



Austrian Phenology on the web

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The Central Institute for Meteorology and Geodynamics ZAMG in Vienna is one of the oldest national weather services of the world and since its establishment in 1851 ZAMG has been running - with some breaks - a phenological network. Although phenology has been gaining growing interest in the climate impact research community the number of the volunteer observers is decreasing and ZAMG has to encounter a thinning of the network in Austria. The phenology website which was developed by ZAMG and has been online since summer 2006 will hopefully help to strengthen the network by allowing online data input for registered observers. The site gives an overview not only on the actual state of plant development but also offers an access to the “personal” data-base of each observer. Attractive flash maps and graphs visualize the plant development in space and time. In a European context the experience gained will flow into the new website of COST725(Establishing a European phenological data platform for climatological purposes, Koch et al, 2005).