

To: All WMO Commission for Climatology OPACE experts  
From: Thomas C. Peterson and Serhat Sensoy (President and Vice-President of CCI)

Dear OPACE members:

On behalf of the Commission for Climatology (CCI) Management Group (described below), Serhat and I welcome you all to the Commission, and would like to thank you all for your interest in the various activities that will be conducted during the next four year intersessional period. The climate experts that met in Antalya, Turkey in February 2010 at the Fifteenth session of the Commission (CCI-XV) showed a lot of interest and enthusiasm for the future of the Commission and of climatology, and we will be counting on you to bring your own enthusiasm as well as your individual talents and expertise to the work ahead.

The vision of the Commission for Climatology is to provide world leadership in expertise and international cooperation in climatology. More specifically, our mission is to stimulate, lead, implement, assess and coordinate international technical activities within WMO under the World Climate Programme and the Global Framework for Climate Services to obtain and apply climate information and knowledge in support of sustainable socio-economic development and environmental protection.

To better accomplish this, CCI adopted a new approach to undertake our work based on four thematic Open Panels of CCI Experts (OPACEs). You one of these experts as you have been nominated by your country as a member of one or more of the OPACEs. What this means in a practical sense is that your OPACE co-chairs have or will shortly be contacting you to see if you are interested in serving on a standing expert team (which continue through the 4 years) or on ad hoc task teams which will be set up to accomplish specific tasks and then disband once their work is finished. New ad hoc teams will be set up from time to time as needs arise and priorities change. While the Expert Teams and their roles have already been defined, the Management Group would welcome your recommendations for new ad hoc teams. We look forward to working with you!

Best regards

Thomas C. Peterson and Serhat Sensoy

#### **CCI Management Group:**

The CCI work is guided and monitored by the CCI Management Group (CCI MG), with support from WMO Secretariat. CCI-MG is chaired by the President of CCI (Thomas C. Peterson of USA). Other members are the Vice-President (Serhat Sensoy of Turkey) and the Co-Chairs of the OPACEs:

#### **OPACE 1:** Climate Data Management

Co-chairs: Dr Song Lianchun (China) and Dr William Wright (Australia)

#### **OPACE 2:** Climate Monitoring and Assessment

Co-chairs: Dr Fatima Driouech (Morocco) and Dr Manola Brunet (Spain)

#### **OPACE 3:** Climate Products and Services

Co-chairs: Dr Kiyoharu Takano (Japan) and Mr Jean-Pierre Céron (France)

#### **OPACE 4:** Climate Information for Adaptation and Risk Management

Co-chairs: Dr Rodney Martinez (Ecuador) and Dr Albert Martis (Netherland Antilles)

#### **For more information see:**

[http://www.wmo.ch/pages/prog/wcp/ccl/index\\_en.html](http://www.wmo.ch/pages/prog/wcp/ccl/index_en.html)