

## **HEAVY AUTUMN RAINFALL IN SOUTHERN FRANCE AND NORTHEASTERN SPAIN**

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On 12 and 13 November 1999, heavy rainfall has been recorded in southern France and has caused victims and damages. The rainfall locally has exceeded 600 mm during the two days and was associated with strong SE winds. The precipitation occurred in the plain and in mountainous areas on the mediterranean as well as the atlantic slope. Meteorological and geographical features which can explain the spatial distribution of the heavy daily rainfall are analyzed. Precipitation and meteorological situation of November 1999 is compared to situations observed during other rainy months of November in southern France and northeastern Spain