Satellite Training Activities: VISIT, SHyMet, and WMO Vlab Focus Group

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Origins

VISIT Created in 1998 and is a joint effort between:
•NOAA National Weather Service (NWS)
•NOAA Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service (NESDIS)
•NOAA Cooperative Institutes in Colorado (CIRA) and Wisconsin (CIMSS).
Mission: To accelerate the transfer of research results based on atmospheric remote sensing data into NWS operations using distance education techniques.

SHyMet Launched in 2006 Focus: Organize modules into course topics. This program utilizes the structure and content developed by VISIT as well as content from other sources such as COMET. New material is developed where it is lacking.

VLab Established in 2000 to promote effective use of satellite meteorology by WMO Members located in all parts of the world. The WMO VLab is a collaborative effort joining major operational satellite operators across the globe with WMO regional training centers of excellence (COEs) in satellite meteorology. vlab.wmo.int

Target Audiences

US: Forecasters at NWS operational offices (National Centers, Weather Forecast Offices, River Forecast Centers, and Central Weather Service Unit) and anyone else inside or outside NOAA who has interest.

International: Forecasters, student, researchers and anyone else who has interest.

VLab links between COEs (denoted by country flags) and supporting satellite operators (highlighted in yellow). NOAA supports activities in the white region.

Methods and Technology/software:

Virtual Teletraining:	VISITview or GoToMeeting + telephone or VOIP
Modules:	Articulate Presenter, Recorded VISITview
Quick examples:	Blog, Web Pages
Simulations:	AWIPS Weather Event Simulator

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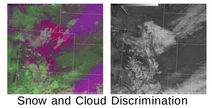
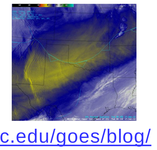


Snow and Cloud Discrimination
26 October 2011

CIRA
rammb.cira.colostate.edu/training/visit/blog/

Strong cold front and a lee-side frontal gravity wave January 17, 2012



CIMSS
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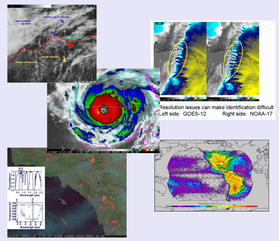
Virtual Training for different audiences

Lecture based

VISIT
Virtual Institute for Satellite Integrated Training



SHyMet
Satellite Hydrology and Meteorology Development Plans

USA: National Weather Service

VISIT Focus: Single topics
VISIT Topics:
Satellite Meteorology
Severe Weather
Winter Weather
Tropical
Lightning, Climate
Numerical Weather Prediction
Fire Weather, Other
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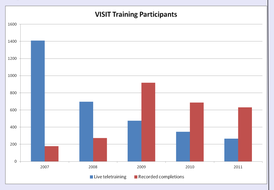

SHyMet Focus: Courses
SHyMet Courses + (# of modules):
Tropical SHyMet (7)
SHyMet for Forecasters (6 + 3 optional)
Severe Thunderstorm Forecasting (7 + 4)
SHyMet for Interns (9)
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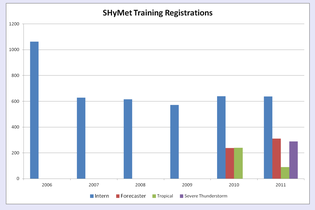


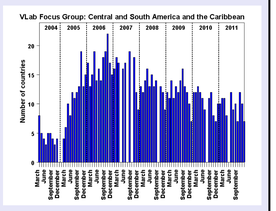
International

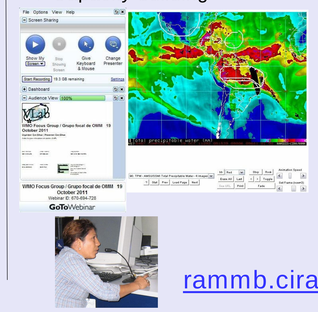
Discussion based

World Meteorological Organization Virtual Laboratory for Training and Education
Regional Focus Group of the Americas and the Caribbean
Organizers: CIRA, US NWS Training Branch, the International Desk at NCEP, RTC in Costa Rica and Barbados

Participants: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Cayman, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Netherland Antilles, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

KEYS TO SUCCESS
➢Motivation
➢Distribution of workload
➢Cooperation and Collaboration
➢Input from experts and users
➢Native Languages
➢Capacity building





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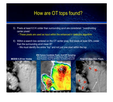
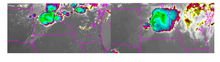
New Teletraining and online modules in 2011:

Objective Satellite-Based Overshooting Top and Enhanced-V Anvil Thermal Couplet Signature Detection
By K. Bedka, J. Brunner, L. Cronce, R. Dworak, W. Feltz, and S. Linstrom

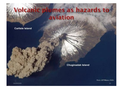


Synthetic Imagery in forecasting Severe Weather
By D. Bikos



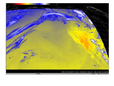
Synthetic Imagery in Forecasting Orographic Cirrus
By D. Bikos

Volcanoes and Volcanic Ash Part 2
By J. Braun and J. Osiensky



GOES-15 Becomes GOES-West
By Ross Van Til

WES Case
WES Simulation Guide: Advanced Baseline Imager
by K. Bah, J. Gerth, and T. J. Schmit
http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/abi/loops/WES_for_GOES-R_ABI_2011_Version.pdf



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