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A core group of researchers from around the world launched the Global Network Of Mountain Observatories (GNOMO) at 3:02 pm (MST) at the conclusion of a workshop hosted by the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) in Gothic, Colorado, USA.

Jeff Brown (Director, UC Berkeley - Central Sierra Field Research Stations, Truckee, California – USA) and Gregory Greenwood (Director, University of Bern - Mountain Research Initiative, Bern, Switzerland) brought together at RMBL scientists working at 33 mountain observatories on all continents except Australia and Antarctica with experts in scientific disciplines and informatics as well as artists and philosophers for a 3 day workshop to define the main activities of this global effort.

“Mountains are places where people are still able to experience awe and wonder, and are places where much of the water on which humans, wildlife, agriculture, and plants depend. It is our intention to shine the light on both of these issues, while at the same time looking to broaden our understanding of how these places actually work”. Jeff Brown

“The mountain research community has long recognized the need for an observatory network that would generate comparable data on mountain social-ecology systems, from climate through hydrology and ecology to human use and governance. With the launch of GNOMO we have moved from recognition to action.”
Greg Greenwood

Fifty people representing academia, field stations, information technology and the arts and humanities built upon efforts beginning in the late 1990’s that helped set the stage for this successful workshop. The workshop would not have succeeded without the contributions of Faerthen Felix (UC Berkeley – Sagehen Creek Field Station), Ian Billick (Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory), Arthur McKee (U of Montana – Flathead Lake Biological Station), the 47 participants from around the world, and the financial support provided by the US and Swiss National Science Foundations,

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