

## AMS / COMET / MSC MOUNTAIN WEATHER WORKSHOP:

### BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN RESEARCH & FORECASTING

5-8 AUGUST 2008

TELUS CONFERENCE CENTRE

WHISTLER, BC

#### SPONSORSHIP / ORGANIZERS

The workshop is sponsored by the American Meteorological Society (AMS), the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) acting on behalf of the Cooperative Program for Operational Meteorology, Education and Training (COMET) and the Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC).

The workshop is being organized by workshop Co-Chairs: Tina Katopodes Chow of the University of California, Berkeley, CA, Stephan De Wekker, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, and Brad Snyder, Environment Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

#### CANADIAN ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A passport is required for ALL visitors outside of Canada. Citizens of the United States can no longer enter and exit without a valid passport! All other countries - please be sure to check if a VISA will also be required for you.

#### WORKSHOP VENUE

All meeting sessions for the conferences will be held at Telus Conference Centre, 4010 Whistler Way, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4, Canada. The Workshop Banquet will be held at the nearby Hilton Whistler.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Whistler located within feet of the centre:

#### Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa (Headquarters Hotel)

4050 Whistler Way, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4, Canada for meeting attendees at a special rate of \$105 CAD single/double plus tax. To receive the special meeting rate, attendees must request a room under the American Meteorological Society (AMS) block. The special rate will be honored 3 days prior and 3 days after the conference. For reservations, call the hotel directly at 1-800-515-4050.

Reservations must be made prior to **Friday, 27 June**. All reservations must be guaranteed to a credit card at time of booking. Full payment will be taken 14 Days prior to arrival from credit card provided. Cancellations within 14 days of arrival will forfeit full payment or one nights room and taxes. Reservations made after that date will be on a space available basis. Underground parking is available for \$12.00/night plus tax for self parking and \$26.00 for Valet services.

We urge you to book within the workshop's contracted blocks as revenue from sleeping rooms helps offset other meeting costs and is passed down to meeting attendees in keeping registration rates to a minimum. Please make your reservations early since space is limited.

# General Information

## REGISTRATION

### \*UPDATE:

JULY 18 WILL BE THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP AS IT IS NEARING CAPACITY.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL **NOT** BE AVAILABLE FOR THE WORKSHOP.

There are now several ways to register for these conferences.

1) **On-line Registration.** This option is available to AMS Members and non-members who are paying by credit card or purchase order. Please see the AMS homepage, Web address <http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS>. Select the "Meeting Information" link located at the top of the AMS homepage. Then select the Online Conference Registration and follow the instructions. You can register on-line between now and **Friday, 18 August**. Be sure to register by **Monday, 30 June** for the lowest rates.

2) **Download the registration form from AMS homepage.** Refer to Web address <http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS>. Select the "Meetings" link located at the top of the AMS homepage and follow these steps: a) Select AMS Upcoming Meetings; b.) AMS Meetings, Mountain Workshop; c) Download and print the paper pre-registration form; and d) Return the completed registration form by fax (617) 249-0272 or mail to: AMS Mountain Workshop, 45 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. REGISTRATION FORMS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR FAX THROUGH 11 JULY.

We urge you to pre-register. If you do not have Web access, please contact the AMS Meetings Department 617-227-2426, ext. 228 for a registration form. Completed forms must be faxed or mailed to AMS by **Friday, 11 JULY**. We do not accept registration over the phone.

The AMS registration desk at the Telus Conference Centre will be open for registration during the following hours:

Mon. 4 Aug:	5:00–7:00 p.m.
Tue. 5 Aug:	7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Wed. 6 Aug:	7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Thu. 7 Aug:	7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Fri. 8 Aug:	7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION RATES

	BY 30 June	AFTER 30 June
AMS Member or Speaker / Instructor	\$380.00	\$455.00
AMS Associate Member	\$420.00	\$595.00
Non-Member	\$465.00	\$540.00
AMS Student Member	\$225.00	\$290.00
Student Non-Member	\$255.00	\$320.00
Retired AMS Member	\$225.00	\$290.00

**REGISTRATION includes:** a badge, a program with lecture handouts, AM & PM coffee breaks, admission to the workshop Reception, and a ticket to the Thursday night Banquet at the Hilton.

One Day Registration is not available for the workshop.

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Payment may be made with check, money order, purchase order, or credit card (MasterCard/VISA/American Express). Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. dollars. Refunds (less a \$25 processing fee) will be granted only for cancellations received by **Friday, 25 July**.

## GETTING TO WHISTLER, BC FROM VANCOUVER AIRPORT

### Driving:

#### Vancouver Airport to Whistler

Travel Time: approximately 2 hours

Distance: approx. 115 kilometres or 70 miles

#### Seattle to Whistler

Travel Time: Whistler is about a 4 to 5-hour drive from Seattle. The trip to from Seattle to Vancouver takes about 3 hours. The Vancouver-Whistler drive takes about 2 hours.

Distance: approx. 340 kilometres or 215 miles

You can get great Google directions at:

[http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/getting\\_here/maps\\_directions/index.htm](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/getting_here/maps_directions/index.htm)

### Rental Cars

Enterprise is the official rental car agency for this meeting and special rates are available. Advance reservations may be made on-line at Enterprise.com. Select "Corporate Account" then "Make a reservation". Enter account number 10AT034 and the first three letters of the account name (AME) or call Enterprise at 1-800-593-0505.

### Bus transportation from Vancouver Airport:

AMS has discounted rates through Perimeter Whistler Express. The cost for one way is \$50CAD. A reservation is required and can be made by faxing the form (located on conference web page) to: 604 266-1628 or on-line through their secure site:

[www.perimeterbus.com](http://www.perimeterbus.com) or Email: [res@perimeterbus.com](mailto:res@perimeterbus.com)

For information call Toll Free 1 877 317 7788

Please note that in order to receive this special rate you must make a reservation under either 13th Conference on Mountain Meteorology or the 17th Conference on Applied Climatology.

[http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/getting\\_here/index.htm](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/getting_here/index.htm)

This link offers a great information in regards to getting to Whistler, BC.

## GUESTS AT THE WORKSHOP

Guests with complimentary badges from the registration desk are welcome to attend the workshop Reception. Guests will not be admitted to the workshop session room.

Guest tickets (\$45) to the Thursday Banquet will be available at the registration desk until 10:30am on Wed. 6 Aug.

## SAT (9 AUGUST) BBQ AT THE ROUNDHOUSE, WHISTLER MOUNTAIN

If you're attending either the workshop or the conference, we invite you to attend a mountain-top barbeque at the Roundhouse Lodge, on Whistler Mountain (<http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/groups/venues/roundhouse/index.htm>). The price of \$47.00 (USD) includes a lift ticket for the gondola to the Roundhouse Lodge and an outdoor barbeque. Food is served between 5 pm and 7 pm. The last gondola ride down the mountain is 8:30 pm. We will make a group reservation so that we can dine together.

\* Please be sure to purchase your tickets early while registering for the workshop or the conference since space is limited. Tickets will only be available until 1 August. **No tickets will be sold on-site.**

## SPECIAL NEEDS

It is our sincere desire to comply fully with both the letter and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Attendees with special needs should call the AMS Meetings Department at (617) 227-2426 ext. 228, 4-6 weeks prior to the meeting to request special arrangements. Special housing needs should be requested when making hotel reservations.