

Infoclimat, an Internet platform for exchange

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The advent of internet has fostered and accelerated exchanges. It then became easy to communicate and share one's passion. This is what some few fans of meteorology, dispersed all over the country, immediately did. They worked together at the creation of the Infoclimat site, with the aim to better exchange meteorological observation and discuss.

From observations maps to climatology, from educational texts to forums, the content has been increasing. The audience keeps increasing too. And now the general public, fans, and professionals can compare their opinions and find answers to questions on subjects that are getting more and more sensitive than climate change.

Without internet, such exchanges would not have been so easy nor so quick. The knowledge in the field of weather also advances for the general public.

It is this experience that I will present to you at the symposium of the EMS in Toulouse in September 2009.