

WCRP OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE

CLIMATE RESEARCH IN SERVICE TO SOCIETY

24–28 October 2011, Denver, Colorado, USA

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Climate research in service to society
International scientists meet in Denver, Colo. October 24-28

Save the date for the World Climate Research Programme's Open Science Conference.

WHO climate scientists from more than 50 countries
WHAT a unique synthesis of climate research findings
WHEN: October 24-28
WHERE: Sheraton Denver Downtown, Denver, Colo.

A better understanding of the behavior of the climate system and its interactions with other Earth system components is critical to predict its future evolution, reduce vulnerability to high impact weather and climate events, and sustain life. This need is perhaps greater than ever before given that humans have emerged as the dominant agent of future change.

To advance on such challenges, the WCRP will assemble for the first time ever its entire research community, and engage other key international research programs, in a major Open Science Conference (OSC) in October 2011.

Through a unique synthesis of research findings, the conference will assess our current state of knowledge on climate variability and change, identify the most urgent scientific issues and research challenges, and ascertain how the WCRP can best facilitate research and develop partnerships critical for progress.

Background: The WCRP mission is to facilitate analysis and prediction of Earth system variability and change for use in an increasing range of practical applications of direct relevance, benefit and value to society. The two overarching objectives of the Programme are to determine the predictability of climate and to determine the effect of human activities on climate.

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Program and registration (free for media) information at:

<http://conference2011.wcrp-climate.org/>>

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