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Coordination Meeting (ICM-8)**

Session 3

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Task Team progress report for April 2016 – Site Representatives

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Summary and Purpose of Document

Progress report from the task team Site Representation.

Progress report for April 2016

Task Team of Site Representatives (TT Sites)

SUMMARY

The **task team of site representatives** continues to serve as the conduit through which information and requests from the Lead Center and Working Group are disseminated to the GRUAN measurements sites. In some instances the task team compiles and summarizes the responses from site representatives into a document for the Lead Center and Working Group.

During the reporting period year the composition of the task team changed as follows:
Will be updated with information coming from the Lead Center

PROGRESS ON CURRENT TASKS

Task: Lead Centre to work with sites not attaining regularly 10hPa to understand why and help improve situation. Short report from each affected site at ICM-8

Who: Lead Centre, TT sites

When: April 2016

Progress: *In Progress:* The Lead Center distributed statistics about the maximum altitude obtained in RS92 soundings to each GRUAN site. Sites not regularly attaining 10 hPa were contacted and, in some cases, given information that will assist them in realizing this goal. Most sites are now attaining 10 hPa and the new or upcoming sites will be informed of this requirement.

Task: Prepare and disseminate promotional video for GRUAN. Site reps to send segments to Greg.

Who: Greg Bodeker, Lead Centre, TT sites

When: Aug 2015

Progress: *In Progress:* Emails were sent by TT6 to site representatives asking them to contribute photos and videos to this project. Some contributed; videos were sent directly to Greg.

Task: Each site to produce first version of photos to document seasonal and long term site changes (regular e.g. semi-annually from stated locations / daily webcam shots etc. as appropriate to their specific case, and 'on change'). Uploaded to GRUAN website. LC to instigate mechanism to remind sites.

Who: TT Sites, Lead Centre

When: Nov 2015

Progress: *In Progress:* Sites were surveyed about what they thought were the best ways to handle this task and how frequently this documentation should be updated. The information received was distilled and sent to the Lead Center. It was agreed that photos should be submitted every 6 months or when a major change occurred.

Task: GRUAN official launch event / celebration including some short relevant presentations and possibly posters. To be held at ICM-8 which will take us back to our roots where it all started.

Who: Working Group, Lead Centre, TT Sites

When: April 2016

Progress: *Completed.* A GRUAN celebration has been organized for ICM-8.