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▲ EUFAR FP7 News

New Education & Training opportunity: Available soon on the website!!

EUFAR offers the opportunity for aircraft/instrument operators to exchange personnel (typically 1 week visit) in order to share their knowledge and know-how (about instrument calibration, data acquisition, etc) during field campaigns or tests at a ground facility. To be eligible, applicants must work in a beneficiary institution of EUFAR FP7 and in a country other than the legal entity(ies) operating the selected aircraft/instrument.

New Expert Working Group Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC):

The objectives are:

- ► To exchange know-how on specific QA actions and operational techniques which sustain data quality in terms of precision, accuracy, and comparability;
- ► To analyse past intercomparision actions (ICARTT, AMMA, POLARCAT, EUCAARI) and discuss method specific measurement errors and acceptance limits for precision and accuracy;
- To plan and perform specific actions to provide confidence that the collected aircraft data satisfy the needs of the users;
- To prepare documents which describe specific QA/QC procedures;
- ▶ To teach students and young scientists in QA/QC procedures.

Next EUFAR meetings

EUFAR N4EWG meeting 04

The EWG on Hyperspectral Appplications for Soil will be held in Potsdam (Germany) on April 15-16th 2010, hosted by GFZ. The Workshop will be organized by the Remote Sensing Laboratory at TAU and the Section 1.4 Remote Sensing at GFZ on behalf of EUFAR FP7.

EUFAR N4EWG meeting 05

A workshop on QA/QC $\bar{\text{will}}$ be organised in the beginning of December 2009 to discuss and agree on the work program of this group.

► EUFAR JRA2 meeting 03

The EUFAR JRA2 HYQUAPRO group will be holding its third meeting at Plymouth (UK) on November 3rd-4th, hosted by PML.

EUFAR JRA3 meeting 03

The EUFAR JRA3 ALIDS group will be holding its third meeting at Saclay (France) on November 25th, hosted by IRSN.

Previous EUFAR meetings

All meeting reports are available at www.eufar.net (Select Search / Documents from top menu; Select "Meeting" in "Links with specific subject"; Choose your meeting).

► EUFAR JRA1 meeting 01, held in Jülich (Germany), on May 18-19th 2009, hosted by Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ), Institute for Chemistry and Dynamics of the Geosphere: Troposphere. The objectives were to discuss the contribution of each participant and the work plan, and to set up an action plan with assignments. There were 8 participants.

- ► EUFAR N6SP meeting 01 held in Toulouse (France), on June 29-30th 2009, hosted by Météo-France. The main objectives were to define technical details of the software to be developed for aircraft data processing, standardization and inter-comparison. There were 12 participants.
- ▶ EUFAR General Assembly meeting 02, held in Evora (Portugal) from September 14th to 17th 2009, hosted by the University of Evora. The objectives were to report each activity's progress since the beginning of the project, to define their future plans, to present the implementation plan for the next 18 months and to vote on various proposals. There were 45 participants.
- **EUFAR Science Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting 02**, held within the EUFAR General Assembly meeting 02 in Evora (Portugal) on September 15-16th 2009, hosted by the University of Evora. The objective was to make recommendations to the General Assembly on each EUFAR activity. There were 8 SAC members.



▲ Transnational Access / Education & Training

EUFAR Transnational Access call continuously open for proposal submission until Dec 2011!!!

▲ Some statistics:

- ► Transnational Access: 20 projects have been submitted in FP7: 2 are confirmed, 8 are under evaluation, 7 are in pre-review, 2 have been rejected and 1 is non eligible.
- Education&Training Join an existing campaign: 1 application has been received and accepted.

EUFAR Dissemination

EUFAR posters and leaflets have been sent and displayed during the following conferences:

- Alpine Summer School (8-13th June 2009, Valsavarench, Italy)
- ► SPECATMO Summer School (8-12th June 2009, Ile de Ré, France)
- ► 12th EuCheMS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment (14th-17th June 2009, Stockholm, Sweden)
- 1st IFT Summer School on atmospheric and aerosol clouds (16-28th August 2009, Leipzig, Germany): A presentation was prepared to promote EUFAR Education and Training opportunities.
- ► GEWEX-iLEAPS science conference (24-28th August 2009, Melbourne, Australia)
- ► 1st IEEE GRSS Workshop on Hyperspectral Image and Signal Processing Evolution in Remote Sensing (24th-28th August 2009, Grenoble, France)
- ▶ 3rd Hyper-I-Net summer school (8-11th September 2009, Pavia, Italy)

- 6th International Symposium on Digital Earth (9-12th September 2009, Beijing, China)
- Optoelectronic Techniques for Environmental Monitoring (OTEM 2009 21st-23rd September 2009, Pavia, Italy)
- XIII Congreso Nacional de Teledetección (23-26th September 2009, Zaragosa, Spain): A presentation has been done by José-Antonio Gomez (INTA).
- 9th EMS Annual Meeting / 9th European Conference on Applications of Meteorology ECAM (28th September-2nd October 2009, Toulouse, France)
- Conference on Environment including Global Change (5-9th October 2009, Palermo, Sicily).

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COPAL NEWS

COPAL is in the beginning of its third year (which started on the 1st November 2009). This coming year will be crucial for the project as the partners will be asked in October 2010 to express their level of commitment.

COPAL Previous Meetings

COPAL 2nd Governing Board meeting

Governing Board members attended the COPAL 2nd GB meeting which took place in Roma (Italy) from October 14th to 16th 2009, hosted by CNR. There were 21 participants. The objective was to approve the recommendations made by the Steering Committee during the meeting in Evora and to provide some guidelines to the Steering Committee members for Year 3. The principal result of this meeting was the choice of the C-130 for the COPAL aircraft. The partners have yet to determine whether it will be a L, H or J model.

The Governing Board members have approved the entry of 2 new members in the COPAL consortium:

- The University of Vienna (Austria)
- INOE (Romania)



L COPAL 2nd Steering Committee meeting

This meeting was held in **Evora (Portugal) from September 17th to 18th 2009**, hosted by the University of Evora. The objective was to review the progress in each workpackage for the second reporting period and to propose recommendations to the Governing Board. There were 23 participants.

These meetings reports will be available on the EUFAR website.

COPAL dissemination material

COPAL posters and brochures will be refined in 2010. Comments on the existing material are welcome by the COPAL office(before the end of March 2010).

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