

GCOOS Interactions with Mexico

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Mexico Interactions

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Mexico Interactions - June 2006

- Worth Nowlin, Alfredo Prelat, Raymond Toll, and Jan van Smirren traveled to Mexico to meet 26-30 June 2006 to discuss GCOOS with
 - Mexico City: Dr. Carlos Gay, Director of the Center for Atmospheric Sciences, Mexican National University (UNAM); Dr. Adolfo Gracia, Director of the Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology; Dr. Jose F. Valdez, Director of the Institute for Geophysics; and four other researchers from UNAM
 - Villahermosa, State of Tabasco: Dr. Wilfrido Miguel Contreras Sanchez, Director of the Division of Biological Sciences, Juarez University of Tabasco and Lic. Lilly Gama of the Director's Office
 - Villahernmosa: Dr. Guillermo Perez Cruz, Director of the Deepwater Program, Pemex Exploration and Production, and representatives of the Instituto Mexicano del Petroleo as well as Pemex.
- GCOOS team encouraged our Mexican colleagues to become Associate Parties to GCOOS MOA; all expressed interest in doing so.

Mexico Interactions - June 2006

- GCOOS team participated in the Second Workshop/Symposium on Coastal Ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, held 28-30 June 2006 at the Biological Sciences Division of the Juarez University of Tabasco
 - GCOOS and IOOS presentations were made
- GOOS Mexico (GOOSMX): GOOSMX was initiated in May 2004 with the purpose of developing operational measurements and products needed by Mexican stakeholders. (<http://goosmx.cicese.mx/>.)
- The GCOOS team strongly suggested that GOOSMX and Pemex subsystems producing real-time observations offer their data for integration and distribution (by the NOAA National Data Buoy Center) thereby joining GCOOS colleagues and providing evidence of participation in the larger intergovernmental GOOS. Interest was expressed.

Mexico Interactions - Follow-up

- Alfredo Prelat has contacted all the university personnel that were visited by GCOOS members Nowlin, Toll, Prelat, and van Smirren in June 2006. The universities are pursuing the possibility of becoming Associate Members of the GCOOS-RA, as is PEMEX.

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- Mexican scientists are seeking technical meetings with NDBC and EPA technical personnel to discuss measurements, buoy deployments, real-time transmission, and QA/QC.
- GCOOS-RA is helping to facilitate contacts and setting up associated meetings, although not paying for them.
- Arrangements were made to invite Dr. Porfirio Alvarez Torres, Nacional Director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Agency in México (Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales), to visit NDBC. Dr. Alvarez is the head of the “Ordenamiento Marino del Golfo de Mexico”, a program for the integration of coastal and ocean observations in the Gulf.
- The visit of Dr. Alvarez will be followed by a workshop on coastal ocean observations with attendees from Mexico and USA.

Mexico Interactions - Follow-up

- USA-Mexico Workshop on the Deepwater Physical Oceanography of the Gulf of Mexico
- 26-28 June 2007, New Orleans, LA
- Sponsored by the U.S. Minerals Management Service
- Although not GCOOS, this is an important workshop that will foster interactions between US and Mexican scientists; several GCOOS Board members and parties, as well as the GCOOS Regional Coordinator will be in attendance.
- No cost but registration is requested.

Questions?

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