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2nd CLIM-RUN School

Building two-way communication: A week of Climate Services

2 - 6 December 2013

Can a stakeholder learn how to use climate services and can a climate scientist learn how to produce suitable research products for climate services?

The school is sponsored by **CLIMRUN-FP7 EU** project and organized in collaboration with **SPECS** and **EUPORIAS FP7 EU** projects.

Traditionally there has always been a gap between the usual products that the scientific climate community produces and what is suitable for using by stakeholders. This problem is beginning to be addressed by the scientific community at several levels. The EU-funded project CLIM-RUN, for example, has been shaped to initiate a possible climate service network for the Mediterranean area starting from a bottom-up approach which directly involves stakeholders from the beginning.

This workshop will provide an innovative and interdisciplinary arena in which to explore how these two different communities can meet and interact. As in the CLIM-RUN project, the school will adopt a bottom-up, stakeholder-led approach so there will be:

- Lectures by stakeholders on how to use climate services. Examples taken from the energy sector, tourism sector, forest fires and mega-cities adaptation plan.
- Lecture by a representative of regional met-services on capacity building.
- Lecture by a representative of an existing operational climate service.
- Lecture on communication aspects.
- Lecture on mechanisms for adaptation.
- Lecture on economic assessment.

This is a one-week school for postgraduates and early career research scientists from any discipline and for representatives of the public and private sectors with an interest in climate change and prediction issues. We aim to ensure a balance of natural and social scientists.

The school is organized with lectures in the morning and computer-based laboratory sessions in the afternoons. The latter will be related to the topic covered in the morning session. Students will work together in small interdisciplinary groups throughout the week – supported by the lecturers and technical staff. The students are expected to present their group results from the afternoon sessions at the end of the week.

Participation:

The school will be conducted in English. Limited funding (including travel grants) for participation is available for scientists from developing countries.

No registration fee is required.

How to apply for Participation:

The on-line application form can be accessed via the ICTP activity agenda page at:

<http://agenda.ictp.it/smr.php?2554>

Once in the website, comprehensive instructions will guide you step-by-step, on how to fill out and submit the application form. Please send all file attachments in PDF format.

Deadline for receipt of applications is 31 August 2013.

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Application Deadline
31 August 2013