



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

ACTIVITY REPORT

Period: September 2011 to August 2012

Centre of Excellence: Costa Rica

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?

The participation in the monthly weather discussions.

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

Lack of interest at UCR towards virtual training.

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)?

Produced by own trainers.

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

Moodle, AnyMeeting, Skype.

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

AnyMeeting, Skype.

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

WMO's Train the trainers, every 4 years. Training in the use of Moodle when necessary.

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.



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?

Yes, the monthly weather discussions.

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

The recorded monthly weather discussions have been very useful for training.

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.

Date	Title	Location	WMO region	Host	Type	Language	Number of trainees	Country of origin of trainees
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