

Report from CEOS WDEdu.

Gordon Bridge, outgoing Chair !

Reviews ongoing training activities by Members in different parts of the world – possibilities arise for much synergy and subsequent interchange of ideas and materials.

Reviews CEOS WGEdu responses to various GEO CB-related and other actions in the 2009 – 2011 WP.

There has been a major upgrade to the WGEdu portal by the NASA folks at Langley, acting as the CEOS Systems Engineering Office (SEO). Many new features and a listing of recent achievements of Members (training courses, etc.

WGEdu is closely following developments of the GNC Training Channel. NOAA have prepared a white paper which is being finalised – more from Linda Moodie and me later. We need to raise awareness during the implementation phase which is now starting.

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A review of the test of Data Access Principles shows that the situation is now much better than a few years ago, with the availability of Landsat and CEBERS imagery greatly improved. Efforts are still being made, with the help of CNES, to have greater access to SPOT imagery for certain capacity building activities. Need to more widely promote the improved availability and consider more rebroadcasts via, e.g. GNCs in the different regions of the world.

WGEdu organises a Remote Sensing Workshop each year, generously supported by USGS and some other agencies. Most recent was in Bangkok and the next (March 2010 timeframe, in Brazil, hosted by INPE. Theme is regional disaster mitigation using remote sensed data and data processing tools. And is directed to tertiary education and professionals.

WGEdu is now preparing its work package for the next three years. Continuation of existing activities but new “Eduflow” topic under active consideration to prepare annual training packages of particular interest to CEOS and WGEdu members.

New Co-Chairs after CEOS Plenary in November 2010, ESA, INPE, NSC and NOAA. Next annual meeting in Argentina in May 2010.