



Euro-Argo



User Workshop

June 15-18 2009



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WP6 components

6.1 Euro-Argo User Group

- workshops

6.2 Capacity building and training

- new countries

6.3 Education and outreach

- web site
- brochure



WP 6.1 - User group (EAUG)

First User Workshop Southampton June 2008

70+ attendees from 9 countries inc. Bulgaria, Poland, Faroe Islands

- The EAUG has an important role to play :-
 - as a forum for discussion of a wide range of Argo-related issues
 - to generate a European-focused consensus in light of scientific constraints and technical capabilities
 - as an forum that seeks to ensure that user's needs are being met (synthesise and publish list?)
 - as a means of shaping the future of Argo



The role of a European Argo Users Group

- The group could fulfill a similar role to that of the Ocean Surface Topography Science Team (OSTST) (to provide the scientific underpinning for production of the best possible satellite-derived ocean surface topography data sets and to demonstrate the Earth science and applications arising from analyses of the ocean surface topography data).
- It was felt that a EAUG should not necessarily remove the need for similar national groups.
- The EAUG could influence the future development of the international Argo project.
- It was agreed that the EAUG needed to be active between its annual meetings but there was no consensus as to how this could be achieved.
Argo has established an online forum and blog (<http://groups.google.com/group/argo-forum>
<http://argo3000.blogspot.com/>)
- A European Argo Users mailing list has been compiled



What is needed

- a better, simple introduction to Argo and its data than presently available on the UCSD Argo web site.
Such a Tutorial might be prepared under WP6.3
- dedicated “New User” workshops. It was thought that these might be run nationally or with a regional focus.
However, no funding is identified for such meetings under WP6.
- The Euro-Argo web site to be used as much as possible as a tool for communication with and between Euro-Argo users
- The Argo Information Centre will be requested to develop monitoring tools with a particular European focus.
- A list of Argo products generated in Europe should be produced.



Science and data issues

- Argo data set was rapidly evolving
 - how to deal with this in publications.
- A better strategy for filling holes in the global array
- More detailed profiles of T and S in the upper 20m.
- European interest in marginal seas.
Ensure represented at OceanObs'09
- Many of the science papers at the workshop focused on dissolved oxygen and biogeochemical data from profiling floats.
Reinforce in Euro-Argo, particularly by involving new users.
- Implications for Law of the Sea.
- Better briefing for Law of the Sea delegates.



Next EAUG workshop

- June 2009 in Italy.
- Pierre-Marie Poulain will be the local organizer.
- Include a dedicated Southern Europe focus.
- More information on Real Time data use.
- The running of parallel sessions will be considered.