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INFORMATION EXCHANGE

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

Summary and purpose of the document

This document provides information on media used by the DBCP to exchange information among buoy operators and advertise its activities. Media include the DBCP web site, news section via JCOMMOPS web site, DBCP publications, mailing lists, and promotional material.

ACTION PROPOSED

The Panel will review the information contained in this report and comment and make decisions or recommendations as appropriate. See part A for the details of recommended actions.

References:

[Draft DBCP Technical Document No. 42, Sea Surface Salinity Quality Control Processes for Potential Use on Data Buoy Observations](#)

-A- DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REPORT

9.1.1 Websites

9.1.1.1 The Technical Coordinator reported on website developments during the last intersessional period. The Panel was reminded of the official address for the DBCP website¹.

9.1.1.2 JCOMMOPS also normally maintains some JCOMM Observations Programme Area content on the JCOMM web site² for the DBCP and OceanSITES.

9.1.1.3 The Panel invited its members to review the content of the DBCP web page on best practices³ and to provide feedback to the Technical Coordinator as appropriate. (**action; Panel Members; DBCP-28**)

9.1.2 News

9.1.2.1 Due to the vacant position of the Technical Coordinator, no DBCP related news article has been posted on the JCOMMOPS website during the last inter-sessional period.

9.1.3 DBCP Technical Documents

9.1.3.1 The Technical Coordinator reported on new or updated DBCP Technical Documents, and JCOMM Meeting and Technical Reports of interest to the Panel. The following ones of interest to the DBCP have been published during the last intersessional period:

- DBCP Technical Documents⁴:
 - DBCP TD #41 – Ocean Data Buoy Vandalism - Incidence, Impact and Responses (available via ftp⁵)
 - DBCP TD #40 – Annual report for 2010 (available via ftp⁶)
 - DBCP TD #39 – Presentations at the DBCP Scientific and Technical Workshop, Oban, United Kingdom, 27 September 2010 (available via ftp⁷)
 - DBCP TD #38 – Annual report for 2009 (available on CD-ROM and via ftp⁸)
 - DBCP TD #37 – Guide to buoy data quality control tests to perform in real-time by a GTS data processing centre (available via ftp⁹);
 - DBCP TD #3, Revision 1 – Guide to Data Collection and Location Services Using Argos (available via ftp¹⁰).
- JCOMM Meeting Reports¹¹:
 - JCOMM MR #80 – Second Session of the JCOMM Expert Team on Wind Waves and Storm Surges (ETWS), Toronto, Canada, 18-22 May 2010 (available via ftp¹²)
 - JCOMM MR #79 – Twenty-sixth Session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel, Oban, United Kingdom, 27-30 September 2010 (available via ftp¹³)

1: <http://www.jcommops.org/DBCP/> - the following alias can also be used: <http://dbcp.jcommops.org>

2: <http://www.jcomm.info>

3: <http://www.jcommops.org/dbcp/bestpractice.html>

4: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/mmop/dbcp_reports.html

5: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/Dbcp41-Vandalism/DBCP41-Buoy-Vandalism-v1.20.pdf>

6: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/Dbcp40-ANN-2010/index.html>

7: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/Dbcp39-Workshop-2010/index.html>

8: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/Dbcp38-ANN-2009/index.html>

9: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/Dbcp37-QC/DBCP37-QC-Guide-v1.pdf>

10: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/Dbcp3/DBCP3-Argos-Guide-REV1.pdf>

11: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/mmop/meeting_reports.html

12: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-MR/JCOMM-MR-80-ETWS-III.zip>

13: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-MR/JCOMM-MR-79-DBCP-XXVI.pdf>

- JCOMM Technical Reports¹⁴:
 - JCOMM TR #53 / WMO/TD-No. 1564 - The WMO-IOC Network of Regional Marine Instrument Centres(RMICs) (available via ftp¹⁵)

9.1.3.2 The Panel recalled efforts to produce a new DBCP Technical Document on Sea Surface Salinity Quality Control processes for potential use on Data Buoy observations, and corresponding action items from the previous Session. The Panel noted with interest that the draft¹⁶ has been edited as new DBCP Technical Document No. 42, reviewed by the DBCP Task Team on Instrument Best Practices and Drifter Technology Development (TT-IBP), the DBCP Task Team on Data Management (TT-DM), and the Secretariat, and the following changes included:

- 1) Editorial changes were made to properly format it as a DBCP TD, including cover page
- 2) Links with DBCP TD No. 37 have been added for referring to real-time data quality control tests for salinity data
- 3) Section 5 dealing with user requirements has been updated to reflect latest requirements from the WMO Database
- 4) Details about Quality Control procedures used for the TAO Array, as well as by NOAA/NDBC (USA), and LOCEAN (France) have been added.
- 5) Acronyms have been expanded, and website references added
- 6) A list of acronyms has been added

9.1.3.3 The Panel endorsed those changes, and requested the Secretariat to publish the document on the JCOMM website (**action; Secretariat; ASAP**).

9.1.4 Information Products

9.1.4.1 Due to the position of DBCP Technical Coordinator being vacant during most of the last intersessional period, no additional information products of interest to the Panel has been provided through JCOMMOPS nor updated.

9.1.5 Scanning and preservation of past DBCP reports

9.1.5.1 The Panel noted that the 29 DBCP documents (13 early DBCP Session/Meeting Reports, 2 Additional Meeting reports, 13 DBCP Technical Documents) shipped to NOAA for imaging through the NOAA Climate Database Modernization Programme (CDMP) for preservation purposes, have not been processed yet due to budgetary constraints.

Appendix: None

14: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/mmop/jcomm_reports.html

15 : <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/JCOMM-TR/J-TR-53-RMICs/J-TR-53-RMICs-REV1.pdf>

16: http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewDocumentRecord&docID=7567