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WDS/DSD/DRR/RA VI-WORKSHOP-2009/ANNEX II

Training Workshop on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems with focus on Institutional Coordination and Cooperation

Pula, Croatia, 1- 3 October 2009

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The Training Workshop on Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems will be held in:

Hotel Histria
Verudela bb, HR - 52100
Pula, Republic of Croatia.

Phone: +385 (0)52 590 000
Fax: +385 (0)52 214 175
E-mail: histria@arenaturist.hr
Web: <http://www.arenaturist.com/Hotels/Histria>

A block of rooms have been reserved in Hotel "Histria", with a special rate of 87 € for single rooms arranged by the local organizer. Reservations will be arranged directly by the local organizer (more information will be shared with the participants at a later stage) upon confirmation of the name of the participants.

TRAVEL

All participants are responsible to make their own travel arrangements to Pula, Croatia.

By air: Arrival point by air is the Pula Airport (www.airport-pula.com).
Transportation from Pula airport to the Hotel "Histria" will be arranged by Croatia State Directorate of Rescue and Protection (more information will be shared with the participants at a later stage).

By car: If you plan to come by car, a map of the location of the venue is available at: http://www.arenaturist.com/Hotels/Histria/Where_we_are

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

For one nominated senior-level representative from the National Meteorological and Hydrological Service:

Upon request, consideration will be given by WMO to support one person (Permanent Representative or the nominated senior representative from the national meteorological service) for participation in both workshops from 29 September to 3 October 2009 (UNDP/CADRI/ISDR National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction workshop from 29 to 30 September 2009 and WMO Multi-Hazard Early Warning System workshop from 1 to 3 October 2009). The assistance will include a lump sum to cover the airfare, per diem and terminal expenses.

For one nominated senior-level representative from the National Disaster Risk Management Agency:

Upon request, consideration will be given by WMO to support one senior-level representative from the National Disaster Risk Management Agency, who has been designated to participate in the UNDP/CADRI-ISDR National Platform workshop, for their participation in the WMO Multi-Hazard Early Warning System workshop from 1 to 3 October 2009. The assistance will include a lump sum to cover per diem for three days for participation in the workshop.

For nominated experts invited to carry out trainings:

Upon request, consideration will be given by WMO to support the nominated expert to participate and carry out training during the Multi-Hazard Early Warning System workshop from 1 to 3 October, 2009. The assistance will include a lump sum to cover the airfare, per diem and terminal expenses.

VISA ARRANGEMENTS

For participants requiring visa for Croatia, upon participant's request, WMO, in collaboration with the Croatian Meteorological Service, will provide an official invitation letter to the participant for the visa application. **Invitation letters for processing of your visa will be issued upon receipt of your nomination for participation in the Training Workshop.**

Should you have any problems or questions, please contact.

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LANGUAGE

The language of the Workshop will be English and interpretation will not be provided.

INSURANCE POLICY

The workshop organizers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss of, or damage to, property belonging to conference participants or their accompanying persons, either during or as a result of the workshop. Participants are advised to arrange for insurance to cover medical, travel, and personal effects while attending the meetings.

WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members supported by WMO to participate in the event is as follows: "The Organization accepts limited responsibility for compensation in the event of death, illness or injury attributable to the attendance at meetings or the performance on behalf of the Organization of services by persons not belonging to the staff of the Organization but authorized to travel at its expense and/or receiving a daily subsistence allowance from it. These persons remain therefore fully responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of events which are not attributable to the attendance of meetings or the performance of services on behalf of the Organization and for arranging such life, health and other forms of insurance as they consider appropriate."

CURRENCY AND BANKS

The official unit of currency is the Kuna (HRK). One Kuna is divided into 100 Lipa. ATMs are plentiful throughout the country and banks, authorized change offices, post offices or most hotels will exchange foreign currency or travelers' cheques. Banks are open Monday through Saturday

and some banks also are open on Sundays in the main cities. Major credit cards are widely accepted at the main hotels and restaurants, and may be used to draw cash from ATMs, which are widely available throughout the country.

Exchange rate given by the Universal Currency Converter is currently about 1 HRK = 0.14 EURO

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TIME ZONE

Time zone CET (UTC+1)

- Summer (DST) CEST (UTC+2)

WEATHER IN PULA

http://meteo.hr/index_en.php

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Emergencies	
Ambulance: 94	Breakdown assistance (0-24 h): 987
Fire brigade: 93	Hospital 376-000
Police: 92	
Pharmacy 14, 0-24, tel. 222-551 i 222-544	

ELECTRICITY

Croatia is one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all three types. Croatia uses the standard European 2 point plugs.

- Adapter for "Type C" European CEE 7/16 Europlug
- Adapter for "Type E/F" European CEE 7/4 or CEE 7/5 Schuko

Croatia usually supplies electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

TAX-FREE

Customers can get a VAT refund for goods bought in shops abroad that are included in the Global Refund System at the post offices (Pula's post office is located in Danteov Trg 4).

In the same post offices, foreign tourists can get a VAT refund for goods bought in shops in Croatia that are included in the Global Refund system.

Post offices that refund tax free cheques pay cash for cheques from Austria, Italy, Germany, Slovenia and Croatia.

Tax free cheques from other countries included in the Global Refund system - Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom can be submitted by the customer and refunded in cash at the post office 10000 Zagreb.

TIPPING

In most cases, the tip and taxes are included in the bill, so tipping is not necessary. If you have a large group, or have excellent service, a 10-15 % tip would be appropriate.

POINTS OF CONTACT

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