



WMO-CGMS Virtual Laboratory  
for Education and Training in Satellite Meteorology

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

Period: September 2012 to December 2013  
Satellite Operator/Agency: CONAE

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUPPORT OFFERED TO VLAB CENTRE(S) OF EXCELLENCE (CoE) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF VLAB TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

### **1) Which VLab CoE(s) is(are) supported by this Satellite Operator/Agency?**

CoE Argentina (with National Meteorological Service and Department of Atmosphere and Ocean Sciences-National University of Buenos Aires)

### **2) What were the major achievements in supporting VLab CoE(s) during this reporting period?**

During this period, NMS, DAOS-UBA and CONAE have been working together in order to better define their work with the VLab.

We have succeeded in establishing a good communication and have been able to define some common goals to organize training activities during the incoming period.

### **3) What were the main difficulties in supporting VLab CoE(s) during this reporting period?**

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### **4) Is any kind of Learning Management System (e.g. Moodle, Blackboard, etc) used by this Satellite Operator/Agency to conduct training activities? If so, can it be shared with the CoEs you support?**

NMS, UBA and CONAE manage online courses using Moodle, available in each institution.

### **5) Is any kind of Online Conferencing System (e.g. Saba Centra, Blackboard Collaborate, GoToWebinar, etc) used by this Satellite Operator/Agency to conduct training activities? If so, can it be shared with the CoEs you support?**

Currently this is not available.

### **6) Can you suggest ways for the VLab (including CoEs, Supporting Satellite Agencies, Partner Programmes, WMO Space Programme, VLab Co-chairs and TSO) to provide better support to the training activities of this Satellite Operator/Agency?**

As discussed within the CoE, it would be very beneficial for the CoE to have specialized teachers training courses in Argentina from VLab in order to help local trainers in the organization of specialized courses and the development of teaching materials.

**7) Does this Satellite Operator/Agency has a website dedicated to explain its involvement and support to VLab (as indicated in the document “Expectations from Satellite Operators)? If so, please provide URL.**

VLab dedicated website is hosted by NMS.

**8) Do you maintain regular contact with the other VLab Supporting Satellite Operators/Agencies to discuss data access and format issues as well as training needs to improve the use of satellite data and products? Can you suggest ways of improving this contact?**

CONAE works in collaboration with other space agencies, and participates in international for a in which these issues are addressed.

**9) Please use the table below to list any training materials you may have developed over this reporting period:**

Title of training material	Type of resource (e.g. text book, video, recorded presentation, Moodle course, webcast, PowerPoint slides)	Availability of resource (e.g. open educational resource <sup>1</sup> , institutional use only)	Submitted to ESRC (Yes/No)

**10) Is this Satellite Operator/Agency working closely together with the supported CoE(s) in VLab training activities? Can you suggest ways to improve this collaboration?**

As mentioned in 1 above, the members of the CoE are working to strengthen communication in this subject.

**11) Please use this space for additional remarks you may wish to make relating to the delivery of training by the Satellite Operator/Agency and the sponsored CoE(s).**

<sup>1 1</sup> Please also indicate if the Creative Commons License was applied to the resource.



**12) The next page presents a table containing all training events entered by this Satellite Operator/Agency in the VLab Online Calendar of Events during this reporting period. Please complete the table with information about the number of trainees and Country of origin of trainees that attended the events. If additional events had been conducted as part of your VLab activities, that for some reason were not submitted to the Online Calendar of Events, please add them to the table.**

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