Dear Sirs, dear Madams,

You are all contributing to the EGU session AS1.3 where Dr. M. Ziese et al. will present Monday 10.30 to 10.45 on ‘Updated Gridded Analysis Products provided by the Global Precipitation Climatology Centre (GPCC), its Quality Control, and Interpolation Schemes’. In their abstract they wrote “‘VASClimO’ is the currently homogenized product.”.

This is to inform you that

1. The VASClimO dataset (published by the GPCC in 2005) is neither produced by means nor on behalf of the GPCC. I created this dataset in a private initiative on my private computers,
2. Contrary to what the GPCC claims (e.g. Rudolf and Schneider, 2005) this dataset is not interpolated by Ordinary Kriging but by an adaptive method taking station-data quality into account,
3. Contrary to what the GPCC claims (e.g. Schneider et al., 2010) this dataset is not based on an older climatology of the GPCC but on the climate data of FAO (without any quality control) since the GPCC refused providing me with the GPCC’s long-term means,
4. The GPCC added 3300 German and 1000 French stations to the about 5000 globally distributed stations before publication so that 46% of the stations are within 0.7% of the global land area,
5. The GPCC claimed to use Spheremap in its original version even though I told them in 2004 that this is not appropriate given the station density and gridpoint density they use (see <http://www.juergen-grieser.de/Twenty_Years_of_Misuse.htm> for more information),
6. The GPCC claimed that Spheremap extrapolates out of the range of observations in order to estimate not observed precipitation maxima and minima (see e.g. Rudolf et al., 1992).

Please do not hesitate if you want further information about the GPCC.

Yours sincerely,

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