

Summer School on Mass Balance Measurements and Analysis

Evaluation form

Summary of the received feedback to the summer school 2013:

(1) Organisation

Pre-course information			2	6	12
Course organisation				4	16

Comments: describe teaching modules more detailed; excellent lectures, fieldwork, support and attitude towards students, great instructor group; describe teaching modules more detailed; excellent lectures, fieldwork, support and attitude towards students, great instructor group; everything perfect; good mass balance techniques.

(2) Lectures

Level of complexity	 <i>too easy</i>		19 <i>Perfect</i>		 <i>too difficult</i>
Didactical presentation		1	2	9	18











Comments: some not sufficiently didactical; great talks, extend some of them, showing examples on how to perform analyses in practical terms; very informative; perfect, balanced and easy to understand, thanks to speakers for delivering information in easiest manner; good gain of knowledge.

(3) Office practicals

Level of complexity	 <i>too easy</i>	3	16 <i>perfect</i>	1	 <i>too difficult</i>
Didactical presentation		1	5	7	6

Comments: No talks on surface, interpolation of mass balance; nice learning by doing concerning calculations (millimetre paper); data from glacier with optimum stake network and sufficient accumulation measurements maybe appropriate; give glacier area directly in order to do more exercises.

(4) Field practicals

Level of complexity		 3	 16		
	<i>too easy</i>		<i>Perfect</i>		<i>too difficult</i>
Didactical presentation		 1	 6	 4	 8

Comments: very well organized; more detailed safety training in technical sense; more time to complete all stages of ablation and accumulation measurements and safety training; better field tools; very useful; Easy transportation and logistics in the Alps.

(5) What did you like most?

GPR practice; field practicals; meeting important lectures and colleagues from abroad, improved knowledge process; glaciological methods; safety training; hospitality of guests, great friendly attitude of all participants, nice location, weather, motivation to share knowledge of instructors; organization; office practicals and methods; combination of theory and practice; good knowledge in short time; internationality, excellent participants, good organization; field training showing recent field problems and possible solutions; lectures informative and easy to understand, good selection of speakers; mass balance research work, contribution towards uniformity of data standardization practices; many hints how to improve mass balance observation; landscape, knowledge from instructors to transfer to home country; quality and level of complexity of presentations; uncomplicated manner of organisation, good time management, sufficient time for exercises; other than earlier summer schools, this course did treat participants more as partners and was less prescriptive.

(6) What can be improved?

Other methods for mass balance validation (glaciological method); short presentation on participants' jobs, introduce participants' work and discuss them; most people of the world (☺); fieldwork gear in better condition; more time for field work and desk exercises including modelling calculations; more frequent summer schools, also in other countries (Central Asia, South America); partly more background info (Theodulgletscher), more food ☺; training on optimally networked glacier (stakes) and practicals with "ideal" dataset; more practice for modelling mass balance; better working tools; reduce possible uncertainties (field work) and data analysis (office); more security techniques on glaciers; maybe invite more people with less skills to improve their knowledge.

(7) Any other comments?

Thanks a lot; "This summer school was great"; publication of lectures for everyone from wgms-homepage due to big interest from people on summer school (those who could not attend); "Amazing week, thank you very much!"; cool organisation; good organisation by wgms; nice to be part of this summer school, learned a lot, shall be continued by wgms.

(8) Overall satisfaction				 3	 17
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