

ProClim -

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Subject: Invitation to the MAP Workshop on Alpine Climatology.

Dear Colleague,

as you probably know, one of the important supporting objectives of the Mesoscale Alpine Program (MAP) is the Research on Alpine climatology and the climate of Alpine mesoscale weather systems. The information available in this topic has already provided climatological aids to the planning of the MAP field phase and facilitated the collection and exchange of high resolution operational meteorological data (non-GTS data).

We have now approached the end of the operational activities of the MAP field phase. We feel the need to expand our knowledge on the Alpine Climate, and to open again the scientific debate within MAP, together with other scientists working in this field. During the last MAP workshop held in Appenzell (CH) on June 1999, we spoke about this with Prof. Heinz Wanner of the Bern University. In particular, we perceived the needs to provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas between persons responsible for data and climate scientists, and for a discussion of common future perspectives.

For this reason, all three of us agreed with the idea to organize a workshop during the year 2000, focused on the Climatology of the Alpine Area.

During the last months, after the MAP workshop, we further investigated this idea and explored also the best way to organize a Workshop like this. The forum ProClim (Bern, CH) agreed to take care of the organizational activities. In particular, it was decided to host this workshop in Switzerland

MAP Climate Workshop
Friday March, 31th - Saturday April 1st
Interlaken, Switzerland

with possibility for skiing on Sunday after the workshop.

We propose to divide the event into invited scientific presentations, a poster session and working group discussions. The workshop shall also give an opportunity to establish/improve contacts among and between climate scientists and representatives of operational services in Alpine countries. The topics of the workshop include climate data

analyses, data management issues and climate dynamics for the instrumental and early instrumental period in the Alpine region.

May we invite you to participate in this workshop? We like to keep the number of participants small (40 - 50 persons). We are, however, very glad to receive recommendations about additional persons which should be invited. Since this workshop is "thought" also to investigate topics like "data needs", "data management", etc., some members of the main data owners (National/regional weather / hydrographic services) of the different countries are invited to participate as well.

In order to have enough time in the working groups, we propose to have a very small number of presentations complemented by posters.

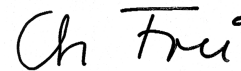
Please let us know if you plan to participate in the workshop and if you plan to present a poster (see registration form).

We are looking forward to meet you at the workshop.

With our best regards,



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Enclosure: Announcement with registration form