



WMO INTER-REGIONAL CLIPS TRAINING WORKSHOP ON URBAN CLIMATOLOGY

Pune, India, 6 -10 September 2010



General Information

The WMO Interregional CLIPS Training Workshop on Urban Climatology will be hosted by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) through its Regional Meteorological Training Centre (RMTTC), located in Pune. The workshop will be conducted in English only and there will be no arrangements for translation.

Venue

The meeting will be held at the premises of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM; <http://www.tropmet.res.in>), Homi Bhabha Road, Pune 411008, India, from 6 to 10 September 2010.

Entry visa requirement

Foreign participants may need a visa to enter India. Participants are kindly requested to inquire about visa requirements from their respective Consulates or Embassies of India. It is important to take advance action for obtaining the visas, as there could be significant waiting periods for scheduling appointments for visa applications in some countries. All foreign participants are also required to complete the attached Bio-Data form and send this to Dr Somenath Dutta (contact details indicated below) who can also arrange a letter of invitation in support of the visa application.

Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved for participants at the following hotel which is located within a distance of 10 km from the venue:

Sayaji Hotel

135/136, Mumbai-Bangalore Bypass Highway
Wakad, Pune 411 057

Telephone: +91-20-42121212
Fax: +91-20-42121000
e-mail: sales@sayajipune.com
website: <http://www.sayajihotels.com>

The negotiated room charge at the hotel is INR3,500 (about US\$78), plus tax of 10% and Service charges of 2% per room with single occupancy, with buffet breakfast. .

There is also limited cheaper accommodation in the IITM Guest House with basic amenities, which will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

For reservations and more information on accommodation, please send an email to Dr Dutta of IMD with full details of your arrival and departure.

Transport

Transportation is being arranged by the local organizers to pick up the participants from the airport, as well as from the hotel to the venue of the workshop.

Directions

Pune has an international airport but has only limited international connections. Mumbai is the closest major international airport with convenient air, rail and road connections. Pune also has several air links with New Delhi. For those arriving via Mumbai, it is relatively more convenient to proceed to Pune by road rather than wait for several hours for the connecting flight. If required, the organizers can arrange a taxi from Mumbai to Pune for around \$65. For further information, see

http://www.tropmet.res.in/static_page.php?page_id=31

Computer and Internet Access

Limited access to computers will be provided to the participants, for the practical sessions. **Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own wi-fi/Ethernet-ready laptop computers for use with the practical exercises.** Wireless Internet access is available at the venue. Internet access via network cables can also be provided at the conference tables during the meeting. Internet access including wi-fi is complimentary at Sayaji Hotel.

Conference Support

Projection capability will be available for presentations as well as white boards, poster boards, and general office supplies. Copier and facsimile services will also be available. Printed copies of documents can be made available, as needed.

Electricity

The mains supply in India is 220 V (50Hz). If you wish to use an electrical appliance, you may need an appropriate international adaptor plug.

Currency and Credit Cards

Local currency is Indian Rupee (INR). Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners cards are accepted in major establishments, but cash transactions are the norm in most places. You should always verify what cards are accepted by any business before trying to use one. Many businesses post on the entrance door or in other conspicuous areas which cards are accepted. If uncertain, verify from business staff.

Most banks in the area also have ATMs which normally operate for 24 hours. Stand-alone ATMs can also be found at several locations around the city. Banks will also cash Traveller's Cheques although you will probably need to show some identification, such as a passport.

Time Zone

The Indian Standard Time is UTC+5.30, and there is no daylight saving concept.

Local Weather

The summer monsoon season in Pune, accounting for most of its annual rainfall, extends from June to September. September constitutes the final phase of the summer monsoon season in

Pune, and can witness rainy spells under active monsoon conditions. The following are some climatological statistics for Pune:

Mean Maximum temperature	=	29.3°C
Extreme Maximum temperature	=	35.5°C
Mean minimum temperature	=	20.8°C
Extreme minimum temperature	=	13.2°C
Mean number of rainy days	=	7.5
Mean total rainfall in the month	=	142.5mm
Heavy rainfall on a day	=	270mm

Additional Local Information

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pune>

Local Contact

For any additional local information or assistance that you may require, please contact:

Dr Somenath Dutta
Director
Regional Meteorological Training Centre (RMTC)
India Meteorological Department
Dr Homi Bhabha Road, Pashan
PUNE - 411 005
India

Telephone: +91-20-25893330/91-20-25893660/91-20-25870161
Mobile No.: +91-9822389021
Fax: +91-20-25893330
Email: dutta.drsoomenath@gmail.com; duttapne@yahoo.co.in;

WMO Contacts

Dr Rupa Kumar Kolli
Chief, World Climate Applications & Services Division (WCAS)
Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch (CLPA)
Climate and Water Department (CLW)
World Meteorological Organization
7bis, Avenue de la Paix
Case Postale No. 2300
1211 Geneva 2
Switzerland

Phone: +41-22-730-8377
Fax: +41-22-730-8042
E-mail: RKolli@wmo.int

Ms Eufracia Olamit (Bebot)
Senior Secretary
WCAS/CLPA/CLW, WMO

Phone: +41-22-730-8151
Email: EOlamit@wmo.int

BIO-DATA

1. Full name (expanding the initials) :
2. Nationality :
3. Date of birth :
4. Male/Female :
5. Parents name and nationality: : Mother Nationality
Father: Nationality
6. Educational qualification :
7. Present Address (including email, fax & Telephone) :
8. Permanent Address (including email, fax & Telephone) :
9. Passport number, date and Place of issue and its validity :
10. Occupation :
11. Whether previously in India, if so, date and place of previous visit :
12. Present Post held :
13. Name and address of Employer :
14. Area of specialization & field of Study :
15. Research Experience / Published papers :

(Name & signature)

Please return this form to Dr Somenath Dutta, India Meteorological Department, via fax (+91-20-2589-3330) or email (dutta.drsomenath@gmail.com; duttapne@yahoo.co.in).