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Task Team 6 (Site Representation) progress report 01/2011

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Summary and Purpose of Document

Progress report from the task team 6 (Site Representation) covering first period till 01/2011.

Task Team 6 (Site Representation) Update: Progress Report for 2010

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At the encouragement of GRUAN ICM-2 participants, a task team consisting of representatives from all initial GRUAN sites was proposed. During the ensuing months, sites were asked to recommend a representative to be a member of this task team. The task team 6 (TT6) membership is now complete at this level, with at least one member from each site. It was also intended that one member from TT4 (site assessment, expansion and certification) would serve as a liaison to TT6, providing a direct link between the activities of TT4 and the site representatives. This intention remains an action item pending the current reorganization and proposed future expansion of TT4 membership.

The terms of reference for TT6, initially defined at ICM-2, were reviewed and expanded upon by the co-chairs, agreed upon by the task team members, and ultimately accepted by the Lead Center. The terms of reference focus on communication as the primary function of the task team, with TT6 facilitating the exchange of information between sites, the Lead Center, and the WG-ARO. The team is also considered a conduit for the dissemination of information about best practices among the sites.

Each TT6 member was asked to read and comment on the GRUAN manual as it progresses, to prepare and submit a written report on the current status of their site, and to present a site status update at ICM-3.