



DISTANCE LEARNING EVENTS FROM TSMS

Turkish State Meteorological Service, External Relations Department

Turkish State Meteorological Service organized an amateur radio connection for students with the International Space Agency Astronaut.

09 December 2020, Ankara, Thanks to Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS), students all around the world get a chance to communicate ISS crew onboard.

The organisation which WMO RTC Turkey also involved was the first direct contact with ISS.



Turkish Amateur Satellite Technologies Organization (TAMSAT) provided technical services for connection under the mentorship of ARISS Europe. A successful connection to ISS accomplished on 9 December 2020, with the participation of H.E. Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Dr Bekir Pakdemirli, H.E. Minister of National Education Mr Ziya Selçuk, and students from 4 different high schools.

Students asked Astronaut Victor Glover about the advantages of being in space in terms of scientific researches, what life was like on the space station, whether any weather phenomenon was seen from space such as thunderstorms and if they get stamps at their passports for each space travel.

Students participated in this event said they were thrilled to be a part of such an occasion, and this would be a life-time experience and a memory they would never forget.

WMO RTC Turkey organized 4-day Online Training on The Upper Air Observation Systems from 23 to 26 November 2020.

TSMS organized a 4-day online training on the Upper Air Observation Systems, which is included in our face-to-face training program of 2020. 38 participants from 15 countries attended the course given by 4 TSMS experts. The training was done synchronously for four days. 3 Departments of TSMS worked together during this organization.



In this training, we used the Zoom application and conducted the lessons synchronously.

During the training, participants actively participated in the lessons with their questions and their own experiences. We think this situation is very important in distance learning activities and we thank the trainees for their valuable participation. In addition, our experts stated that they were very happy to come together with the trainees in these difficult pandemic conditions. During the synchronized lessons, they also shared radiosonde observation process with the participants as a live broadcast.

Our department participated in the "WMO Online Training Course on Education and Training Innovations". Preparing "Implementation Plan" has facilitated planning for distance training. The collective belief that learning processes continue despite the difficult conditions of the pandemic facilitates progress on this path. Now we have created our own Moodle site and we are working on this site. Thus, we want the training processes to reach more people with less time constraints.