# WRDC progress report. A Brief Survey

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World Data Centre (ET-WDC) Managers Meeting 13-14 May 2010. Toronto, Canada "There are five GAW WDCs each responsible for archiving one or more GAW measurement parameters or measurement types..."

"They are operated and maintained by their individual host institutions...".

"They collect, document and archive atmospheric measurements and the associated metadata from measurement stations world-wide...".

"Make these data freely available to the scientific community."

### The Thirteenth Session of CAS:

"For scientific purposes, access to these data is unlimited and provided without charge. By their use you accept that an offer of co-authorship will be made through personal contact with the data providers or owners whenever substantial use is made of their data. In all cases, an acknowledgement must be made to the data providers or owners and the data centre when these data are used within a publication."

# WORLD RADIATION DATA CENTER (WRDC)

2010: - 46 Years of Activity.



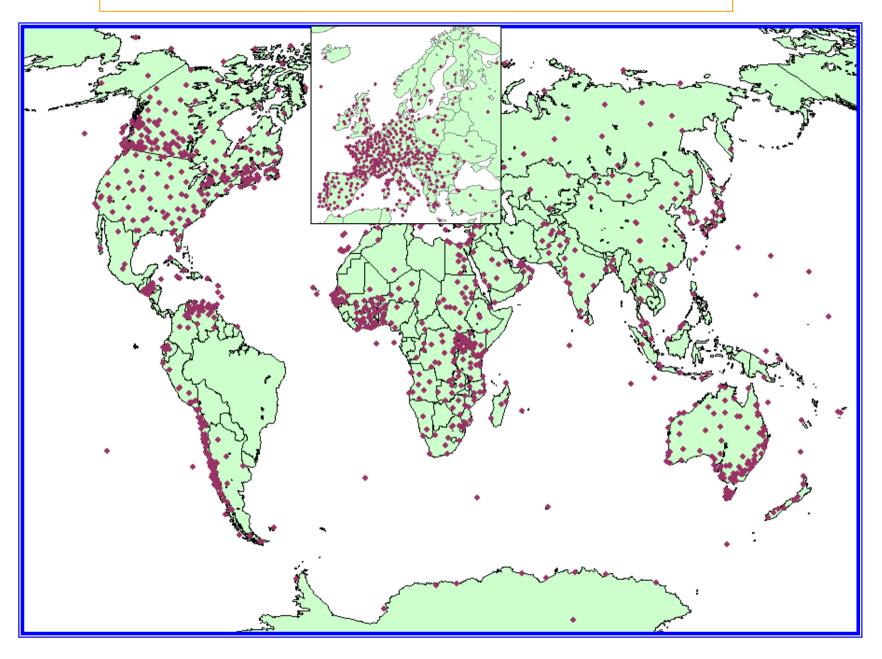




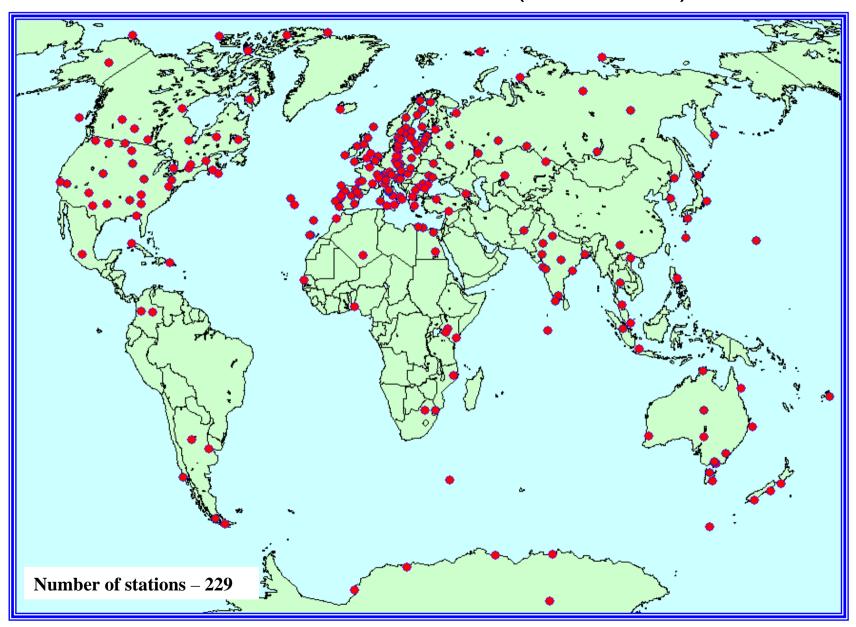


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## World Radiation Network in WRDC Archive



## WRDC: GAW stations (1994-2009)



#### WRDC ACTIVITY

Central collection and data processing

**Quality check** procedures + **metadata** 

Communication with NWS - quality assurance (QA)

Archiving and Time Series Analysis

Bulletin "Solar Radiation and Radiation Balance. The World Network"

Information System of WRDC: Server and Database

"Good metadata are needed to ensure that the final data user has no doubt about the conditions in which data have been recorded, gathered and transmitted, in order to extract accurate conclusions from their analysis."

#### In "GUIDELINES ON CLIMATE METADATA AND HOMOGENIZATION"

by Enric Aguilar1, Inge Auer2, Manola Brunet1, Thomas C. Peterson3 and Jon Wieringa4

2003, World Meteorological Organization WMO/TD No. 1186



Examples of WRDC metadata sheet for a single station.



CATEGORY	METADATA TYPE
STATION IDENTIFIERS	Local Code WMO Code Name and aliases Active/Closed Beginning/End Date
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA	Latitude Longitude Elevation Dates of relocation
LOCAL ENVIRONMENT	Local land use/land cover Instruments exposure Skyline diagrams
STATION INSTRUMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE	Instrument Sheltering and Mounting Type of recording Calibration results Special Maintenance/Faults
DATA PROCESSING	Units Special codes Algorithms Calculations QC applied? (yes/no) Homogenization applied? (yes/no)
HISTORICAL EVENTS	Changes in the social, political and institutional environment

## Metadata: station Identifiers, Geographical Data, Local Enviroment. An Extract from Exel sheet.

Archive Number	WMO Index	Station Name	Latitude	Longitude	Height (in m)	Time Period			
						Variable	Begin (month, year)	End (month, year)	
820	16520	ALGHERO	40° 38′	8° 17′	40	Global	1.1964	6.1989	
						Sunshine	1.1969	6.1989	
814	16261	AMENDOLA	41° 32′	15° 43′	60	Global	1.1964		
						Sunshine	1.1969		

ALGHERO – **Description:** In a valley. Grassy and loamy ground.

Distance between the station and the nearest town, its position: 4,5 km, 166°

AMENDOLA – **Description**: Poorly grassy level ground.

Distance between the station and the nearest town, its position: 18 km, 240°



### **Metadata. Station Instrumentation and Maintenance**

O( (' N	Instrument Changes											
Station Name	Variable	Old Instrument	New Instrument	Date of Change	Reduction Coefficient							
ALGHERO	Global	TB/R/	TB/R/	27.12.1965								
		TB/R/	TB/R/	08.11.1971	1,16							
AMENDOLA	Global	TB/R/	TB/R/	09.02.1966								
		TB/R/	TB/R/	01.11.1971	1,22							
		TB/R/	KZ/CM11/	1.07.1989								
		KZ/CM11/	?	?								



## **Metadata**: Data Processing

		Changes of Ur	WRR Scale					
Station Name	Old Units	New Units	Date of Changes	Date of Transfer	Coefficient of Transfer			
ALGHERO	Cal/cm2	J/cm2	01.01.1980	1.11.1980	1.022			
AMENDOLA	Cal/cm2	J/cm2	01.01.1980					



## **Metadata: Changes of Names, Locations**

	Change of St	ation Name	Change of Locaton								
Station name	Old Name	Date of Change	Previous Latitude, Longitude Height	New Latitude, Longitude Height	Data of Change						
OLBIA	OLBIA/ Town	8.09.1969	40° 56′, 9° 30′, 2 м	40° 52′, 9° 30′, 22 м	8.09.1969						
	OLBIA/Venafiora	1.07.1974	40° 52′, 9° 30′, 22 м	40° 54′, 9° 31′, 13 м	1.07.1974						
ROMA / CIAMPINO			41°48′,12° 36′, 131м	41°47′,12° 35′,105m	12.02.1991						



#### **WRDC Metadata File Submitted to FTP- sever of GAWSIS**

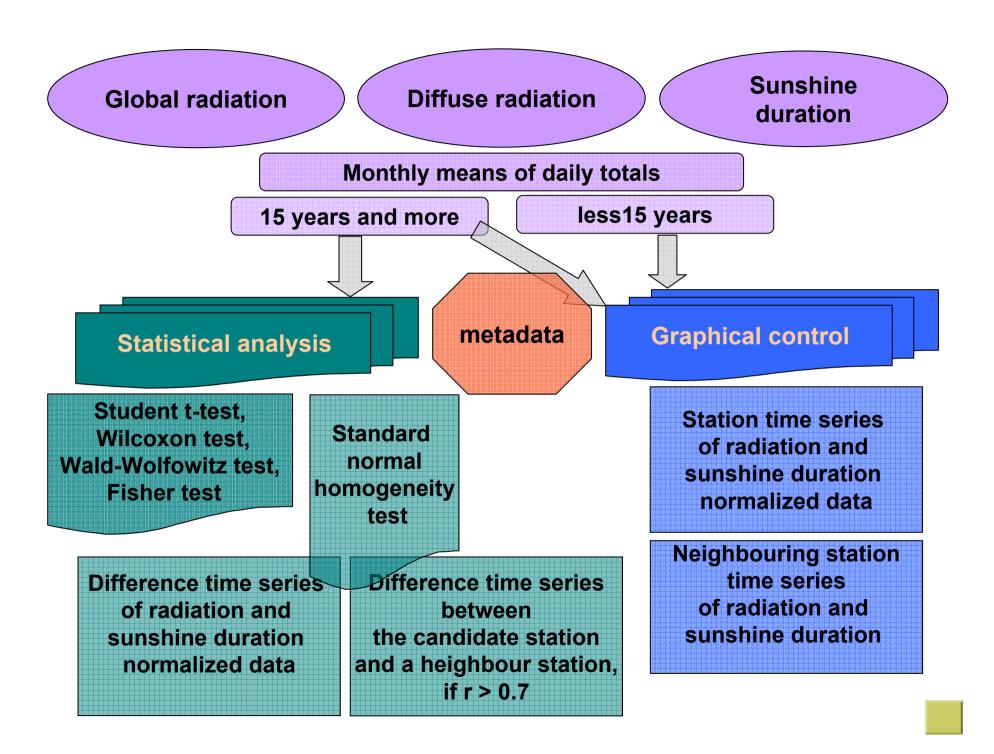
2007				IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
Number of stations				241	241	241		243		243	244	244
Data of sending				17/0 4	15/0 5	15/0 6		31/0 8		15/1 0	23/1	14/1 2
2008	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
Number of stations	244	244		244	244	244			246	246	246	246
Data of sending	16/0 1	26/0 2		10/0 4	15/0 5	16/06			25/0 9	31/1 0	19/1 1	25/1 2
2009	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
Number of stations	246	246	246	246	247	247	247	227	227	227	227	227
Data of sending	21/0	24/0	19/0 3	21/0 4	15/0 5	29/06	29/07	11/0 8	16/0 9	22/1 0	16/1 1	16/1 2
2010	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
Number of stations	227	227	227	229								
Data of sending	18/0	18/0	23/0	20/0								

Table updated on 11.08.2009: 56 stations excluded, 36 stations added (as in the list of stations of GAWSIS)

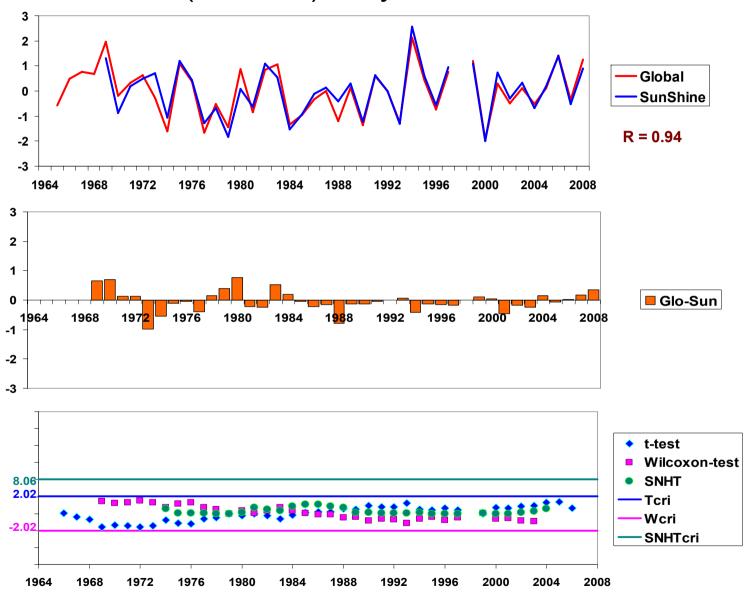
#### Quality Checks at the WRDC

- Physically meaningful limits
- Follow up Control according to WRDC procedures applied to daily and monthly totals
- Checks of calculated and actual totals
- Checks of hourly and daily values in the within setup ranges
- □ Control of exceedings above TOA values
- Control of values higher than those of probabilistic and climatological levels
- Control of correlation: data of neighbour sites
- Homogeneity Analysis (HA)





HA: Stockholm (Sweden), July





#### Calculation of Anomalies:

$$\Delta G_{i} = (G_{i} - \overline{G})/S_{G}$$
<sup>(1)</sup>

$$\Delta SS_{j} = (SS_{j} - \overline{SS})/S_{SS}$$
 (2)

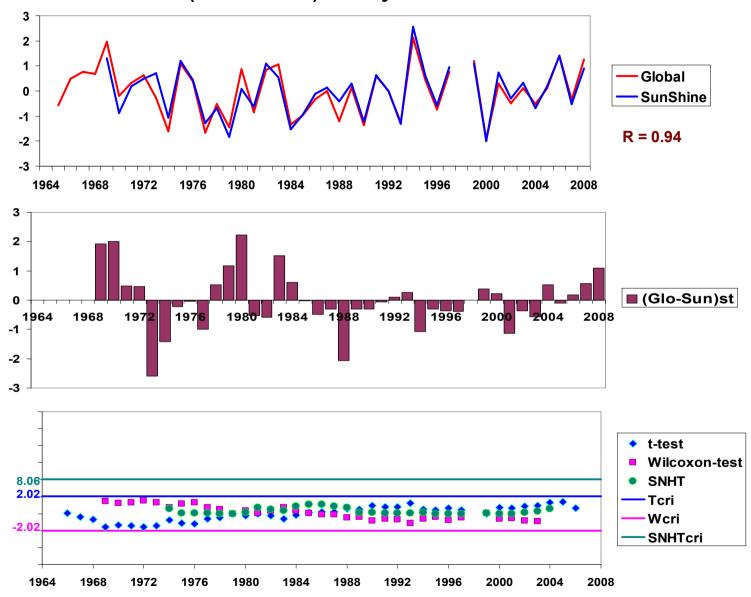
$$\delta(G_i SS_i) = \Delta G_J - \Delta SS_J \tag{3}$$

$$\Delta(G_{J}SS_{J}) = (\delta(G_{J}SS_{J}) - \delta(G_{J}SS_{J}) / S_{\delta GSS}$$
(4)

NOTE: The standard normal homogeneity test (SNHT) was developed and applied to precipitation data by Alexandersson (1984, 1986).

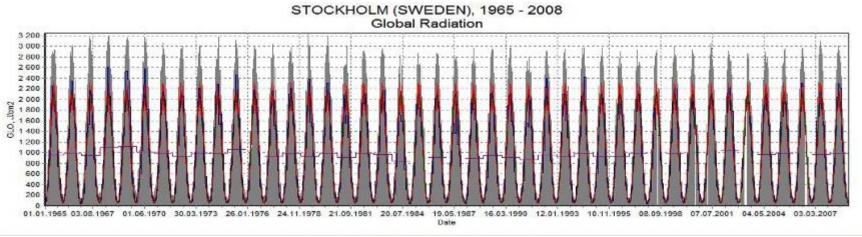


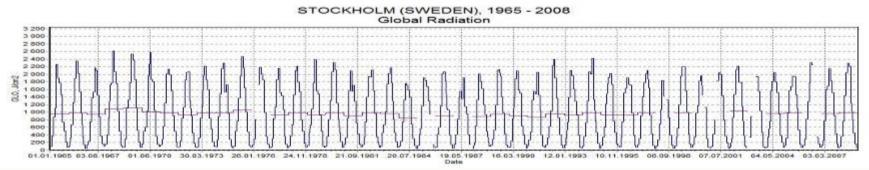
HA: Stockholm (Sweden), July

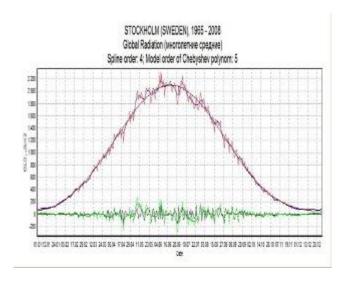




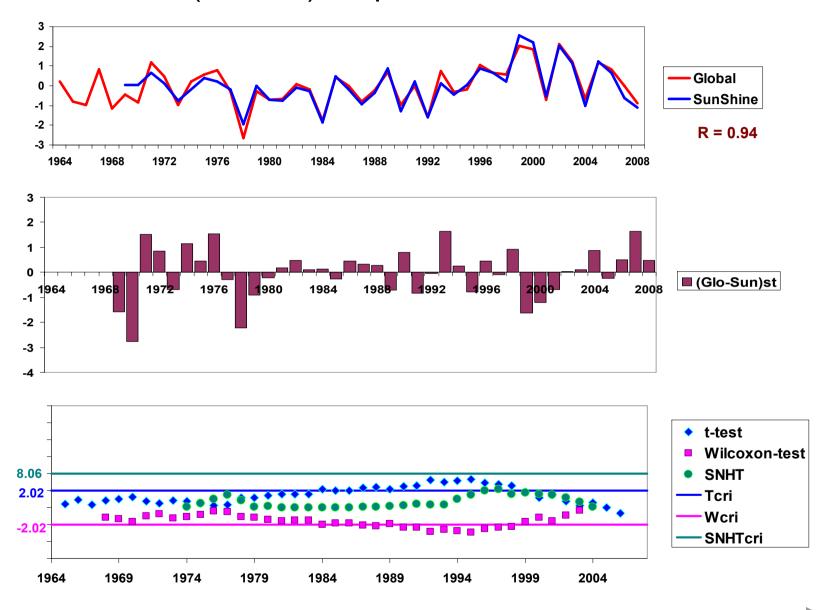






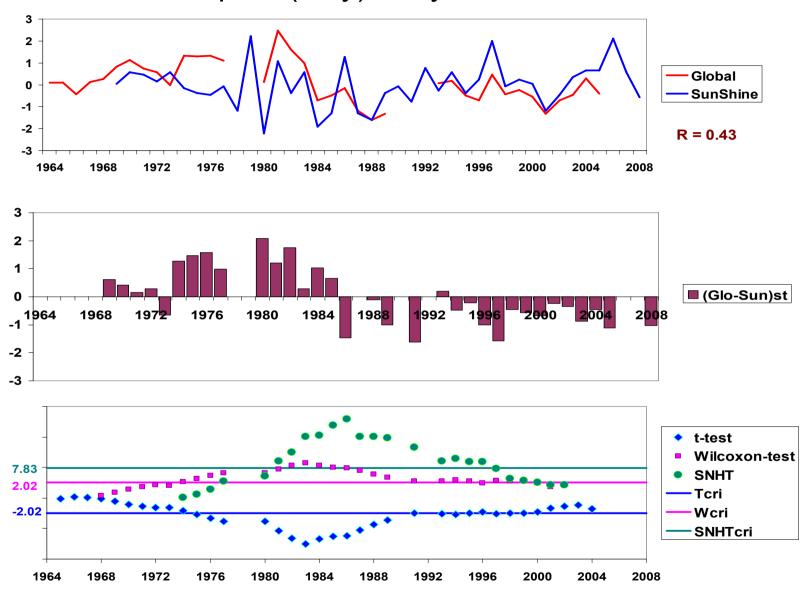


HA: Jokioinen (Finland), September





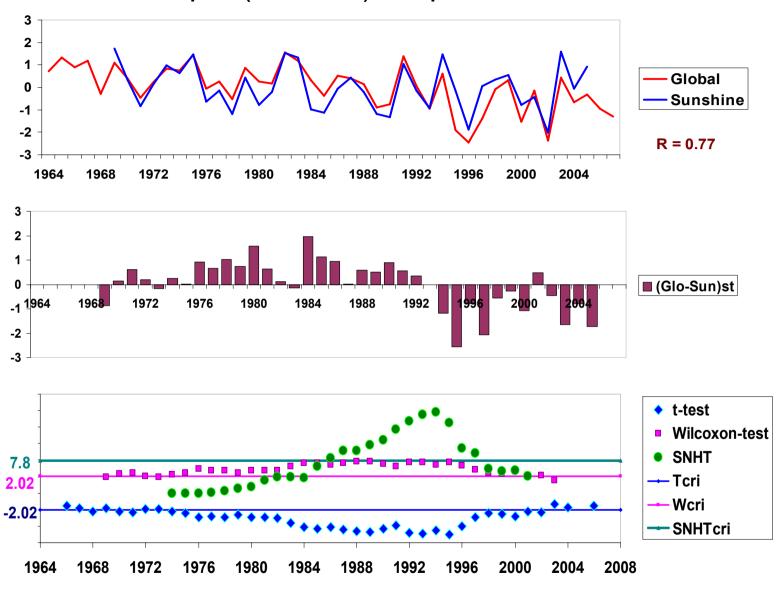
HA: Roma / Ciampino (Italy), May

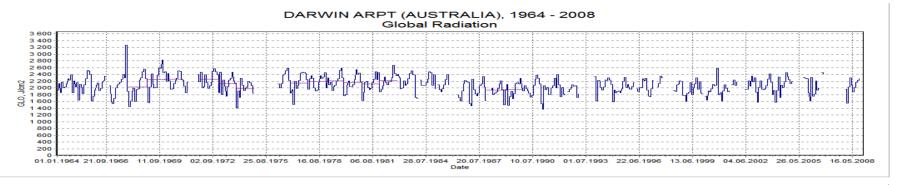


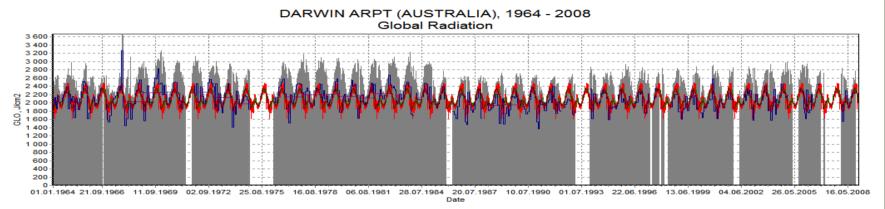
Instrument change, relocation: Jul 1989 - TB/R/ →KZ/CM11/

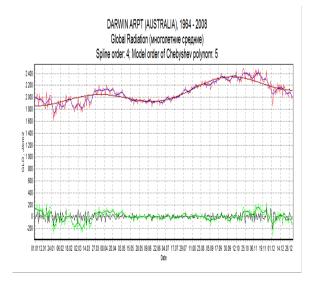


HA: Kiev / Borispol (Ukraine), September

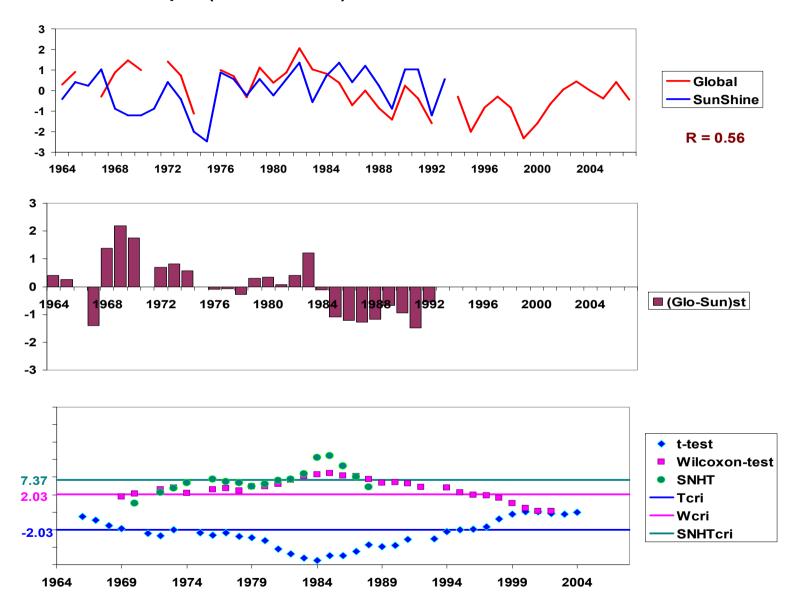






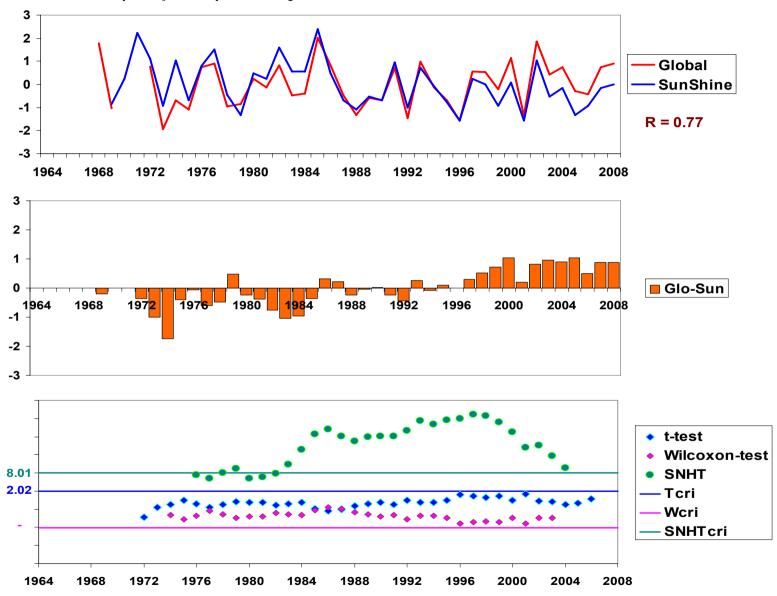


## HA: Darwin arpt (Australia), October

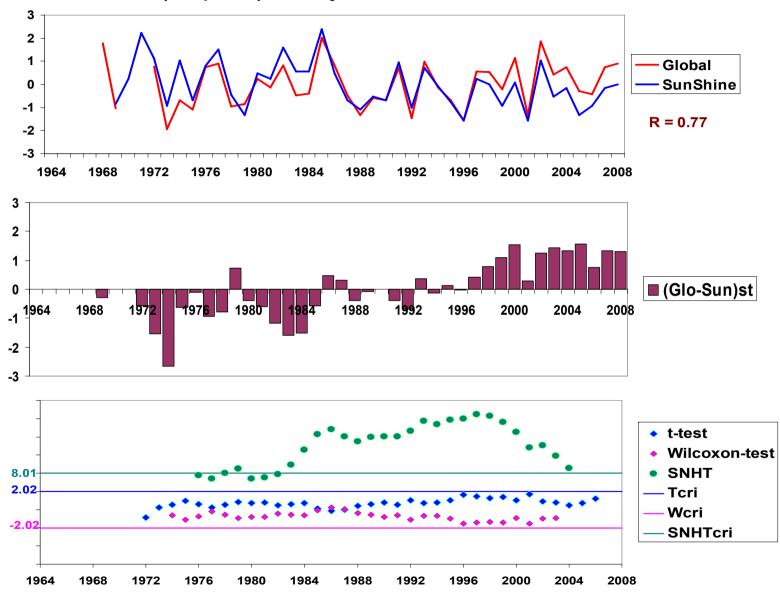


**Unknown cause of non-homogeneity** 

HA: Naha (Japan), May



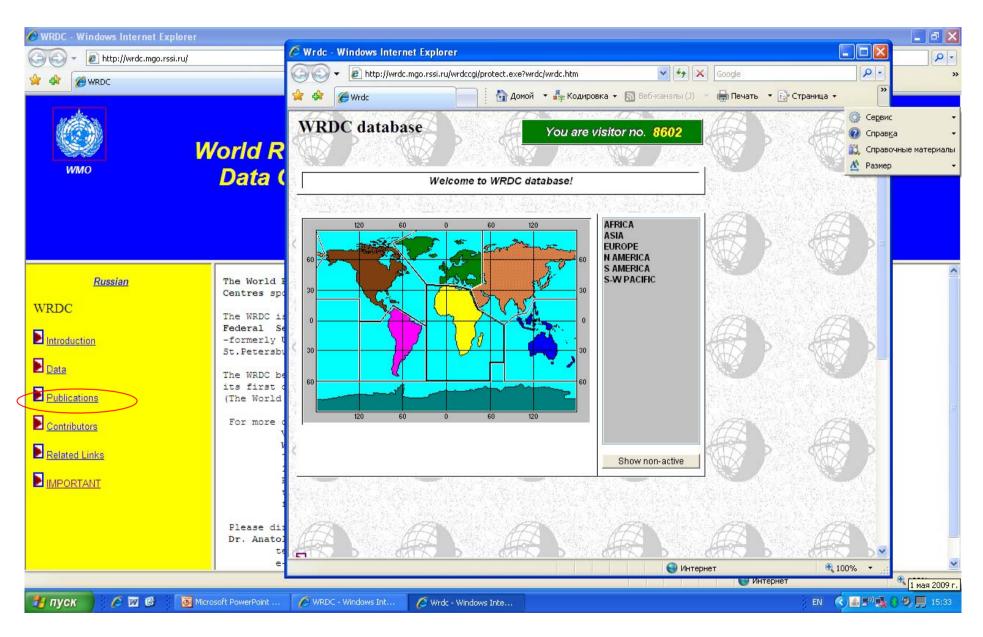
HA: Naha (Japan), May



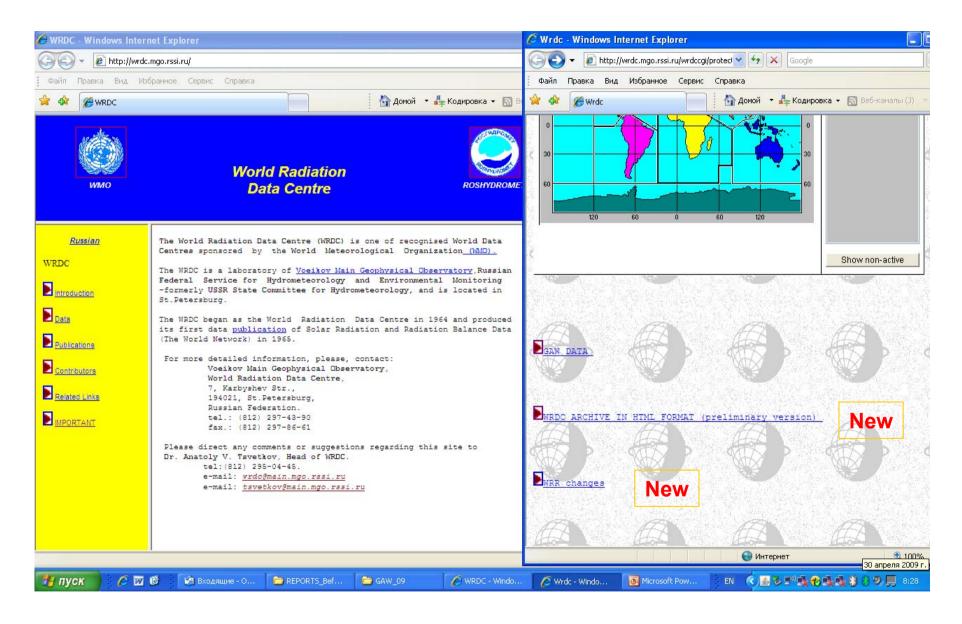
Instrument change: Jan 1986 – SS/J/ →SS/EKO/, Dec 1999 – TT/EKO/ → KZ/CM21/

## Access to the WRDC Data: Recent *Updates*

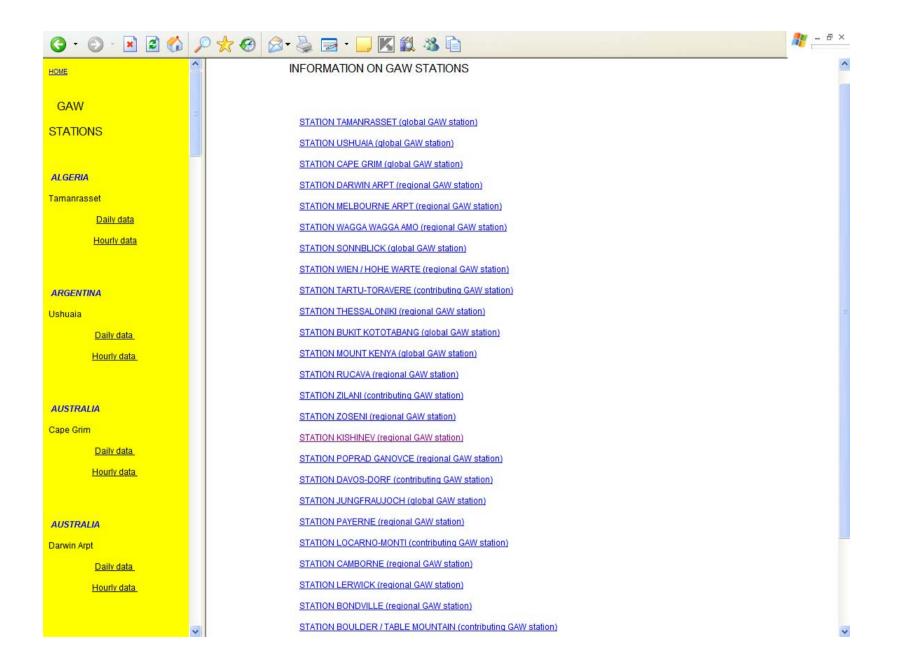














Hourly data

**ESTONIA** Tartu-Toravere Daily data Hourly data Skyline

GREECE Thessaloniki

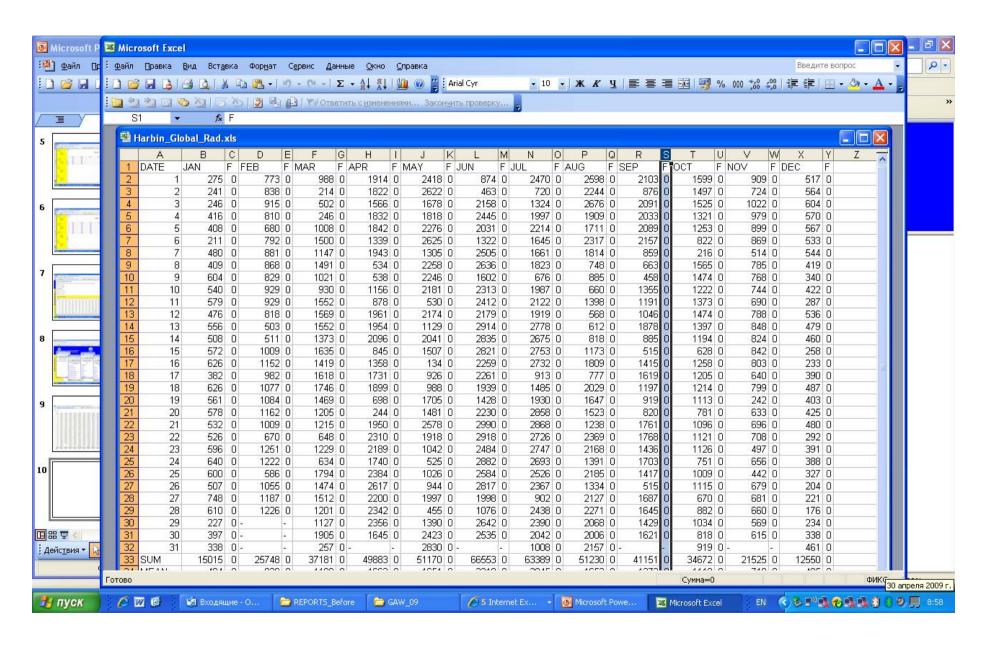
. Monthly averages are the sum of the daily values divided by the number of days available

. Monthly totals are the monthly average multiplied by the number of calendar days in the month

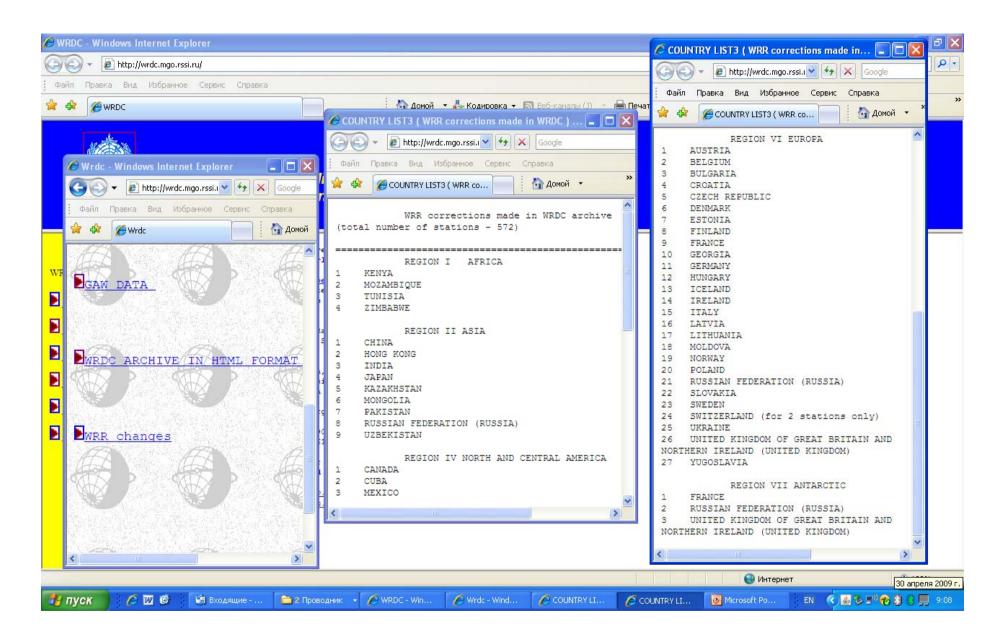
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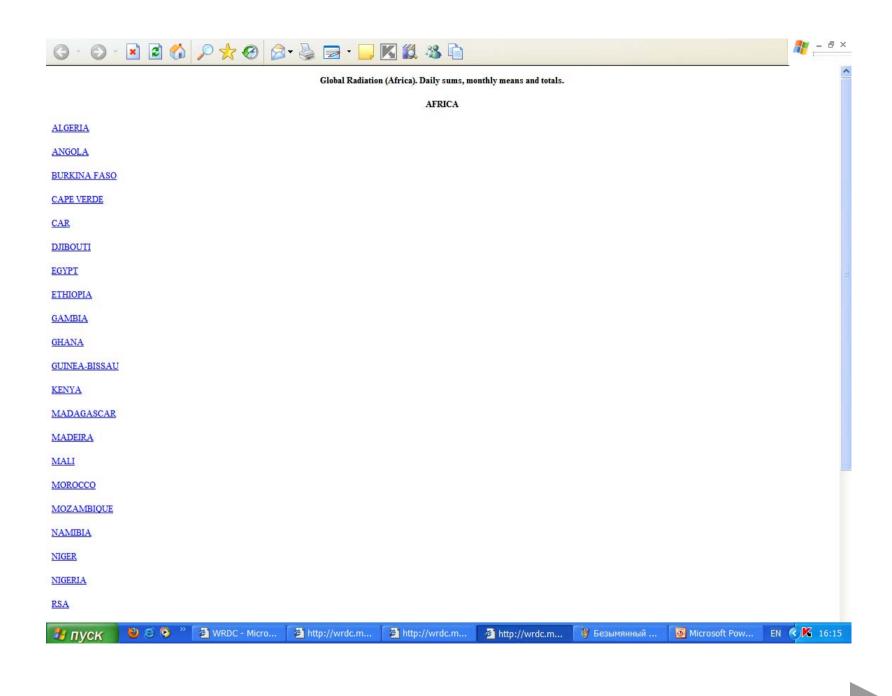
















Global Radiation (Africa). Daily sums, monthly means and totals.

MOZAMBIQUE

PEMBA

LICHINGA

LUMBO

NAMPULA

GURUE

TETE

MOCUBA

QUELIMANE

CHIMOIO

BEIRA

CHICUALACUALA

INHAMBANE

CHOKWE

MANIQUENIQUE

XAI-XAI

BOBOLE

MAPUTO / MAVALANE

MAPUTO

UMBELUZI





Global Radiation (Africa). Daily sums, monthly means and totals.

#### BEIRA

WMO Index: 67297

Latitude: 19°48'S

Longitude: 34°54'E

Elevation: 0010

Instrumentation:

- global Radiation: KZ/CM6B/

- sunshine duration: SS/C/

- diffuse Radiation: KZ/CM5/

Data available

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1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983

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Longitude =34°54'E

Elevation = 10

WMO Identifier: 67297

Year 1964

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DATE	JAN	F	FEB :	F	MAR	F	APR	F	MAY	F	JUN	F	JUL	F	AUG F	SEP	F	OCT F	NOA	F	DEC	1

Name of station	Year of start	Actual situation	History of stop and start				
Beira	Setembro-1962	Inoperative	Stopped since Nov- 2002				
Chimoio		Operative	Has a problem of sending datas to Maputo				
Inhambane	Fevereiro-1969	Inoperative	Stopped since Agos- 1988 a Dez-1990, de Dez-1999 a Dez-2004 e de Jan-2000 a Fev- 2007				
Lichinga	Janeiro-1965	Operative	Stopped since Nov- 1984 to Maio-1987, from Dez-1998 to Jan- 2004 and from Nov- 2004 to Abril-2007				
Maputo OBS	Janeiro-1970	Operative	Stopped only in Jul- 2007				
Nampula	Abril-1971	Inoperative	Stopped since Dez- 2002 to Dez-2004 and since Out-2005				
Pemba	Dezembro-1981	Inoperative	Stopped since Set- 2002				
Quelimane		Inoperative	Has a problem of sending datas to Maputo  Stopped since Set-1983 a Abril-1985, Ago-1990 to Maio-1993, Jan-2001 to Maio-2006 and since Jul-2006				
Tete	Agosto-1965	Inoperative					
Xai-Xai		Inoperative					

An Example: A list of Mozambique stations which stopped operating and are under the repairmen.

Latest information received at the WRDC.

(Metadata).

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#### **Future Tasks:**

- Formation of WRDC Metadata Database (MDB);
- Upload of MDB to the WRDC Server;
- Update User Friendly Interface helpful to download the WRDC data.

