

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

European Conference on Severe Storms Prague, Czech Republic, 26 – 30 August 2002

The **European Conference on Severe Storms 2002 (ECSS 2002)** is being organized by the *Czech Hydrometeorological Institute* from 26 August to 30 August 2002 in Congress Center Průhonice, about 10 km southeast of Prague. **TERIS 2002** is a contractual partner for the conference (registration, accommodation, payment and accompanying program issues).

This conference will be a follow-up conference to the *Conference on European Tornadoes and Severe Storms*, which was held on 1 – 4 February 2000 at Toulouse, France (detailed information about the Toulouse conference can be found on the Internet at <http://www.eurotornado.ou.edu/>).

Preliminary conference program is attached to this Second Announcement as a separate document (*Attachment #1*). However, please consider this as a draft of the program only, moderate modifications of the program are very likely. The most recent version of the conference program will always be displayed at the conference web page (see below). You can also find attached a list of all the received abstracts (*Attachment #2*).

Contributions that were selected for poster presentations will be presented on poster sessions. During these, authors of the posters will be asked to be present at their poster stands (on their poster session). All posters will be set up on the beginning of the conference and displayed all the time during the conference. Poster panel size will be announced later by e-mail and on the conference web page.

Proceedings of the conference abstracts will be prepared prior to the conference and distributed at beginning of the conference. There will be an opportunity to publish the ECSS2002 presentations in a special issue of the *Atmospheric Research*, details and instructions on this will be given at the conference.

Conference fee payment: Due to delayed distribution of the Second Announcement it was decided to extend the deadline for payment of the advantageous conference fee (130 EUR) till **1 May 2002**. If paid after this date, the conference fee is 180 EUR. For payment details refer to *Registration Form* of the *First Announcement* or contact Mrs. Michaela Zbejvalová at ecss2002@teris.cz. Please note that the **account number** of TERIS2002 for the conference fee payment has been changed to:

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| Account number: | 116272833/0300 |
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| Variable code: | 23032 |
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| Account name: | TERIS 2002 a.s. |
| Address: | Stetkova 18, Praha 4, Czech Republic |

Conference registration desk will be open on the August 20th (Tuesday) 18:00-20:00 at the Hotel Floret reception hall (for the CHMI/Eumetsat workshop participants), and on the August 25th (Sunday) 17:00-19:00 and the August 26th (Monday) 08:00-09:30 at the Congress Hall main entrance.

Late registrations and abstract submissions are still possible, but the late abstracts will be considered for poster presentation only. Deadline for the late abstracts will be announced at the conference web page (the deadline is expected to be around mid-June).

Accommodation update: for latest prices of the hotels offered to conference participants by TERIS2002, please check the *Attachment #3*.

Transportation information to Průhonice Congress Center can be found in *Attachment #4*. For updates check the conference web page before your trip. Don't forget to check about the **visa requirements** for your country – for most of the EU countries these are not required, but for some of the former “eastern block” countries there is a very strict visa policy.

If you are interested in **sightseeing program** and in **weekend tours** to south Bohemia, check the *Attachment #5*. Presently, there is no other cultural program offered to conference participants, but check the conference website in future – though not guaranteed, we hope to arrange something for you, or at least inform you about the options.

Communications: there will be several PCs with Internet connection available for you at the conference, so you can stay in touch with your families, friends or colleagues back at home by e-mail. As regards mobile phones (cellphones), all Czech GSM service providers (Eurotel, Oscar and T-Mobile/Paegas) operate their GSM 900/1800MHz networks with all the standard services. All you need is to have international roaming enabled for your phone number by your home GSM service provider – check or arrange this before you leave. If you wish to dial using your phone's memory when abroad, you will need to prefix the stored numbers with the correct international code. Besides GSM, an older NMT 450MHz network is still operated by Eurotel.

Web page. Further information on the ECSS 2002 – its co-organizers and sponsors, preliminary conference schedule, abstracts, accommodation reservation and payment instructions, travel information and maps, accompanying sightseeing and cultural program, security instructions, etc., can or will be found at

<http://www.chmi.cz/ECSS2002>

Should you have any other questions, please contact us at:

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