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New opportunities for airborne research in Switzerland

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ZHW has started a new Bachelor's degree programme Aviation in autumn 2006 (<http://www.zhwin.ch/en/departement-t/aviatik/index.php>). A cooperation with MetAir - a service provider in the field of airborne atmospheric research active in Switzerland since 1990 - will allow further developments in the field of instrumentation and operation. MetAir's focus on the SERA concept (Small Environmental Research Aircraft, see EMS Annual Meeting Abstracts, Vol. 1, 00261, 2004), and its existing collaborations with the Research Centre Juelich (Germany) and ARA (Airborne Research Australia) will be continued.

The new partnership will allow to involve students in future projects more frequently, and to deal with certification processes, which is an increasing demand in Europe's airborne research community. Our aim is to improve the use of and the access to well equipped small research aircraft in Europe as a part of EUFAR (European Fleet for Airborne Research, www.eufar.net).

We hope to be able to present first joint projects for the conference.