

NOWPAP/PICES/WESTPAC Joint Training Course on Remote Sensing Data Analysis

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This Training Course was held in October of this year in Vladivostok. The venue was at Far Eastern Federal University. First of all I want to mention a well-balanced syllabus. One of the advantages of the course is the fact that the course included not only theoretical lectures but also practical classes of modern professional software using. Lectures were built for the public with different education and experiences of using / processing of satellite data. My research is focused on the study of marine biological productivity, as well as the dynamics of production of inorganic carbon by different algae based on using multispectral remote sensing data. I especially want to mention the lectures of Dr. Doerffer. I got a big amount of theoretical knowledge from them, which I have already applied in my research. Other lectures were also useful for me. They have expanded my knowledge about remote sensing in general. I especially want to mention the fact that most of the examples cited were in the region where I was born and grew up.

Another advantage of the course is that it was an international course. The course brought together the people from more than 5 different countries. We all had different backgrounds, experiences in processing satellite data. However, we did not have any problems in finding a common language. We stayed in one hotel and it gave us an opportunity to communicate each other in free time. Communicating outside of the lectures, we learned a lot about the cultures of different countries. At the moment we are students, but in a few years we will become the scientists. With an extensive contact net throughout the world, we can find common interests, such as the study of the Sea of Japan. This is a great start for the future international collaboration.

In the end, I want to add that I do not see any disadvantages of this course. The high level course was organized. I want to thank all the speakers, organizers and participants for organizing such a valuable course.