Health CoP update

Initial pilot projects were identified in November 2009 over the first meeting of the GEO Health and Environment Community of Practice, including malaria, dengue fever, and cholera diseases. Building on these discussions, the Community worked hard to identify concrete projects and a way forward for them. The 3-day workshop in Paris (CNES) on 27-29 July was designed and prepared so that as an outcome of the workshop the project scope, resources and plans would be defined. The workshop was attended by around 25 participants, including most Task leads and several new partners, who engaged in active discussions and drafting work. As an outcome of this workshop, and also during the following weeks, the following Tasks were proposed for inclusion in the Work Plan Health SBA:

1. “Reducing public health risks from water-borne diseases in marine and freshwater environments”;
2. Integrating Earth Observation and Public Health Communities to Predicting and Reducing Incidence of Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases (This is the former Task titled “Towards a Globally Coordinated Malaria Warning System”);
3. Surveillance, Modeling and Prediction of Seasonal Influenza and Early Detection of Pandemic; and Health Forecasting for Public Health
4. Health Forecasting for Public Health

Beijing plans
Showcase
Exhibition
Brochure

MERIT workshop November

Next workshop around Jan