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Strengthening GRUAN's Connection to GUAN, and Other Stuff Roger Atkinson Observing Systems Division Observing and Information Systems Department WMO



2011: Where Were We?

WIGOS Pilot Project Meeting on GRUAN Observing Practices and Governance, Geneva, 25-27 January 2012

- GRUAN seen to be doing good research but....
- Little flow of information on best practice making it back to GUAN;
- Little effort being made within GRUAN to deliver data in NRT; and
- Perception that GRUAN was disconnected from its governing agencies.

Why should WMO Members (NHMSs etc.) continue to finance GRUAN programmes if no tangible benefits flow back to their operational programmes?



2016: Where Are We Now?

All good news:

- GRUAN still seen to be doing good research and....
- Data increasingly being submitted via WIS in NRT
- Improved flow of information on best practice back to operational programmes
- Improved connection with governing bodies

Nice work, GRUAN! Please keep it up. (And yes, there's always room for improvement)



Specifically...

- Continue efforts to submit data in NRT
- Continue efforts to submit full GRUAN data via WIS and BUFR encoding (including the quality info)
- Feed best practice back into IMOP via participation in Expert Teams

 (CIMO ET-DIST: Dubovetskiy, ET-NRST: Apituley)
- Capture outreach opportunities:

e.g.: CIMO TECO 2016: Madrid, Spain, 27-30 Sep 2016 https://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/CIMO/cimo-tecometeorex.html Abstracts due 20 May!!!