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**Subject:** Ongoing fraud in the GPCC  
**Importance:** High

Dear Olga, dear Vincenzo,

I hope this email finds you well.

You chaired a session at the 7th International Conference on Global Water and Energy Cycle this week.

The GPCC had a poster in your session presented by Dr. Andreas Becker.

This is to inform you that the GPCC deliberately publishes wrong information for years now.

Some recent examples are:

In your (Olga) EGU 2014 session Udo Schneider (GPCC) showed slides with contradicting information, namely

1. the GPCC has DOI on all their datasets,
2. they have no DOI on the VASClimO dataset, and
3. the VASClimO dataset belongs to the GPCC.

At least one of these statements needs to be wrong. In fact both scientists that were employed in the VASClimO project clarified that they have not produced any dataset in the frame of the VASClimO project. I was one of them and was neither allowed to produce a dataset nor granted the computer power to do so.

In Becker et al. (2012) the GPCC provides a reason for not having a DOI for the VASClimO dataset. According to the authors the dataset is to be replaced soon. However, this announcement is made by the GPCC several times since spring 2009 (Fuchs et al. 2009).

Also at this year’s EGU (and in Schneider et al., 2014), Udo Schneider claimed that the GPCC visually controls the 2% most extreme precipitation observations and that the threshold was 4% until 2009.  If this was true, 224,000 visual outlier checks would have been done for the VASClimO dataset. The GPCC station data that Christoph Beck provided me with (and that I used privately to produce several homogeneous global precipitation datasets of which one later was published by the GPCC as their intellectual property) contained several outliers which would have been detected easily by automatic standard methods.

In Becker et al. (2013) the GPCC claimed that they have altered Shepards method already in 1994 in order to not neglect as many stations as the original version does (installed in the GPCC by David Legates) and at the same time avoid a double use of stations when interpolating to about 71,000 grid points. They ignored my advice not to publish this paper without major changes and do not explain how they managed to interpolate from far less than 71.000 stations to that number of grid points without double use of stations. BTW there is no need at all to ignore any station for interpolation, in neither interpolation method.

Although the DWD is informed since 2003 about unethical behavior of members of the GPCC, everyone can still find a wide range of wrong statements on their web page. Among them is

1. The VASClimO dataset is intellectual property of the DWD
2. The VASClimO dataset will be updated every 3 to 4 years (in fact it is never updated during its 9 years of existence)
3. The VASClimO dataset is interpolated by ordinary Kriging, which is wrong as both VASClimO research scientists confirmed in 2005
4. The base climatology of the VASClimO dataset is based on quality controlled data of the GPCC. In fact, the base climatology is based on data from FAO and is not quality controlled. This is also confirmed by both VASClimO research scientists.

I fully understand that the board of the DWD wants to avoid a scandal. However, their strategy to offend and threaten me, destroy my career, sue me for statements that are proven to be correct and give wrong testimony to the court is itself unethical and paves the way to an even bigger scandal.

Please don’t get me wrong. The GPCC has the largest collection of monthly in-situ station observations of precipitation. And I am convinced that they could do reasonable and honest work with this treasure and contribute a lot to the important discussion on the global water cycle, its variability and possible change. However, they seem to prefer keeping their lies and adding new ones every year. And they are extremely hostile to any expert advice.

Best Regards,

Juergen.

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