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The St. Lawrence Global Observatory:
access to scientific data supporting the conservation of the environment,
economic development and decision making

Season's Greetings

*The St. Lawrence
Global Observatory's
Board of Directors,
management and
staff wish you a
happy holiday season
and offer their
best wishes for 2011.*

*Special thanks to
member organizations
for their support and to the
wide community of users
for their
appreciation
of our services.*



SLGO is part of a delegation to Argentina

From November 27 to December 5, a Rimouski delegation including M. Serge Demers, President of SLGO Board of Directors, Ms Joanne Hamel, SLGO Director General along with UQAR-ISMER scientists, travelled to Argentina. Participants made a series of presentations at the Centro Nacional Patagonico (CENPAT-CONICET) research institute of Puerto Madryn. They were also able to meet with the Patagonia Nature Foundation coastal zone management experts and visit the Camarones Marine Park.

The group also attended the 2nd International conference on the Gulf of San Jorge and the South Sea held in Comodoro Rivadavia, December 2-3, 2010 where Ms Hamel participated as one of the speakers and presented the St. Lawrence collaborative observatory model.

Details at http://maraustral.conocimiento.gov.ar/?page_id=2

The conference also included a workshop aiming at planning the implementation of an ocean observatory in the Gulf of San Jorge where Ms. Hamel participated as an advisor. The Comodoro Knowledge Agency, in charge of the initiative, is currently in the process of defining its observatory based on the St. Lawrence model developed by the SLGO. Mr. Rubén Zaráte, President of the Agency, has invited Ms. Hamel to remain involved in the upcoming observatory implementation process and has extended his invitation for her to return to Comodoro to participate in the project over the coming months.



Gulf of San Jorge Observatory workshop participants including representatives from government, universities and research centers, industry, and namely, at the back, from center to right: Rubén Zaráte, President of the Comodoro Knowledge Agency, Serge Demers, President of SLGO, Joanne Hamel, Director of the SLGO accompanied by Irene Schloss and Gustavo Ferreyra, both UQAR-ISMER scientists.

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New office space for SLGO

An open-house event was held September 21, 2010, allowing people to visit SLGO new office space at ISMER-UQAR in Rimouski and giving them a chance to meet its staff and learn more about the SLGO portal (<http://SLGO.ca>). It was followed by the official inauguration ceremony attended by Board of Directors members, guests and the media.



Keven Ratté, SLGO Senior programmer, discusses with Bernard Pelchat (DFO) under the watchful eye of a TVA cameraman.



Ariane Plourde and Serge Demers, respectively Vice-president and President of SLGO Board of Directors, during the official inauguration ceremony.



Rose Lopez, Partnership coordinator, discusses with visitors during the open house activity.

SLGO Scientific Advisory Committee

The Scientific Advisory Committee met on September 15, 2010 in Québec City. 23 participants representing various SLGO member organizations and observers attended the session. The main objective was to plan a collaborative project aiming at improving the accessibility of data collected on the St. Lawrence ecosystem by a variety of stakeholders. This project was identified as a priority at the Members Orientation Workshop in June. The Committee reviewed the project charter, discussed data access and set-up a project steering committee.

Participating organizations:

Canadian Space Agency, Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Parks Canada, Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada, INRS, UQAR-ISMER, Université Laval, MAPAQ, MDDEP, UQÀM and SLGO.

⇒ Meeting with DFAIT representative

Ms Joane Hallé of the federal Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade was in Rimouski on October 13 to meet with SLGO and Technopole maritime du Québec and to discuss opportunities for international cooperation. The meeting allowed SLGO to present its business objectives and learn about DFAIT services.

⇒ NavSim Technologies

NavSim technologies Inc., from Newfoundland, visited the SLGO on October 20, 2010. The meeting was a good opportunity for exchanging and discussing information technologies.

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