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ENCOURAGING CONNECTIONS

EGU

The CSP Coordinating Group submitted an abstract to be presented at the European Geosciences Union meeting to be held in Vienna in April. The Coordinating Group would love to hear from CSP members who are also presenting at EGU, particularly in the Climate Services session, in order to coordinate efforts.

ICCS 2

ICCS 2 is tentatively scheduled for the first week of September in Germany. The theme is likely to be more industry focused than the last meeting. Stay tuned for more information.

GATHERING AND DISSEMINATING EXISTING KNOWLEDGE

Website

We're currently working on a developing the CSP website, but in the meantime we've come up with a bare-bones version that has basic information. While the advanced version will help us manage documents (case studies, etc.) and present information on the wide range of climate service activities, the temporary version will be a home for updates and other basic information about the partnership. The address is here: www.csp.iri.columbia.edu.

Case Studies

As mentioned in the last update, the GFCS and the CSP are jointly soliciting case studies that document experiences in the provision, development and application of climate services. Case studies should detail the perspective of users of climate information as well as that of providers of such information. They should highlight successful strategies, detail challenges, and share lessons learned. Case studies will form an integral part of the GFCS implementation plan.

The plan, currently being drafted by over 100 experts worldwide, will be presented before an Extraordinary Congress of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in October 2012; it will guide the activities of the GFCS in the years ahead. Case studies provided by WMO Members will be collected into a single document and distributed at the October 2012 Extraordinary Congress as well.

The Climate Services Partnership will distribute case studies through an online knowledge capture portal. In making case studies available to the broader community, the CSP hopes to offer perspective on approaches that can be adopted or adapted by other interested parties. Together with the WMO, we've finalized the case study template and will begin distributing this to partners. Anyone who is interested in submitting a case study, is encouraged to get in touch with me as soon as possible.

GENERATING NEW KNOWLEDGE

Working Group on the Economic Valuation of Climate Services

The CSP Working Group on the Economic Valuation of Climate Services met on Wednesday, January 25 during the annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society in New Orleans. The group has set out an ambitious workplan for the next year and welcomes new members who may like to contribute intellectually to the effort.

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PARTNER UPDATES

GFCS Update

GFCS writers are in Geneva from 13 to 31 January in order to prepare a zero-order draft for the Executive Council Task Team meeting, scheduled for 28 February to 1 March.

World Bank Update

The World Bank is hosting a Hydromet Learning Event on January 31. The goal of the meeting is to share best practices and showcase case studies that allow the demonstration of key elements for climate information and services provisions. A meeting of the PPCR pilot countries will be held in Zambia March 13-15. While the agenda is finalized, Kanta Kumari-Riguad has suggested that if CSP members are able to make the meeting a session that includes country counterparts could potentially be added.

