

October 2006

Dear Participant,

**8th Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms and Extreme Events in an Era of Climate Change  
Dead Sea, Israel, October 17 – 20, 2006**

Enclosed is information to facilitate your arrival and stay in Israel.

We strongly suggest that you print this out and bring it with you for your reference.

**CONFERENCE LOCATION – DEAD SEA**

Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Hotel

Tel: + 972 8 6367777, Fax: +972 8 6330821

Internet: Free wireless internet in most rooms, upon availability. Please request one of these rooms in advance if you plan on bringing your laptop computer. There is also the possibility of using the hotel's computer (one in the lobby) or using your own computer in public areas at the cost of US\$15 per day, or US\$4 per hour and US\$2.50 for every 30 minutes.

**ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE HOTEL**

Tulip Inn, Dead Sea

Tel: + 972 8 668 4666, Fax: +972 8 668 4668

The hotel should have internet access from the beginning of October, but you may have to rely on the public areas at the Crowne Plaza, conference venue.

**MEAL ARRANGEMENTS**

For participants who have booked half board accommodation, dinner is included from day of arrival.

Should you have reserved your accommodation on a half board basis, and as the Conference Dinner is included in the Conference Registration fee, October 19 will include lunch instead of dinner.

Lunch can be purchased on the spot at the Crowne Plaza hotel at NIS140 (approximately US\$33). Cheaper options are available outside of the hotel at the Petra shopping center – opposite the entrance to the hotel (lunch can be purchased for about US\$12), and at other restaurants in the Premier Building, etc. There is also a 'MacDonalds' within walking distance!

**ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS IN JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV  
reserved through Target Conferences**

Jerusalem

Dan Panorama Jerusalem, Keren Hayesod Street, Tel: +972 2 5695695, Fax: +972 2 625 0120

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**TRANSPORTATION FROM BEN GURION INT'L AIRPORT**

Participants coming in to Ben Gurion airport who have reserved a shared transfer service to the Dead Sea, should make their way to the Seshir desk located on the first floor. After leaving customs, please take the elevators on your left, to the first floor. On exiting the elevator, you will find the Seshir desk (in the same bank as the Car Rental companies, see attached map for your convenience).

Remember that the transfer is based on a seat in a car, and there may be a waiting time of up to one hour.

If you have not arranged a transfer in advance you can take a taxi from the airport. Rate should be in the region of US\$150.

**CURRENCY**

We suggest you exchange a small amount of money for New Israel Shekels at the bank in the Arrivals Hall of the Airport before leaving the baggage claim area.

Optional additional arrangements such as touring and accommodation should be paid for in foreign currency in order to avoid 15.5% VAT.



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**REGISTRATION / HOSPITALITY / INFORMATION**

A desk will operate in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 15:00-21:00 hours, and thereafter during session times near the Massada Hall.

**MEETING KIT AND NAME TAG**

On registration at the Crowne Plaza Dead Sea, you will receive your conference kit containing the Program and Abstract Book, name tag, and invitations to social events. Please wear your name tag to all sessions and events.

**WELCOME ADDRESS**

The Welcome Address of the Conference will take place on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 09:30 in the Massada Hall, Crowne Plaza Hotel.

**SOCIAL PROGRAM AND CONFERENCE TOURS**

The Conference Dinner, October 19, will be held at the Cactus Gardens at Kibbutz Ein Gedi, about a 20 minute drive from the hotels. Buses will depart from the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 18:30.

The Professional Tour, October 20, will be arranged in open Desert Safari Vehicles, and it is recommended that you bring wind-breakers with you. The tour will depart from the Crowne Plaza at 09:00 with expected return in the early afternoon.

The Optional Post-Conference Tour, October 21, will be departing the Tulip Inn at 08:00 and the Crowne Plaza at 08:20. Please be waiting and ready in the lobby of the hotel. The guide will ensure that participants are dropped off at the hotel of their choice in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

**ACCOMMODATION / TOURING SERVICES**

Target Conferences will be happy to assist with any additional requirements. Please contact the hostess at the Hospitality Desk.

**CLIMATE AND CLOTHING**

The weather at the Dead Sea is warm, approx. 26°C and may be even warmer during the day. We suggest you bring a sweater or jacket as the evenings will be cooler. Don't forget your swimsuits. Clothing is informal for all occasions.

**NOTE**

Electrical equipment in Israel is 220 volt A.C., single phase, 50 cycles. Some appliances require an adapter for the plug (can be purchased locally).

We hope you enjoy yourselves in Israel.

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