Introducing the World Climate Research Program (WCRP) Academy

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In this presentation, we will introduce the Academy and our catalogue of climate science training, which collates in-house WCRP training activities and educational materials to the global science community. Further, the WCRP Academy encourages and invites all research and expert groups, academic and research institutions, government agencies and non-government organizations who provide climate science training and education to register as training providers and contribute to our online training catalogue.

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