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Pacific International Training Desk in Guam complete Cohort #2

The PITD in Guam completed its second cohort (Cohort #2: 7th March to 1st April 2016).

PITD in Guam Cohort #2 – 7 March to 1 April 2016:

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| 1. Ms. Ann Andrew | Chuuk, FSM |
| 2. Mr. Lee Jacklick | Republic of the Marshall Islands |
| 3. Mr. Wilfred Nanpei | Pohnpei, FSM |
| 4. Ms. Jane Laakthin | Yap, FSM |
| 5. Ms. Joyleen Tmatk-Temengil | Republic of Palau |

We congratulate them on their commitment, dedication and hard work during training.

The PITD training covers Introductory Tropical Meteorology topics, including: Thermodynamics; Satellite Interpretation; Surface and Upper-Air Analysis; General Circulation; Local Circulations; Tropical Weather Features; Numerical Weather Prediction; Forecast Philosophy; Forecast Verification; Marine Forecasts; Tsunamis; Severe Weather and Tropical Cyclones; Tropical Climate Variability; and Messaging and Weather Communications.



Front row: Wilfred Nanpei; Ann Andrew; Joyleen Temengil; Jane Laakthin and Lee Jacklick

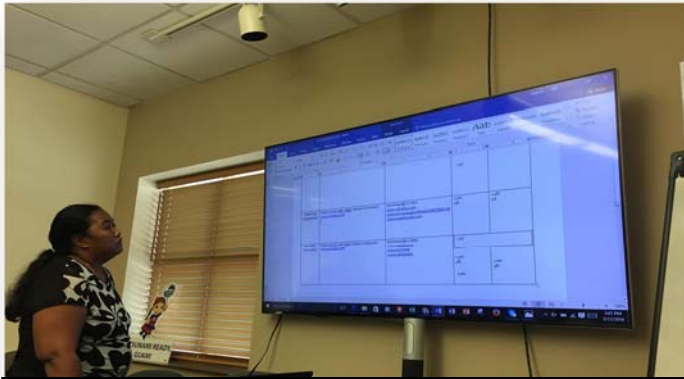
Back row: David Hitzl, Jennifer Strahl, Chip Guard and Genevieve Miller.

Honolulu Training Schedule

01 FEB	Cohort #1 – 1 to 26 Feb 09:00am
25 APR	Cohort #2 – 25 Apr to 20 May 09:00am
06 JUN	Cohort #3 – 6 Jun to 1 July 09:00am
01 AUG	Cohort #4 – 1 to 26 Aug 09:00am
03 OCT	Cohort #5 – 3 to 28 Oct 09:00am

Guam Training Schedule

25 JAN	Cohort #1 – 25 Jan to 19 Feb 09:00am
07 MAR	Cohort #2 – 7 Mar to 1 Apr 09:00am
02 MAY	Cohort #3 – 2 to 27 May 09:00am



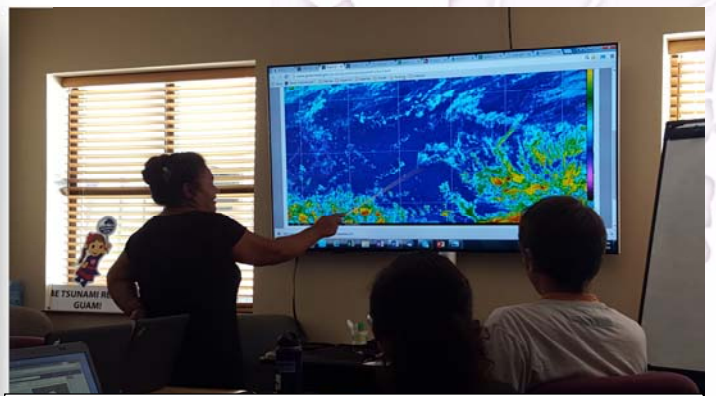
Ann Andrew presenting a 3 day synopsis for Chuuk.



Wilfred Nanpei (Pohnpei) is pointing out his area of responsibility (AOR) on satellite image.



Lee Jacklick (RMI) uses satellite imagery to discuss convection in his AOR.



Jane Laakthin (Yap) uses satellite imagery to discuss convection in her AOR.



Cohort 2 speaking with a veteran Island Hopper pilot on the way to the operations hub.



The novice satellite interpreters look on as veteran Guam forecaster, Chip Guard, takes the helm.



Ann Andrew
WSO Chuuk, FSM

ANN ANDREW started working for the National Weather Service Office in Chuuk in 2006. She is a Weather Service Specialist. Her participation in various trainings, including the Tropical Cyclone Disaster, Preparedness and Climate Workshop, has given her a sense of confidence as a Weather Service Specialist in the State of Chuuk. Prior to working for the National Weather Service, she took introductory courses at the college of Micronesia where she studied nursing. Ann has always been a family person and always looking to help people. She pursued training and education in order to become a Registered Nurse in Fiji. In 2004, Ann worked at the Chuuk State Personnel Office as an office clerk and then later moved to the Weather Service Office. She was fascinated with the new working environment, the people, the equipment and especially the motto “to protect people and property, not only the people here but also people abroad. Ann was committed to the idea that she would travel back and forth from her island everyday regardless of high surf or heavy rains to make it to work so she could help her colleagues help other people. Ann saw the opportunity to become a Weather Service Specialist and she took it. She read books on meteorology on

her own, received some in house training from the MIC and other seniors in the office and in 2007 took the test to become certified. Ann graduated from PICS High School in 2003 where she earned her diploma.

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Joyleen Tmatk-Temengil
WSO Koror, ROP

JOYLEEN TMATK-TEMENGIL joined the National Weather Service as a Weather Service Specialist in 2004 with a mere interest in the field of Meteorology field, and little to no experience. Through her enthusiasm and commitment, she succeeded in acquiring all the required certifications for Surface, Synoptic and Upper-Air observations as well as Hydrology in under six months, and went on to earn the Supervisory Weather Specialist position in two years. She has managed to broaden her knowledge through experience, various workshops, off-island trainings, and working with Meteorologists and forecasters in Palau and Guam. Among the various workshops and trainings that contribute to her duties as a Supervisory Weather Service Specialist (SWSS), she participated in a three part Quality Management Systems Workshop in Apia, Samoa in 2009, the Kingdom of Tonga in 2010 and finally in Nadi, Fiji in 2011. She also attended the Operational Climate Services Course in June of 2010. Additionally, she also joined a COSPPac Weather Observations and Calibration Training as part of the Climate and Ocean Support Program in the Pacific, at the Bureau of Meteorology in Nadi Fiji in May 2014. In August of 2014, she attended the International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC)

Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigations Systems and Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) Enhanced Products in Honolulu Hawaii, which enabled her to take over the responsibility of issuing local Tsunami Warning/Watch Alerts. Joyleen is from and lives in Palau with her husband of twenty-five years, Mr. Dexter Temengil.

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Upcoming PITD Cohort Participants

The PITD in Hawaii and Guam will soon be welcoming the following participants for training:

PITD in Guam Cohort #3 – 2nd to 27th May 2016

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| 1. Mr. Godwin Sisior | Koror, Palau |
| 2. Mr. Justin Fanechigi | Yap, FSM |
| 3. Mr. Johnny Musrasrik | Pohnpei, FSM |
| 4. Mr. Lukas Likiche | Chuuk, FSM |
| 5. Mr. Samson Kaneko | Majuro, RMI |

PITD in Hawaii Cohort #2 – 25 April to 20 May 2016

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| 1. Mr. Joe Ganqurae | Solomon Islands |
| 2. Mr. Heau Lohia | Papua New Guinea |
| 3. Mr. Solomon Manataniasi | Solomon Islands |
| 4. Mr. Ula Virobo | Papua New Guinea |

PITD in Hawaii Cohort #3 – 6th June to 1st July 2016

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| 1. Mr. Joe Mala | Vanuatu |
| 2. Ms. Meleka Mativa | Tokelau |
| 3. Ms. Solonaima Mei | Tokelau |
| 4. Mr. Willie Molisa | Vanuatu |

Meetings and Conferences

Micronesia Managers Meeting 2016

March 07-10, 2016

Honolulu, HI

The Micronesia Managers Meeting is an annual meeting of the US Weather Service Offices (WSO) and Weather Forecast Offices in the Pacific Region for programmatic and budgetary review.

The Pacific International Training Desk was invited to the Micronesia Managers Meeting 2016 to provide an update on the PITD in Guam and hear feedback from the Managers on training. The meeting was held at the NOAA/NWS Pacific Region Headquarters at Ford Island, Honolulu, HI.

Picture: Micronesia Managers with NOAA/NWS PR Director Raymond Tanabe (3rd from left), NOAA/NWS PR and Pacific Desk Staff





Pacific Risk Management Ohana (PRiMO) 2016

March 14-17, 2016

Honolulu, HI

The Pacific Risk Management Ohana (PRiMO) annual conference is a leading venue for emergency, disaster risk reduction, and hazards professionals to share ideas, strategize, and collaborate on solutions that address the varied challenges facing Pacific Island communities working toward resilience goals. The theme of PRiMO 2016, "The Voyage to Resilience: Creating Value through Partnerships", highlighted the

transformations communities are making to prepare for the next natural disaster. PRiMO 2016 keynote speakers included Former President of Kiribati His Excellency Anote Tong; Prime Minister of Tuvalu Hon. Enele Sopoaga; Lt. Governor of American Samoa Hon. Lemanu Peleti Mauga; Mr. Henk B. Rogers, Founder of the Blue Planet Foundation and Blue Planet Energy and Hon. Timothy Manning, Deputy Administrator for FEMA for Protection and National Preparedness. This year, PRiMO also included distinguished speakers, First Lady of Tuvalu Madame Salilo Enele Sopoaga and First Lady of the Republic of Kiribati Madame Meme Bernadette Tong. PITD Associate Director, Ms. H. Gingerlei Porter serves as the Co-Chair of the Communications Hui (Working Group).

Picture: Ms. Kalisi Faanunu Mausio, Ms. H. Gingerlei Porter, Hon. Prime Minister of Tuvalu Sopoaga Enele and Ms. Jane Taafaki.

Informal Planning Meeting of the WMO Voluntary Cooperative Programme

March 22-24, 2016

Honolulu, HI

The VCP partners and donors meet once every year during the "Informal Planning Meeting" (IPM) to discuss projects that have been implemented, and planned projects for the next year. The

VCP Secretariat reports on VCP in the preceding year. The meeting is held on an informal basis to encourage dialogue and cooperation. The IPM is a useful mechanism to strengthen partnerships through the VCP-Coordinated as well as the Trust Fund and any other forms of bilateral collaboration. Many donors also agree to cooperate on various projects, therefore implementing certain requests more efficiently.



WMO VCP Informal Planning Meeting
University of Hawaii at Manoa
East West Center
Honolulu, HI
22-24 March 2016

The PITD participated in the Informal Planning Meeting of the WMO Voluntary Cooperative Programme to provide an update on the PITD trainings in Hawaii and Guam. The meeting was hosted by the NOAA/NWS and supported by the University of Hawaii Telecommunications And Social Informatics Research Program / PEACESAT /PITD. It was held at at the East-West Center at the UH Manoa campus.

Learn more about the WMO Voluntary Cooperation Programme: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/vcp_en.php

Picture: Participants at the IPM meeting gathered for a photo in the garden area at the East-West Center.

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The Pacific International Training Desk (PITD) was established on the campus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2001 by the US National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Weather Service (NWS) at the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Honolulu. In 2016, the PITD established another training site at the NOAA/NWS WFO Guam. The PITD is one of the United States contribution to the Voluntary Cooperative Program of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The PITD is administered by the Telecommunications And Social Informatics Research Program (UH TASI) of the Social Science Research Institute at the Univeristy of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) College of Social Sciences. 2424 Maile Way Saunders Hall 713 | Honolulu, HI 96822 | Tel: +1 808 956 9557 | Fax: +1 808 956 8019 | pacificdesk@uhtasi.org | www.pacificdesk.org |