

My impression on the Remote Sensing Data Analysis Training in Vladivostok, Russia

Kristina Cordero-Bailey

Marine Science Institute, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City Philippines.

Overwhelming. Informative. Enlightening. Impressive.

These words come into my mind when I fondly remember the NOWPAP/PICES/WESTPAC Joint Training Course on Remote Sensing Data Analysis held in Vladivostok, Russia last October 2011. Although I personally have been organizing workshops and trainings in the Marine Science Institute at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, this was my first time to actually be a participant in the training. I arrived late on the first day, but from the moment I entered the classroom where the training was held, I knew that my expectations would be met and most likely be exceeded. They were indeed. Learning about new innovations in the field of remote sensing was quite a lot to take each day, so it was good to be able to review each presentation at the end of the day. My personal favourite part of the training was the hands-on exercises with the BEAM and WIM/WAM software. With each lecture and exercise, lightbulbs were constantly flashing in my head and I felt that I should share the new information with people in my laboratory. I am very thankful to all the lecturers who generously shared their knowledge, to the organizers, both local and foreign, who assisted in one way or another for the smooth running of the training, to my new Russian friends who introduced me the lovely Russian culture, hospitality and liquors, and to the new friends I made from all over the world. The short five-day training was able to enrich me both intellectually and culturally and is truly an experience that is hard to forget.