

**Conference on
Monsoon Environments:
Agricultural and Hydrological Impacts
of Seasonal Variability and Climate Change**

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**24 - 28 March 2003
Miramare, Trieste, Italy**

An International Conference to mark the end of the EU project PROMISE will be held at the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy, from 24 to 28 March 2003. The conference is co-sponsored by the EU-funded project PROMISE, WCRP, and START/CLIMAG.

The Conference Organizers are Emily Black (CGAM, Reading Univ., U.K.), Julia Slingo (CGAM, Reading Univ., U.K.), and Franco Molteni (ICTP, Italy).

The aim of this Conference is to disseminate the results of the PROMISE project which will come to an end in March 2003. PROMISE research is inter-disciplinary and applicable to end-users and policy-makers. Presentations from development agency representatives and end-users as well as from leading researchers in meteorology, hydrology and agriculture will be included. Both scientists and end-users of monsoon research are invited to participate in the meeting and it is hoped that a substantial number of delegates from developing nations will attend.

Sessions will consist of invited keynote talks, short presentations and poster presentations. The following topics will be covered:

- Seasonal predictability of monsoon climates
- Management of water resources and agriculture in monsoon affected countries
- Impacts of anthropogenic climate change on hydrology, agriculture and natural vegetation
- The future of integrated climate/impacts modeling for monsoon environments
- Data provision for scientists from monsoon-affected countries
- Use of seasonal forecasts as an operational tool
- Applications of crop and hydrological model output to decision-making processes in developing countries
- Opportunities for further collaborative monsoon research between scientists and end-users of monsoon research

Keynote Speakers include: A. Challinor (CGAM, Reading, U.K.), M. Dingkuhn (CIRAD, France), H. Douville (CNRM, Toulouse, France), R. Kumar Kolli (IITM, Pune, India), K. Laval (LMD, France), D. Lawrence (CGAM, Reading, U.K.), L. Mearns (NCAR, Colorado, U.S.A.), J. Meigh (CEH, Wallingford, U.K.), F. Molteni (ICTP, Trieste, Italy), A. Morse (Univ. Liverpool, U.K.), J.-F. Royer (CNRM, Toulouse, France), J. Shukla (COLA, Maryland, U.S.A.), J. Slingo (CGAM, Reading, U.K.), C. Taylor (CEH, Wallingford, U.K.), P. Webster (Georgia Inst. of Technology, U.S.A.).

The Conference is open to scientists and graduate students from all member countries of the United Nations, UNESCO and IAEA. Although the main purpose of the ICTP is to help researchers from developing countries through a program based on international cooperation, scientists from developed countries are also welcome to attend. The activity will be conducted in English.

Limited funds are available for applicants from, and working in, developing countries only, to be selected by the organizers. There is no registration fee. Individuals interested in participating should submit an application to arrive no later than 15 November 2002. Those submitting a contributed paper or poster should include the title and a brief abstract with their application.

Please note that only those applicants who are selected to participate will be notified.

The application form can be downloaded from the Conference Web page:
<http://agenda.ictp.trieste.it/agenda/current/fullAgenda.php?ida=a0262> or obtained by
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