



ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

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MOTIVATION

- It has been 10 years since the Boulder workshop on requirements that led to GRUAN
- GRUAN is envisioned as a long-term observational network
- If successful (and even if not), the history of our unique effort will be of interest to future climate scientists
- Documenting the history of GRUAN will be easier now than in decades to come
- Oral history interviews are fun

CONCEPT

- Conduct structured interviews with GRUAN participants
- Create audio recordings, possibly also written transcripts
- Conform with standard practices advocated by professional historians of science, including paperwork
- Use GRUAN Implementation & Coordination Meetings and other meetings as interview opportunities
- Start with GRUAN founding fathers and mothers
- Eventually include as many GRUAN associates as are interested

PLANS

- ICM-7 interviews

- Greg Bodeker
- Peter Thorne
- Holger Vömel
- Junhong Wang
- Dale Hurst

- Soon after ICM-7

- Howard Diamond
- Dave Goodrich
- Dian Seidel

INTERVIEW TOPICS

- Basic information about participants and connection to GRUAN
- Recollections of early GRUAN efforts, challenges
- Personal memories and anecdotes related to participants' own involvement in GRUAN
- Future of GRUAN
- Any other topics

FOR DISCUSSION TODAY

- Suggestions and volunteers for interviewees
- Opportunities for interviews outside ICMs
- Institutional archive of interviews (Lead Center?)
- Volunteers to work with Dian and Ruud
- Your ideas – This is your history!