



2005 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference

Dubrovnik, Croatia, 19th – 23rd September, 2005

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2nd Announcement



The 2005 EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference is co-organised by the Croatian Meteorological and Hydrological Service (DHMZ). It will take place from 19 to 23 September in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

In the words of George Bernard Shaw, "those who wish to see Heaven on Earth should come to Dubrovnik". It is certainly no coincidence that this pearl of the Adriatic, with its rich vegetation, white pebble beaches and the crystal clean sea, was selected as this year's conference venue. Both the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace – this year's venue - and its magnificent surroundings, cannot fail to inspire and so contribute to a successful and thought-provoking

conference.

The Hotel Dubrovnik Palace is a newly refurbished, modern and functional hotel with state-of-the art technical equipment, spacious meeting rooms and a full range of leisure facilities for the all-important work/relaxation balance. For more details on the venue please consult www.dubrovnikpalace.hr. Alternative accommodation is also listed in this Announcement.

Whilst the opening session on Current and Future Satellite Programmes and Systems will be a familiar topic to regular attendees, the new presentation format is set not only to inform but also to provide a stimulus for an increasingly interactive conference. The programme addresses varied issues - from the latest developments in meteorological applications, in particular Meteosat Second Generation, to applications in land surface and climate, through to a training presentation linking four continents and finally to our culminating session on clouds, aerosols and atmospheric composition from satellites. EUMETSAT and the Croatian Meteorological and Hydrological Service look forward to sharing an enriching 2005 conference programme with you.

This second announcement and draft programmes are being sent to those who registered via the first announcement. These documents will also be made available on the EUMETSAT website along with the abstracts, at a later date, of the selected presentations.

Please fill out both registration and hotel accommodation and fax them to the conference handling agent,

Guide to session categories

1. Current and Future Satellite Programmes and Systems

- Presentations and panel discussions among the world's meteorological satellite operators: EUMETSAT, NOAA, JMA, CMA, India, Russia, Korea and with WMO

2. Meteorological Applications

- MSG results and evaluations
- Nowcasting applications
- Numerical Weather Prediction applications
- General topics – including monitoring the hydrological cycle

3. Training

- Distance learning (e.g. Virtual Laboratory)
- Computer Aided Learning
- Training initiatives in international cooperation

4. Land Surface Applications

- Surface Radiation Budget parameters
- Vegetation monitoring
- Soil humidity

5. Climate Observations

- Satellite observations for climate applications
- Climate trends as seen from satellites
- Global monitoring of the ocean state

6. Clouds, Aerosols and Atmospheric Composition from Satellites

- Cloud products and their applications
- Cloud-aerosol interaction
- Monitoring of cloud evolution
- Aerosol transport monitoring
- Atmospheric trace gases

Registration and hotel booking

Details of registration and accommodation are provided hereafter. They are also available on EUMETSAT's website: www.eumetsat.int, click on Conferences then Announcements, and at the the conference handling agent, [Adriatic Luxury Services](#).

Please read this important information before completing the Registration and Hotel Booking Forms

Important Dates

Date of the Conference: 19 – 23 September 2005

Deadline for lower registration fee of €230: 1 August 2005 (thereafter €280)

Deadline for accommodation bookings: 30 June 2005 (Dubrovnik is still very popular with tourists in September. In addition the city is hosting a sailing event during the Conference week; this was not known at the time the conference dates were fixed).

Conference location

Dubrovnik Palace Hotel
Masarykov put 20
2000 Dubrovnik, Croatia

Tel + 385 20 430 000 (valid only during the Conference)
Fax + 385 20 430 100

The Hotel is located on the Lapad peninsula. The historic city walls can be reached either on foot (a 45-minute brisk walk) or by bus (timetable will be provided with the conference documentation). Transportation between all hotels offered through Adriatic Luxury Services (ALS) and the conference social events will be provided. For those seeking accommodation in the old city, ALS will be pleased to assist, although no price reduction is offered for individual bookings.

Registration and **Hotel Booking** Forms in PDF download.

Contact points

For returning the Conference Registration and the Hotel Booking Forms

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Other information

Climate information on Dubrovnik in mid September

The climate around Dubrovnik is typically Mediterranean. Summers are generally hot and dry with average daily temperatures rising to around 34° C. Evening temperatures in mid September generally drop to around 18.6 °C.

Visa requirements

All visitors require a passport valid for the period of intended stay, as well as documents and tickets for onward or return destinations and sufficient funds (at least €100 per day). All citizens of the countries for which entry visas are requested according to Visa Regulations of the Republic of Croatia, must as a rule, obtain the visas abroad prior to the entry into the Republic of Croatia by applying to the related Embassy or Consular Office of the Republic of Croatia. Obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the delegate.

Currency

The currency of the Republic of Croatia is called the Kuna (kn). In circulation are banknotes in Kuna and coins in Kuna and Lipa (lp) – one hundredth of a Kuna. International credit cards are widely accepted. Cash can be withdrawn from one of the many Automatic Teller Machines installed in and around Dubrovnik.

Insurance

Delegates are strongly advised to take out personal travel and medical insurance. No responsibility for any incident arising during the Conference period can be accepted by EUMETSAT, the DHMZ or Adriatic Luxury Services (ALS).

Tours

Please contact Adriatic Luxury Services (ALS) directly under www.als.hr

Registration

Registration will take place on Sunday, 18 September from 16h00 to 19h00 in the entrance foyer of the Palace Hotel. The Conference fee for participants registering by 1 August is €230. The registration fee increases to €280 after 1 August 2005.

Completed Registration Forms should be submitted via fax (+385 20 437 289) to the Conference Handling Agent, Adriatic Luxury Services (ALS). Registration will be confirmed upon receipt of the completed registration form and fee. Provided Adriatic Luxury Services receive written notification of a cancellation, the full fee will be refunded after the Conference. A 10% administrative charge, however, will be levied.

Payments

Payment must be made in **Euro** and by bank transfer or by credit card. For bank transfers please ensure that reference is made to "2005 EUMETSAT MSC". Late registration payments made on site (Hotel Dubrovnik Palace) may be made in cash or by credit card. A down payment equal to one night's accommodation is essential in order to guarantee a hotel reservation.

Bank transfers (bank charges are the responsibility of the individual)

Hypo-Alpe-Adria-Bank d.d., Koturaska 47, HR-10000, Zagreb, Croatia
Sort Code:

- For international transactions:
SWIFT: KLHBHR22
Bank code: 1198947
Account No. 7001-978-63977
Please state if applicable BIC (International Bank Identifier Code) IBAN (international Bank Account Number)
- For local currency transactions:
Account No. 2500009-1101052504

Credit card payments

Accepted cards: Diners, VISA, American Express, Mastercard/Eurocard

Hotel accommodation

Special rates have been negotiated for Conference participants at six hotels along the coast and within walking distance of the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace. To take advantage of these prices you must reserve via the Conference handling agent, Adriatic Luxury Services (ALS). Please note that some hotel rooms are quoted per person per day whilst for others the rate per room per day is given. Dubrovnik in September is still high season. This means that Hotels and flights will be in great demand. Therefore, we urge you to book both without delay. Once you have completed the Hotel Accommodation Form with this Second Announcement via the online facility (www.als.hr) and the correct payment has been received, your

reservation will be confirmed by ALS directly. Please show this receipt to the Hotel reception on arrival.

For the reasons given earlier, availability cannot be guaranteed after 30 June though ALS will do their utmost to satisfy late requests.

Hotel cancellations

Accommodation can be cancelled up to 28 days prior to arrival at no cost. After 28 days, the following cancellation charges will be levied:

27 – 21 days,	10% of the total amount will be charged
20 – 14 days,	35% of the total amount will be charged
13 – 07 days,	50 % of the total amount will be charged
06 – 03 days,	80 % of the total amount will be charged
02 – 00 days,	100 % of the total amount will be charged

Posters

A dedicated poster session will be held on Tuesday afternoon, 20 September 2005. During this time presenters should make themselves available to present their work. Poster stands can be viewed during the entire week. Each poster presenter (note: posters must first have been accepted by the Scientific Programme Committee) will be allocated panel space measuring 2m high x 1m wide, i.e. portrait orientation). Posters may be affixed using double-sided tape or by small hooks (both to be supplied). Please consult the Poster Programme for details of session categories.

E-mail checking

8 PCs, two printers in addition to 8 Wireless LAN access points will be at the disposal of participants for this purpose.

Lunches

The Palace Hotel offers a buffet lunch from Monday, 19 to Friday, 23 September. Cost is €18 per person per day. Pre-registration is essential. For reasons of efficiency, delegates must register for the full five days. The menu is good value and is varied (dishes include salads, cold meats, vegetables, hot dishes and desserts). The [full menu](#) is listed here. A limited list of restaurants within walking distance of the Palace Hotel will be provided with the Conference documentation.

For all other information check the website of the [Dubrovnik Tourist Board](#).

Social events

- [Welcome Drink](#) on Sunday, 18 September from 19h00 to 20h30 by the open air pool of the Dubrovnik Palace Hotel (in case of rain an alternative venue at the Hotel will be arranged). Sponsored by **GEPARD, J. Scheiber KEG**
- [Icebreaker Cocktail](#) on Monday, 19 September at the Sponza Palace (former Customs House and State Mint designed in the 16th century)
Sponsored by:
City of Dubrovnik (venue and guided tour)
VCS Aktiengesellschaft (cocktails and music)
- [Conference Dinner](#) on Wednesday, 21 September at the Dubrovnik Museum of Modern Art (Umjetni•ka Galerija Dubrovnik) which houses a significant collection of works by Croatian and European artists from the 19th and 20th centuries. Delegates can look forward to a memorable demonstration of the Moreska sword dance, one of the oldest traditional European dances still performed. Although it is not entirely sure whether the dance came to the Adriatic directly from Spain or from Sicily or mainland Italy when Dalmatia formed part of the Venetian Republic and whether it was originally a Moorish dance or a Spanish one, Moreska has been synonymous with the Dalmation island of Korcula since the 16th century. And of course, the way to understanding the culture of a particular country is through its cuisine. If you are not able to visit all four regions of Croatia, we can offer you the next best thing – a culinary voyage of Croatian specialities!

Contribution of €30 per participant
Sponsored by:

Kongsberg Spacetec (venue and entertainment)

- End of Conference Excursion on Friday, 23 September. Even with only a short time in Dubrovnik, at least half a day exploring one of the islands dotted along the coast is recommended. The nearest is Lokrum, a haven of tranquility, pine forests and rocky beaches. The island is uninhabited but with, apart from the lush vegetation, plenty to see, including a ruined fort and Benedictine abbey. So as to enjoy the best of the warm late afternoon sun, departure from the Conference hotels for the port of Dubrovnik is scheduled for around 16h00, returning in time for a traditional Croatian meal at the famous restaurant "Konavoski dvori". Located in Konavle, an area of natural beauty on the River Ljuta and Croatia's southernmost region, the restaurant was built from several old mills, still in operation today.

Meal contribution of €25 per participant,
remaining costs sponsored by
Croatian Highways

Boat trip sponsored by the :
Croatian Ministry of Science

Getting to Dubrovnik

By car

Croatia's shoreline guarantees spectacular scenery and breathtaking views. Croatia is integrated into the European road marking system. European roads are indicated by the letter "E" and highway roads "M". The most picturesque route in Croatia is considered to be the Adriatic highway (Jadranska magistrala) which connects Rijeka (just south of the border with Slovenia) and Dubrovnik. Parking facilities at the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace are available. Please note that parking spaces are very limited around the old town. The centre is traffic-free.

By air

Dubrovnik airport is called Ploče and is located about 22 km from the old town (to the east). Distance to the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace is about 30 km. In the summer flight schedule, which runs till 29 October, Croatia

Airlines has added new direct flights between Adriatic destinations (Dubrovnik, Split and Zagreb) and Europe. However, getting to Dubrovnik may still present a challenge, particularly if you do not book early enough.

A taxi from the Airport to the Hotel Dubrovnik Palace or any of the other Hotels nearby will take around 40 mins and cost around 300-350 Kn. Adriatic Luxury Travel can arrange for a taxi service costing 270 Kn. If you wish to take advantage of this offer please contact ALS directly.

By rail

The rail network connects all major Croatian cities, except Dubrovnik. If you plan to travel by rail the best way is to arrive to Zagreb or Ploče and take the bus from there to Dubrovnik. Information can be obtained through the Croatian Railroads official pages: www.hznet.hr

By bus

Buses run every 15 minutes between the Lapad peninsula (the Hotels selected for the Conference are all situated along this stretch of coastline) and the old town. Bus tickets can be obtained from kiosks, Libertas counters at Pile Gate (eastern entrance to the old town), the bus terminal, as well as from hotel receptions and travel agencies. Cost at the time of writing: Kn 10.

Brief description of hotels

Dubrovnik Palace ***** Recently refurbished in the minimalist style and located at the tip of the Lapad peninsula, the hotel's unique cascading architecture allows that all 308 sumptuous guest rooms have a private balcony and spectacular sea view. It is the Conference venue. Parking facilities are available.

Komodor Hotel*** One of the oldest hotels on the Lapad peninsula but completely renovated in 1999 in an elegant mediterranean architectural style. Known for its intimate atmosphere and hospitable staff. It has 64 rooms. Parking places available.

Kompas Hotel*** 115 simple but pleasantly decorated rooms, most offering great views of the Bay of Lapad. All rooms have air-conditioning and there is free parking.

Splendid Hotel*** Set under the shade of the pines framing the Hotel's garden, the Splendid has 59 modern rooms facing the sea, all air conditioned and with a balcony. A spacious parking lot is available for

hotel guests.

Adriatic Hotel** A simple hotel located in the green bay of Lapad with a long tradition of Croatian hospitality. 158 rooms, many with lovely views of the sea and pine forests. Outdoor terrace for snacks as well as indoor restaurant.

Hotel Villa Wolff**** A newly opened intimate deluxe hotel looking out over the sea at Lapad. Decorated in a simple but modern style, it has a stunning view to the sea and to the exotic and Mediterrean garden. More for those seeking exclusivity since there are only a handful of rooms.

Hotels Adriatic, Komodor and Splendid are part of the Maestral group.

Please consult the map for the location of the above listed hotels as well as some others in the general area.