites, the working conditions, including the geographical dispersion and the resulting travel, and the social activities. I have discussed this structure with the Topical Editor, who has so far accepted it. I have therefore retained the structure of the manuscript but added some text into the Introduction to clarify my reasoning. I have also made sure that that time runs linearly forward in each following Section.

Several illustrations have been added, viz. a picture of a copy of the Newsletter, a group photo from an Annual Review meeting and a photo of the correlator.

Sections 10 and 11 have been split into subsections.

Editorial board:

As requested, two paragraphs explaining EISCAT in general terms have been added at the beginning of the Introduction and most of my personal comments relegated to Section 15 at the very end.

Acknowledgements have been added.