

News Release

MOCA-09, the IAMAS / IAPSO / IACS 2009 Joint Assembly “Our Warming Planet”

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As international political leaders wrestle with difficult issues concerning global warming, a major international scientific conference on meteorological, oceanographic and cryospheric research, being held in Montreal July 19-29, will offer new data from recent important climate studies, many of which explore the issue of our warming planet.

This timely conference, which brings together three important scientific organizations – IAMAS (The International Association for Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences), IAPSO (The International Association for the Physical sciences of the Oceans) and IACS (The International Association for the Cryospheric Sciences) – will feature more than 1,400 talks and 600 poster presentations on a vast array of climate-related subjects.

The theme of this joint assembly: Our Warming Planet.

Included in the topics to be discussed are preliminary results of a vast study carried out during the International Polar Year, 2007-2008. The data collected during this period will be used to feed several fields of strategic importance for the development of policies on the Arctic and the Antarctic, two areas very sensitive to climate change.

Additionally, presentations on paleoclimatology will explore very abrupt climate changes of the past, the importance of the oceans, the shrinking of Antarctic and Arctic ice masses, and the understanding and forecasting of natural disasters.

MOCA-09 is an acronym that represents the three scientific associations holding this Joint Assembly: M for meteorology, O for oceanography, C for cryosphere and A for Associations. This Joint Assembly will offer the latest scientific information available regarding these three disciplines.

MOCA 2009, while being an important source of scientific information, is also a significant event for Montreal in that it will bring an estimated \$5 million in economic stimulus to city over a period of 10 days. The conference is being held at the Palais des Congrès.

A very detailed program and information for the required media accreditation is available on the Joint Assembly website at the following address:

<http://www.moca-09.org>

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