Snow Measurement System LDSMS2014

An accurate and highly reliable device for measuring of snow water equivalent (SWE) on the weighting principle. The device is accompanied by a mechanism minimizing the possibility of measurement errors by snow bridging. It can be easily completed by measurement of snowmelt seepage and many other characteristics of environment.

- **High accuracy of measurement**: resolution 0.1 mm of SWE, accuracy of the weight sensors 0.2 % FS
- **Simplicity**: simple installation in any landscape, simple and quick user operation
- **Low power consumption**: due to integration of modern technologies in the processors - SLEEP mode
- **Preventing of snow bridging**: reliable prevents formation of snow bridges
- **GSM/GPRS**: integrated GSM/GPRS module enabling online access to data
- **Environmentally friendly**: minimal risk of environmental pollution (without pillows filled with antifreeze liquids)
- **Increased resistance**: robust design ensures extremely long service life, high resistance of the entire device against overvoltage and noise
- **Sensors and probes**: facility to connect plenty of other sensors including snowmelt seepage measurement, high data logger modularity

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LDSMS2014 is an accurate and reliable system measuring snow water equivalent on the principle of weighting, which is accompanied by a device preventing snow bridging. It is primarily designed for continuous measurement of snow water equivalent and snow depth, but it can be easily supplemented by a number of other sensors. Also snowmelt seepage measurement can be integrated during installation.

The results of field testing were presented e.g. at:

- the international workshop/conference called “XIX. Meeting of snow measuring staff” (Stretnutie snehárov) held from 26th to 28th of March 2014 in the Krkonoše Mts. (Pec pod Sněžkou)
- the conference “Hydrology of a small watershed 2014” (Hydrologie malého povodí 2014) held from 22nd to 24th of April 2014 in Prague

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Basic features

- easy to install in any landscape
- dimension of really weighted area 200 x 200 cm
- robust design ensures extremely long life
- variable measurement range depending on the target locality (up to 3000 mm of SWE)
- resolution 0.1 mm of SWE, accuracy of the sensors 0.2 % FS
- high precision of the measurement during snow accumulation as well as melting
- reliable preventing formation of snow bridges
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- integrated GSM/GPRS module
- possibility to connect many other sensors, data logger modularity
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