

WP 6000 - Final Report

Objectives:

To coordinate and promote the aims, activities and achievements of the PROMISE project

Deliverables:

D6001: Development and maintenance of PROMISE web site

D6002: Annual meetings. Publication of final report

D6003: General dissemination of the aims and achievements of PROMISE

Summary

The coordination and promotion of PROMISE has not presented significant problems and all deliverables have been achieved. The web site can be found at <http://ugamp.nerc.ac.uk/promise>. It will be maintained by UREADMY after the end of the project.

Annual meetings have been held and are reported on the project web site. The final meeting was an international conference that was attended by 125 people including 60 participants from developing countries. This conference provided a good opportunity for the partners to disseminate the aims and achievements of PROMISE to a wide audience.

UREADMY with ICTP

1. Development and maintenance of PROMISE web site (<http://ugamp.nerc.ac.uk/promise>) *(Emily Black)*

Development of the PROMISE website has continued throughout the project. It now contains detailed sections on all aspects of PROMISE including highlights of the project's achievements. The PROMISE web site has been promoted in presentations about PROMISE, on the PROMISE brochure and through registering with search engines. The site currently gets approximately 500 unique hits per month.

The main part of the website, which focuses on the achievements and aims of PROMISE, is complimented by the educational information included on the Monsoon Online site (<http://www.met.rdg.ac.uk/cag/MOL/>). This is linked closely to the PROMISE site and is maintained by David Stephenson (UREADMY), Rupa Kumar Kolli (IITM, Pune, India) and Emily Black (UREADMY), all of whom are associated with PROMISE. Monsoon Online has undergone major revision in the course of PROMISE and now includes more detail about the evolution of the monsoon (updated every week during the Asian monsoon season).

2. Promotion of PROMISE at meetings *(Julia Slingo, Andrew Challinor, Emily Black and Franco Molteni)*

PROMISE has been promoted at several meetings. These include visits to some of the CGIAR centres, the annual DEMETER meeting, a UGAMP meeting, and a meeting of the Interdepartmental committee for Climate Change at the FAO (see also WP5000 report for further details).

3. PROMISE/ICTP conference on monsoon environments *(Emily Black, Julia Slingo and Franco Molteni)*

The end of PROMISE was marked by a conference held at ICTP entitled: *Monsoon Environments: Agricultural and Hydrological variability of seasonal variability and climate change*. The meeting was hosted by ICTP and sponsored by PROMISE, ICTP, START/CLIMAG and the WCRP. The sponsorship enabled 60 researchers from developing countries to participate. In total, there were 125 participants, most of whom made either poster or oral presentations.

All the PROMISE partners were represented at the conference, and several made keynote talks. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to disseminate PROMISE work to the European and American scientific communities as well as to scientists from monsoon-affected countries. The powerpoint presentations from the meeting will be made available from the PROMISE web site. To facilitate the dissemination of PROMISE results to researchers with slow internet connections, the presentations will also be distributed to some participants on a cd-rom. For further details of the conference see

<http://ugamp.nerc.ac.uk/promise/research/conference2003>