

Gift from Ecuador for new WMO Headquarters building



Geneva, 18 February 1998 — A painting for the new WMO Headquarters building was presented to the Secretary-General, Prof. G. O. P. Obasi, by the Ambassador of Ecuador in Geneva, HE Mr Luis Gallegos Chiriboga (to the right of the painting in the photograph), in a special ceremony attended by the artist, Mr Marco Martínez (extreme left), and Mr Federico Menses Espinosa, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Ecuador in Geneva (extreme right).

Library database of WMO publications

Librarians in the meteorological field have found there is poor bibliographic control over WMO publications; they are poorly indexed in commercial products and are frequently not catalogued in libraries because of lack of resources. Even the WMO Library in Geneva does not have all WMO publications. The Environment Canada Library at Downsview started brief cataloguing of WMO publications only from 1992.

Under a joint project resourced by the Downsview Environment Canada Library, the NOAA Central Library and the Geophysical Institute Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, it was decided to put records and holdings for WMO publications from several main library collections on a database, using ProCite bibliographic software.

Firstly, records and holdings of the Downsview, NOAA Central and British Meteorological Libraries were input. The project envisaged that the database would eventually also include the holdings of the WMO Library in Geneva.

The database as presented during the Atmospheric Sciences Librarians International Meeting (ASLI) (Phoenix, Arizona, USA, 14–16 January 1998) had 2 729 records (including 2 268 records for Downsview holdings until December 1997); 1 988 records for NOAA Central (until 1996); and 222 records for the British Meteorological Libraries. At the time of writing

(March 1998), the holdings of the Geophysical Institute in the Fairbanks Library had been added and the rest of the holdings of the British Meteorological Library were being added.

It is hoped that this database will eventually be mounted on the World Wide Web, courtesy of NOAA.

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Conference announcement

Third EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa

21–25 September 1998, Casablanca, Morocco

Topics will include: access to and use of METEOSAT products and services; data and products expected from METEOSAT Second Generation; regional applications of METEOSAT data and services; progress in satellite meteorology training in Africa and future cooperation between EUMETSAT, WMO and RMTCs in the area.

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