

National and International Training: Merging New and Old Frontiers

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This poster highlights the training activities at the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere (CIRA) that involve direct collaboration with the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies (CIMSS) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Virtual Laboratory for Training and Education (VLab) and how they are being used in the Proving Ground Activities. The Virtual Institute for Satellite Integrated Training (VISIT) was launched in 1998 to provide distance training to US forecasters. VISIT training focuses on individual topics: image interpretation, winter weather, severe convective thunderstorms, tropical, hazardous weather and others. The Satellite Hydrology and Meteorology (SHyMet) program was launched in 2006 with a focus on organizing modules into coherent topics. International training has included close interaction with WMO Regional Training Centers of Excellence in Costa Rica and Barbados since 1996, and Argentina and Brazil since 2006. All training has included both face to face events and distance methods but in recent years has been more focused on distance methods. This presentation reviews the training approach and content directed towards the US community that has been directly applicable to the international community and vice versa. It also touches on those aspects that have been different and how we best utilize them. The poster also provides an update on training directly applicable to the Proving Ground.