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The CeDRES data portal

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SAFIRE is the French facility dedicated to airborne measurement for environmental research. The SAFIRE steering committee decided that access to its archives should be improved. If certain data, including recent campaigns, are available online, access to them is difficult for users because these data are dispersed in as many data portals as campaigns. Most of projects are not able to keep medium to long term online access to their database. Therefore, many airborne data, particularly the oldest, are not available online, stored on media whose sustainability is not guaranteed.

SAFIRE also decided to identify old data stored in Meudon (France) on paper and hard media and to rescue with the help of an archivist. At the same time, the development of a centralized digital archive – containing data collected with the Fokker - 27 " ARAT " and Merlin IV aircraft - associated to a web portal was given to SEDOO.

The first part of the project consisted in modelling the database. The second part, still in progess, was the development of the CeDRES (Centre de Données aéRoportées & SAFIRE) portal (http://cedres.sedoo.fr) which is responsive and bilingual (French and English) ; and metadata standardization (iso 19115). The main objectives of this project are data preservation and open data access.

A first test version of CeDRES portal will be release in mid-February 2016. And operational version is planned for summer 2016. In the future, CeDRES portal will be able to receive and to distribute metadata and data of aircraft currently in service (FALCON-20, ATR-42 and PiperAztec-23). The interoperability implementation and data homogenization are planned in the medium term.

The CeDRES portal is part of the French atmospheric chemistry data center AERIS (http://www.aeris-data.fr). Every scientist is invited to browse the catalog and use CEDRES data. Feel free to contact cedres-contact@sedoo.fr for any question.