



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

ACTIVITY REPORT

Period: September 2011 to August 2012

Centre of Excellence: Argentina

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (CoE) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF VLAB TRAINING ACTIVITIES

What were the major achievements of your CoE during this reporting period?

We are trying to pick up the VLab activities.
There is an current interest in restarting the development of the VLab activities.

What were the main difficulties of your CoE during this reporting period?

Basically, the lack of human resources dedicated exclusively to the VLab activites.
Also, there is no specific budget assigned to the VLab activities.
The recent reorganization of the Training Branch.
Unstable Internet connectivity.

Who provides support in the production of your training materials (e.g. produced by own trainers, support from Satellite Operators, IT staff, University researchers and lecturers, etc)?

It would be generated by own trainers or University researchers.

Is any kind of Learning Management System (e.g. Moodle, Blackboard, etc) used by your CoE to conduce training activities?

The Moodle platform is being used in the University of Buenos Aires and soon it will be installed at the NWS.

Is any kind of Online Conferencing System (e.g. Saba Centra, Blackboard Collaborate, GoToWebinar, etc) used by your CoE to conduce training activities?

No.

What kind of training is provided to the trainers of your CoE and at what frequency?

Training in the use of Moodle.

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 your CoE?

Assist us in the organization of training events.

Training of trainers and in the development to generate effective and didactic online courses.

Assist us on developing ways to circulate the activities and materials.

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	Availability of resource	Submitted to ESRC

Is your CoE working closely together with the CoE's sponsoring Satellite Operator/Agency in VLab training activities? Can you suggest ways to improve this collaboration?

The articulation with CONAE for the VLab activities.

Please use this space for additional remarks you may wish to make relating to the delivery of training by your CoE.

Although there are no courses included in the table below as part of the VLab, there have been training courses given by the NWS and the University of Buenos Aires in technical levels open to different countries of the RA-III Region.

Please complete the table in the next page with information about the training events organised by your CoE, as part of VLab activities, during this reporting period.

Alternatively, you may export the information you have entered in the Online Calendar of Events to Excel and just add the post-event information needed (i.e. number of participants and Country of origin of participants). You can then copy and paste your own table to the last page of this report.