

Working Group on Education, Training & Capacity Building (WGEdu)

Report to SIT-22

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WGEdu Report to SIT-22

- **Annual Meeting held in San Jose dos Campos, Brazil (28 – 30 April) and hosted by INPE**
 - Meeting Report has been completed and is now undergoing final review.
- **The 2009 meeting of WGEdu will be hosted in Norway, at the kind invitation of NAROM**

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- **Coordination with GEO CBC**
 - **Close coordination with the activities of the GEO Capacity Building Committee (CBC), in particular with the progressing of CEOS WGEdu contributions to the CEOS Action Plan in response to GEO Action Work Plan.**

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- **WGEdU Portal and interaction with the GEO Portal for CB**
 - **WGEdU is working to bring its educational portal up to a fully operational status, so it can act as a key resource for the GEO Portal**
 - **In parallel, looking at either continuing to host this resource library in EUMETSAT, or to consider an alternative site such as COMET's ESRC which is operationally maintained, is funded, and allows interesting upload and browse features.**
 - **There is a need to simplify access to all the various educational resource portals. This will be discussed further with GEO CBC, UIC and ADC next week in Boulder.**

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- **CEOS Virtual Constellations**
 - **WGEdU continues to assess how it can contribute, as necessary, to the Virtual Constellations.**
 - **To start this process, SEO agreed to assess potential support roles that could be played by WGEdU in the context of the Atmospheric Composition Constellation.**
 - **Potential support to Agriculture and Water SBA teams is also under consideration.**

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- **Coordination with WGISS**
 - Important to enhance coordination of WGEdu activities with potential CB-related activities of WGISS
 - Chair of WGEdu plans to attend part of the WGISS meeting in Boulder next week to facilitate this process and will report to SIT in due course.

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- **Testing the CEOS Data Access Principles**
 - **Monitoring of Pilot Projects in support of education and capacity building that test the implementation of the Data Access Principles (pilots projects supported by INPE, CNES, ESA are under review).**
 - **Easier access to various sources of EO satellite data needed by these projects, e.g. CEBERS, SPOT, Radarsat, Landsat, and ESA satellite data, and including the commercial sector.**
 - **Data access is being vigorously pursued by several CEOS agencies in WGEdu.**
 - **Ease of access to such datasets will be a key factor in the success of these Pilot Projects**

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- **WGEdu's Annual Remote Sensing Workshop**
 - The next (3rd) Workshop will take place in Bangkok, Thailand in the first week of December 2008, hosted by GISTDA.
 - Theme is “Remote Sensing for Disaster Management” and the objective of the workshop is to provide attendees with new knowledge and information about techniques and technologies for applying remotely-sensed data in preparation for, and in response to, natural disasters in SE Asia
 - Workshop will include a significant “hands-on” component, where attendees will access remotely sensed data and products and then apply those data and products to specific research or practical problems using provided computer hardware and analysis software packages.

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Thank You.....

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