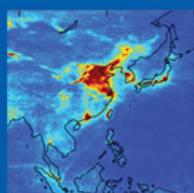
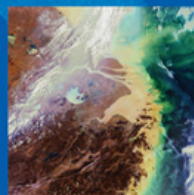


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This 2005 Dragon Programme brochure presents the activities undertaken since the project kick off in Xiamen, April 2004. Over the last 15 months in Europe a briefing was made to Greek scientists in October 2004 about the Dragon Programme and as a result Greek scientists have joined several of the projects as co-investigators. In China ESA and NRSCC have organised two progress meetings in Beijing, in November 2004 and April 2005 respectively.

At these meetings, Chinese scientists provided details about their project progress and further defined their EO data requirements. As one key component of the programme, an advanced training course in Ocean remote sensing was successfully held at the Ocean University of China, Qingdao, P.R.China during 6 days in October 2004 and was attended by 78 scientists. Since the formal start of the programme, a large quantity of ENVISAT/ERS EO data has been made available to all of the projects and detailed coordination of all requested acquisitions over China has been performed.

Joint publications and articles have been prepared by ESA/NRSCC and are available via the Dragon web site at <http://earth.esa.int/dragon/>.

The second Dragon annual symposium is to be held in Greece in June 2005 at which results will be presented for the 15 projects.

In addition young scientists have been appointed on the Dragon projects in Europe and China and will report in the annual symposium.

The next steps during 2005 are the preparation for an advanced training course in land remote sensing that will be held at the Beijing Capital University in Beijing in October 2005. In addition, 2005 will also see the preparation of a Dragon Programme mid term joint publication as an ESA/NRSCC special publication.

We look forward to this continuing collaboration and the exchange of new results over the lifetime of the Dragon Programme.

Best regards,

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