

WMO Field Intercomparison of Rainfall Intensity (RI) Gauges Meeting of the Participants and Local Staff

Dear Madam/Dear Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a special meeting organized for all Intercomparison Participants. It will be held in Vigna di Valle (ITALY), at the Intercomparison Site (Italian Met Service- RESMA Centre), 21 – 22 May 2008; opening will be at 9:00 hours.

This meeting of Participants will be focused on operational and quality aspects of the RI Field Intercomparison, such as:

- Rain gauges status verification
- Extraordinary maintenance
- Discussions with Site Manager about possible anomalies or doubtful data found during the previous periods
- Suspected malfunctioning
- Data sampling optimization to improve data analysis

Rainfall data will not be presented in general, except for the specific cases with the aim to solve data acquisition problems or to achieve better understanding of instruments properties.

The meeting of Participants is a part of the Intercomparison Quality Assurance Plan and is intended to confirm that Participants' instruments are operated according to the recommended procedures and to achieve the best possible data quality. Participants will also have the possibility to examine the data acquisition system, the instruments installation and the data sampling strategy if they have not done it before.

Rain gauge calibration, adjustments, modifications and discussion of Intercomparison data analysis is not allowed before the end of the Intercomparison as required by WMO IOC.

To the kind attention of meeting participants:

All participants will enter a Military Zone of the Italian Air Force. For International agreements, for security reasons and for permitting to take part in the meeting, participants are kindly requested to provide (by email or by fax sent to the Site Manager) the following required information: name, surname, affiliation (factory, agency), passport number.

Deadline: not later than 11 April 2008 (Participants Operational Meeting deadline).

After the deadline, updated information will be available at CIMO Web page: <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/IMOP/intercomparisons.html>.

Attached, you can find information on how to arrive to Vigna di Valle – ReSMA Centre. If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact the Site Manager.

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Yours sincerely,

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Information about meeting arrangements

Meeting Point: ReSMA centre, Vigna di Valle village, *Address:* Via Braccianese, Km 20,100 – 00062, *Tel.* +39 06 99887701, *Fax:* +39 06 9987297; 100m far from Vigna di Valle Train Station

Local Hotel suggestion: Alfredo Hotels and Restaurants, lake side; phone: + 39 0699802168, fax: +39 06 99805455, <http://www.alfredohotels.com> - info@alfredohotels.com (a brochure is available with maps, and useful related information); a shuttle (bus) service is available 75€ (from 1 to 3 people) or 130€ (from 4 to 7 people) from Fiumicino Airport to the Hotel; a shuttle service is also available from Bracciano train station and the Hotel (5€ from 1 to 3 people, 8€ from 3 to 7 people, +2€ at night).

Room fees (Italian Air Force negotiation): 70€/single room or 90€/ double room per night. Hotel dinner is available (18-25€). Do not forget to remind to the receptionist that you are working with Italian Air Force – (Italian) Aeronautica Militare of Vigna di Valle.

Position: Lake side street; close to Bracciano village, 5 minutes car from Bracciano train station, 10 minutes from Vigna di Valle ReSMA centre by hotel shuttle, by taxi or by car.

Public transportation is also available, by train. Check the web site: <http://www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html> . Remember that there is not a direct train from Fiumicino Airport to Vigna di Valle or Bracciano station, so suggested trip: “Fiumicino Airport” to “Roma Trastevere” then the train from “Roma Trastevere” to “Bracciano” (every 30’) or to “Vigna di Valle” (every 60’). Be careful: the train to Bracciano or Vigna di Valle is the same train, but the stop in Vigna di Valle is skipped every 2 trains.

Taxi service is available at the airport, as last alternative. The average cost from Fiumicino Airport to Bracciano/Vigna di Valle is 65-80€.