



The GRUAN launch event

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**7th GRUAN Implementation and Coordination meeting,
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Background

- Originally envisaged as a 2.5 hour event that would celebrate GRUAN's successes to date and bring GRUAN to the attention of the WMO permanent representatives who will be attending the 2015 WMO Congress.
- Considerable preparatory work was done starting March last year. Greg met with Wenjian Zhang in Geneva in May last year to discuss the event. Stephan Bojinski did a lot of work across various WMO agencies. It was also discussed at the last two AOPC meetings.
- There was no feedback from GCOS Secretariat until a telecon on 16 February which resulted in significant changes to the event.

The current plan

This will be a 1 hour event that will take place during the lunch break 12:45 to 13:45 on 2 June at WMO Congress.

- GCOS Secretariat will invite the PR from Germany to run the event.
- This will no longer be cast as a 'launch event'
- The Lead Centre is expected to attend the event.
- Greg and Peter are not invited to attend the event – the reason given is that this is a WMO Congress and not a science meeting.
- We will send in advance any material to be handed out at the side event. This will include the GRUAN brochure, the 2 page GRUAN flyer and some reprints of the BAMS paper.

The agenda for the event

- 12:45-12:50: Carolin Richter will introduce the event and describe GRUAN and its achievements to date.

PRs from two currently certified GRUAN sites will be asked to give 15 minute talks highlighting the advantages that have accrued as a result of hosting a GRUAN site. GCOS Secretariat will invite those PRs.

- 12:50-13:05: Talk by PR #1.
- 13:05-13:20: Talk by PR #2.
- 13:20-13:35: Certificates will be handed out to PRs of all countries hosting a GRUAN certified site - Lead Centre to manage this.
- 13:35-13:45: Questions and Answers. Tim Oakley will be present at the event and will answer all questions.