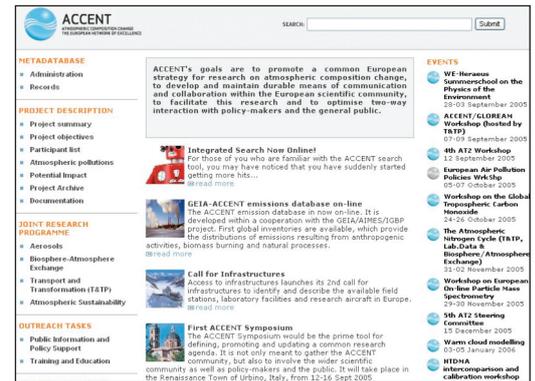# Communication, collaboration, interaction
ACCENT Web Portal

The ACCENT Web Portal is an advanced web publication solution, designed to meet the differing needs of the expanding ACCENT community.

*T*his means that the Portal must be a dynamic, interactive and above all flexible web application that allows each Work Package Administrator the ability to create, edit and publish documents directly to the web.

In September, 2004, individuals representing many of the work packages met in Leicester, England, to receive personal training from one of the web portal's engineers.

This training enabled the Work Package Admins, or 'Web Contacts' to administer their own work packages, so that they could publish articles, create events and announcements and generally interact with their 'public.'

Since that time, the web contacts have been busy! For over 18 months, the Web Portal has published apx. 70 meetings and events, given many people in the scientific community quick and effec-

tive access to useful functionality such as the calendar, news announcements, World Environmental Headlines, and the growing ACCENT MetaDatabase, and provided a "durable means of communication and collaboration within the European scientific community."

But, as the ACCENT community's needs change, so must the portal. In the future, you will find that the portal has grown and expanded in many ways.

♦ Expanded MetaDatabase.

♦ Advanced Search Engines.

♦ Public Events Calendar.

♦ The Multi-Portal.

♦ Tighter integration with special tools.

Whatever else the future holds, we can look forward to the Portal becoming more than just a website. The ACCENT Portal is a community!