

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES SINCE JCOMMTRAN-I

Introduction

1. A number of activities within the consolidated JCOMM programme have taken place since the first JCOMM Transition Planning Meeting (St. Petersburg, July 1999). These are noted briefly below, under different categories.

Meetings

2. The following meetings now regarded as falling within the JCOMM programme took place during the period:

- (i) Eleventh session of the ASAP Panel, Norrköping, Sweden, September 1999
- (ii) Fifteenth session of the DBCP and nineteenth meeting on the Argos Joint Tariff Agreement, Wellington, New Zealand, October 1999;
- (iii) First planning meeting for a VOS Climate Project, Southampton, U.K. November 1999; the VOSclim Project Document will be available at the meeting;
- (iv) Meeting of Experts on a JCOMM Polar Strategy, Geneva, December 1999; subsequently, an extensive review report on a polar region observations strategy for JCOMM was prepared by a consultant, Mr G. Holland, and this will be available at the meeting;
- (v) Third session of the Ship-of-Opportunity Implementation Panel, La Jolla, USA, March 2000;
- (vi) Eighth session of the JCOMM Subgroup on Marine Climatology, Asheville, USA, April 2000;
- (vii) MedGLOSS meeting, Haifa, Israel, May 2000. In addition, a GLOSS Scientific Subgroup has been formally established (chair Gary Mitchum). This SSG will initially address issues such as extreme sea levels, air pressure data availability, requirements for bottom pressure measurements, and (later) a reassessment of the GLOSS/WOCE/CLIVAR sea level networks.
- (viii) Eighth session of the Steering Group for the Digital Sea Ice Data Bank, Ottawa, Canada, April/May 2000.

Workshops

3. The following JCOMM related workshops took place during the period:

- (i) CLIMAR99, Workshop on the Applications of Marine Climatology, Vancouver, Canada, September 1999; approximately 80 participants;
- (ii) Technical Workshop with DBCP-XV, Wellington, New Zealand, October 1999; approximately 60 participants;
- (iii) Workshop on the Remote Sensing of Sea Ice, Ottawa, Canada, May 2000; approximately 50 participants.

Training events

4. The following training courses and workshops were convened under the consolidated JCOMM programme during the period:

- (i) International Workshop for Port Meteorological Officers from Asia and the Pacific, Melbourne, Australia, November 1999;
- (ii) GLOSS Training Course, Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 1999;
- (iii) GLOSS Training Course, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, April 2000.

External events

5. The major external event of significance to JCOMM which occurred during the period was OCEANOBS99 (Conference on Ocean Observations for Climate), St Raphael, France, in October 1999.