



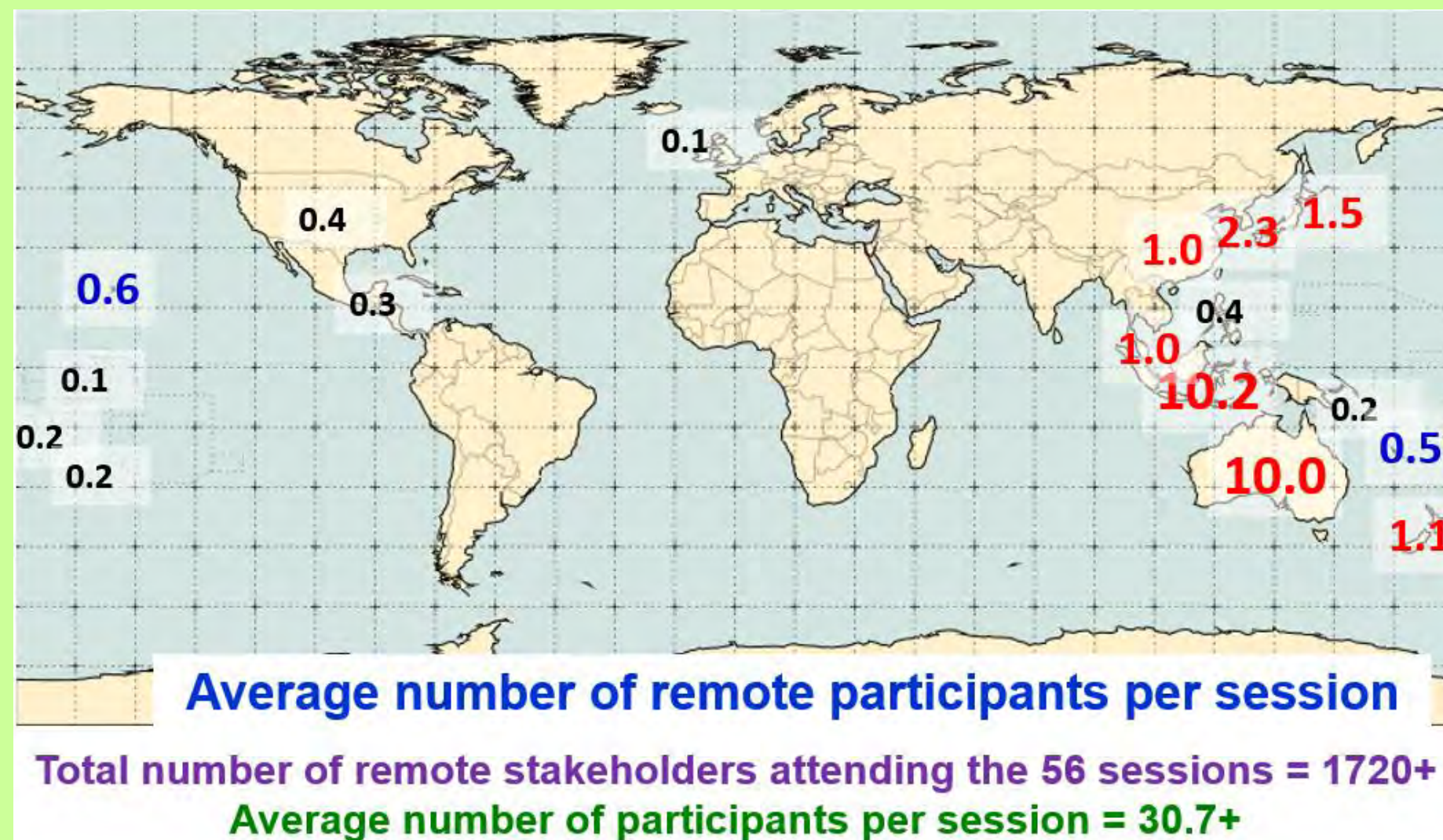
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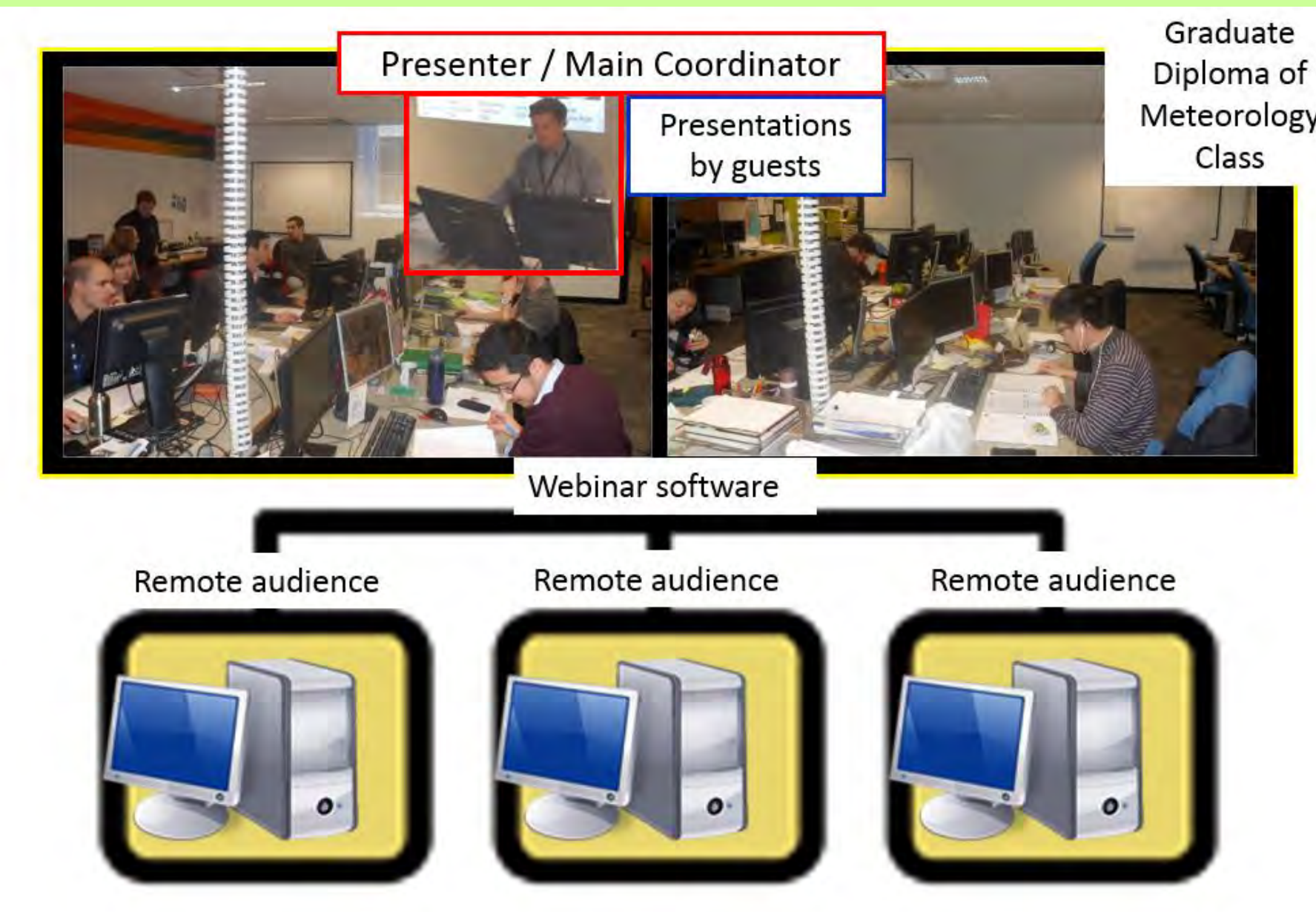
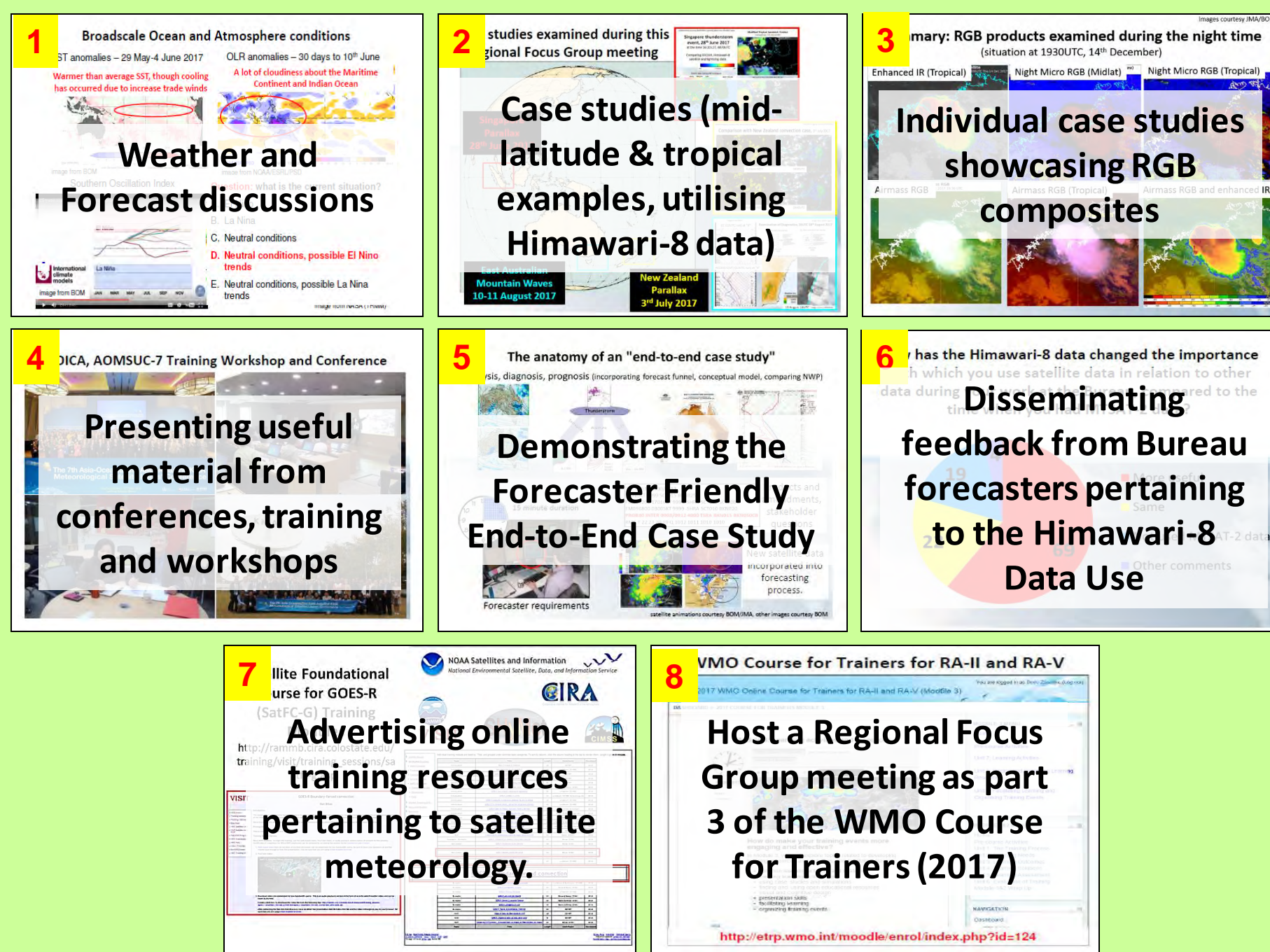


## 1. Main achievements in the last couple of years

### The past 4.5 years of Regional Focus Group meetings – statistics October 2013 to June 2018



### Topics of discussion at Regional Focus Group meetings



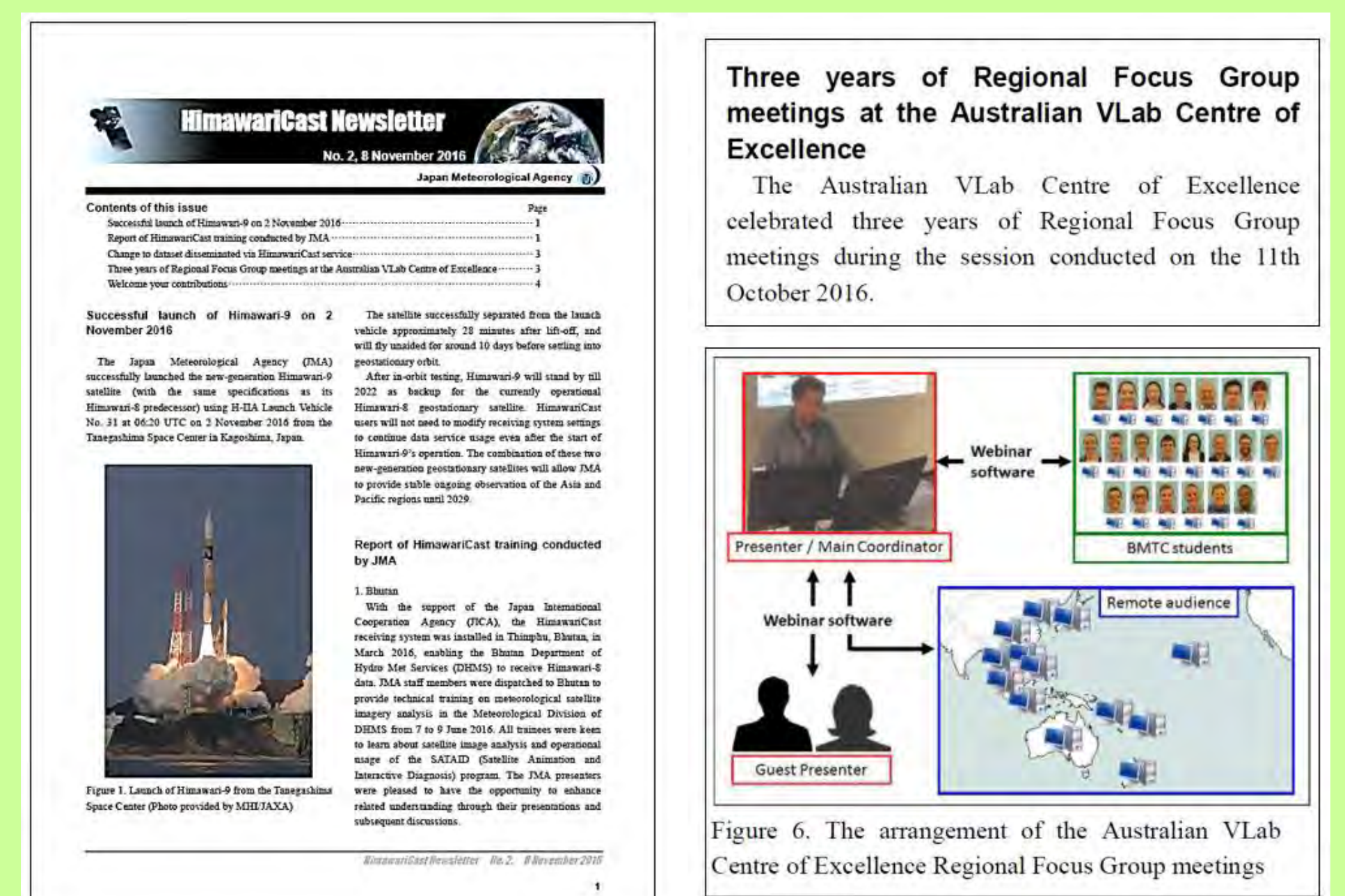
### Attendees to our Regional Focus Group meetings



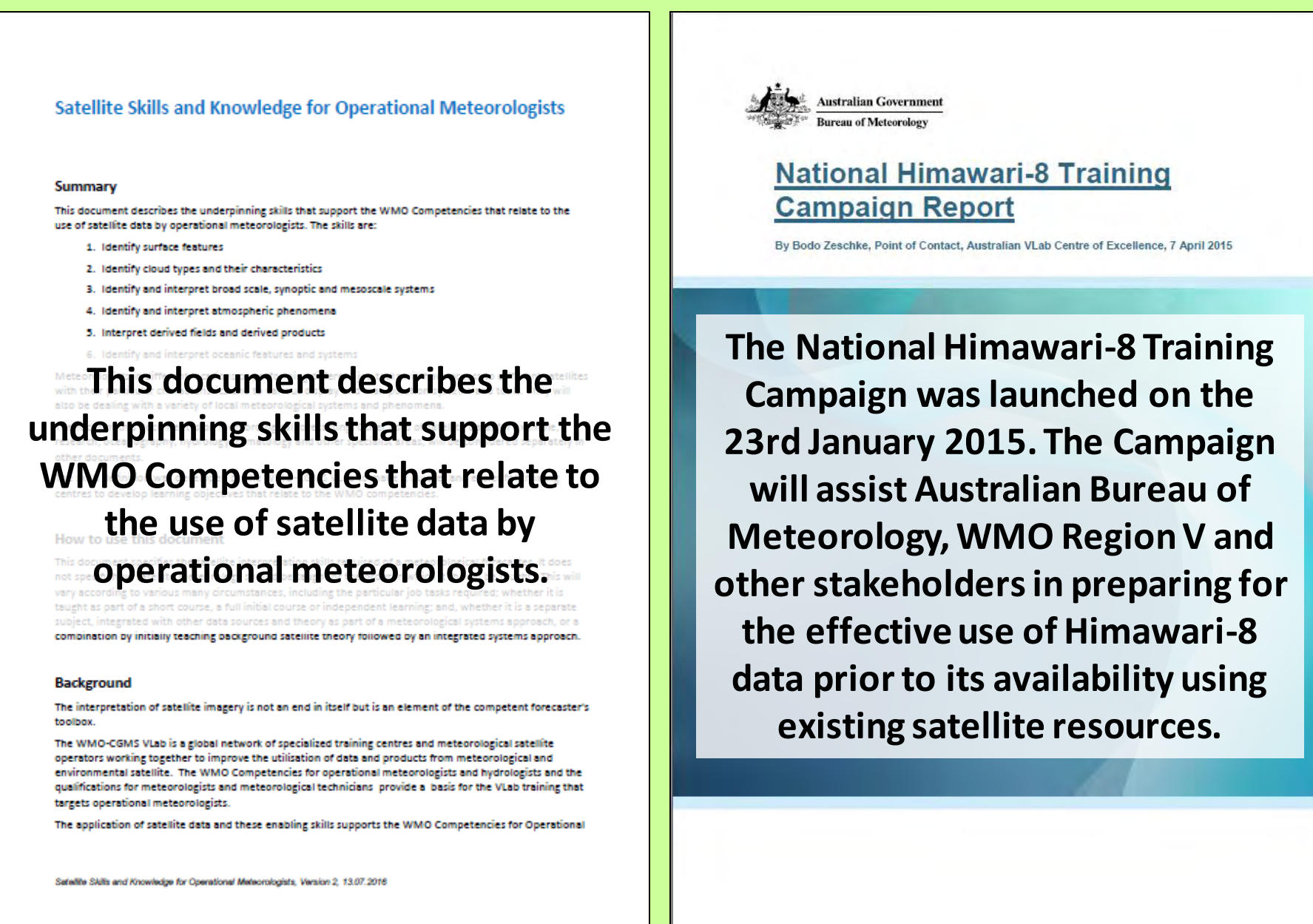
### Presentations by invited speakers during 2018



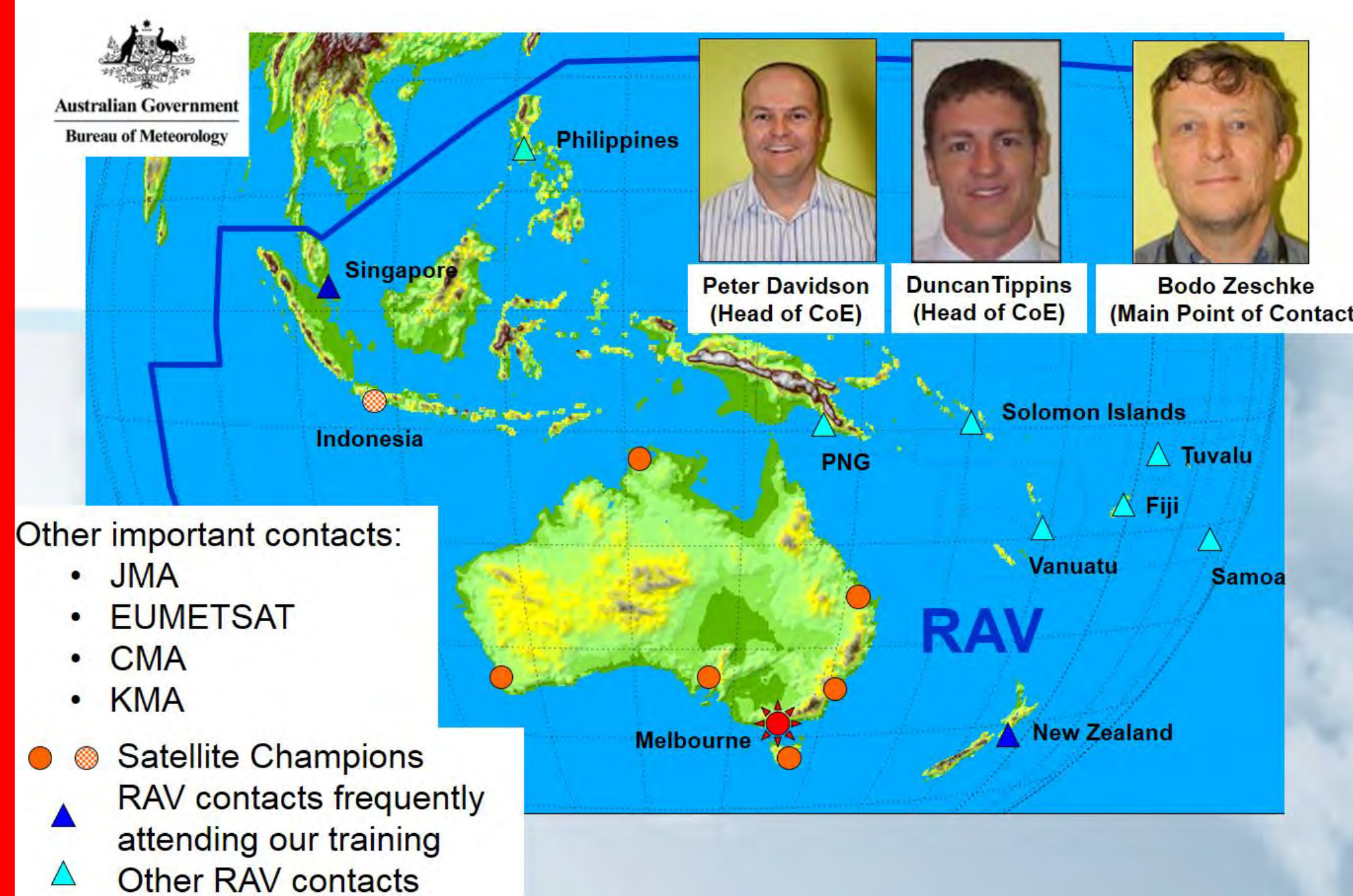
### Publication within the Newsletter of our Principal Sponsoring Satellite Operator JMA



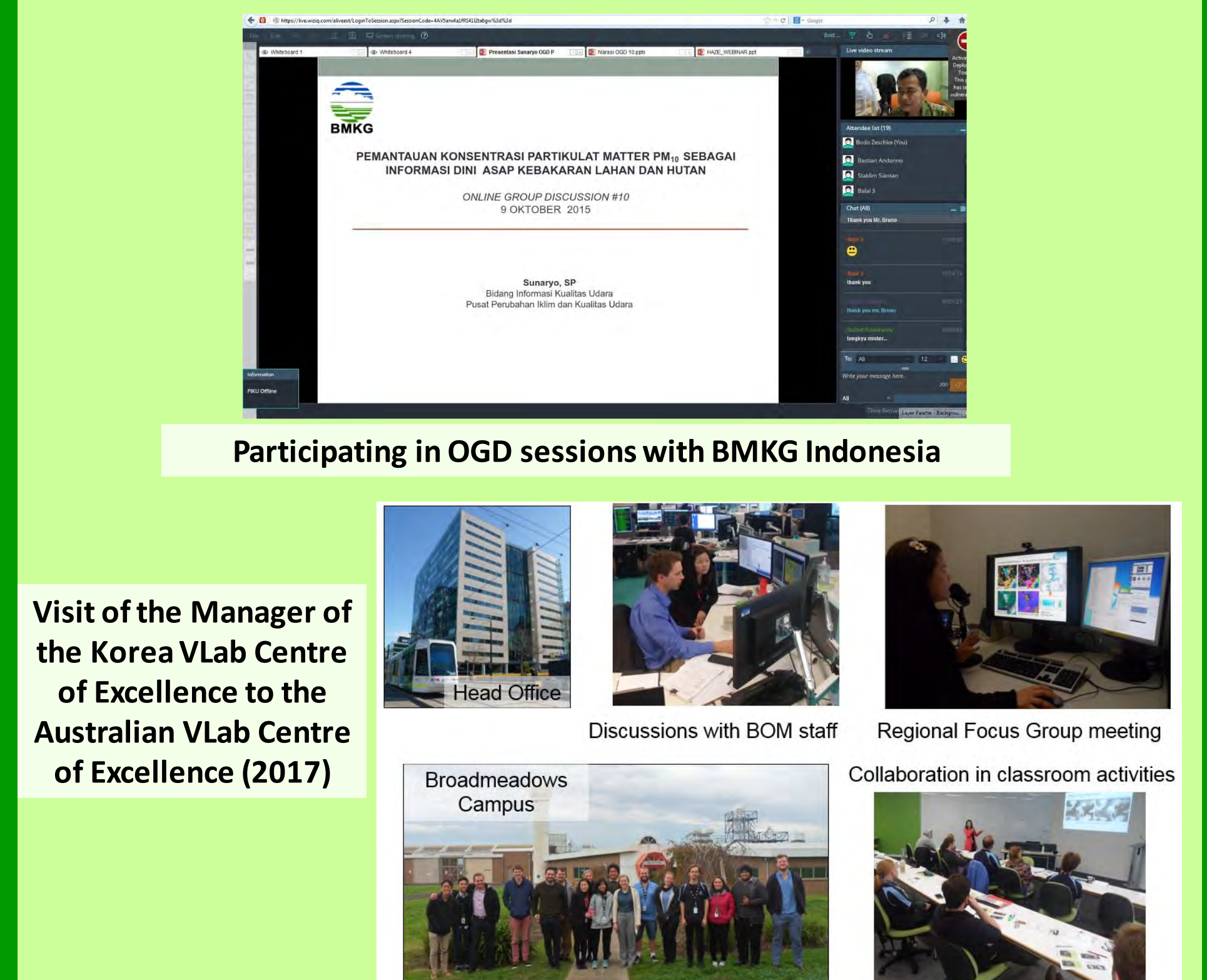
### Enabling Skills Document National Himawari-8 Training Campaign



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### Collaboration with KMA, BMKG Indonesia



## 2. Major challenges

### A. Shortage of human resources and geographical location



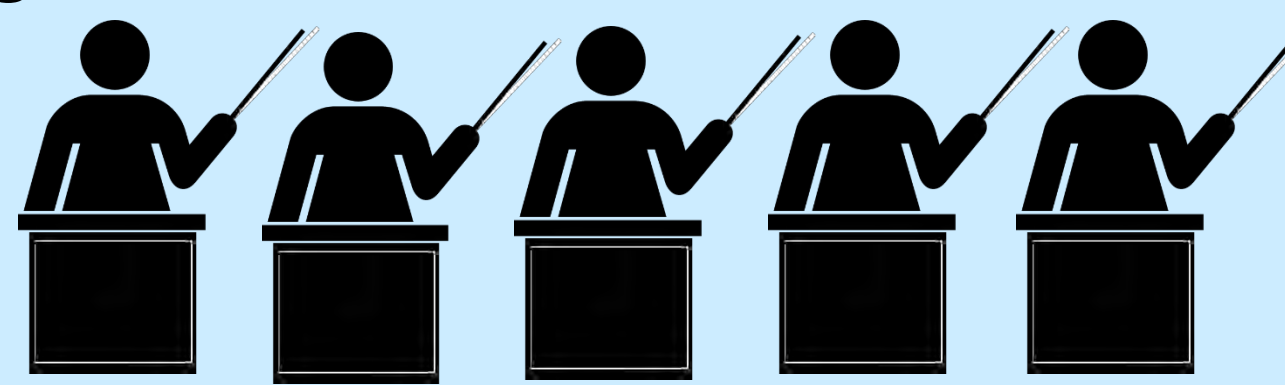
### B. Video Conferencing Issues



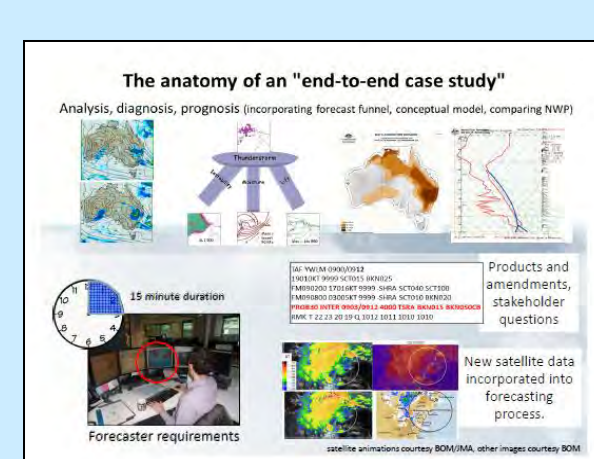
### C. Other limitations (hiatus in annual Science Week and also APSATS)

## 3. Future plans

### A. Greater involvement of other BMTC staff within the Regional Focus Group meetings



### B. Develop and utilise Forecaster Friendly End to End Case Studies and adapt these to a Simulator



## 4. Main interests for project collaboration

- Ongoing liaison with stakeholders and other developers (JMA, KMA, USA, CMA, BMKG Indonesia) in optimising Himawari-8 product use and development
- Joint Regional Focus Group meetings with other VLab CoE's
- Collaboration with other CoE's to support outcomes related to other WMO initiatives (Global Campus, SWFOP, IBDSS)
- Engaging more Southwest Pacific Island stakeholders