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(during the 27 Seventh Session of the DBCP, Geneva, 26-30 September 2011)

Approximately 70 delegates from more than 17 countries attended the annual session of the Data Buoy Co-operation Panel (DBCP), being hosted at the headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization from 26 to 30 September 2011. The DBCP came into existence in 1985, as weather forecasting agencies round the world moved away from ship observations towards small free-drifting data buoys, and encountered a whole new suite of problems concerning satellite communications and data quality, quantity and timeliness. Established under the auspices of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Intergovernmental Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, the DBCP receives funding from a number of countries and employs a Technical Coordinator, based in Toulouse, France. More than 25 years after its establishment, the DBCP is proud to coordinate the deployment and monitoring of more than 1300 drifting platforms, as well as a large number of deep-ocean moored buoys. These platforms are now used routinely by meteorological, oceanographic and climate agencies world-wide as part of the global environmental observing system. Other activities include the evaluation of new sensors, platforms and satellite communications systems that will eventually form part of the marine observing system of the future.

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