

PREFACE

This publication grew out of the Third International Workshop of the International Society of Biometeorology, Commission on Climate Tourism and Recreation (CCTR), held in Alexandropoulos, Greece from 19 to 22 September 2007. The aims of the Workshop were to bring together a selection of researchers and tourism experts to review the current state of knowledge of tourism and recreation climatology and explore possibilities for future work and the role of the CCTR in this.

A total of 38 delegates from 22 countries attended the meeting. Their fields of expertise included biometeorology, bioclimatology, thermal comfort and heat balance modelling, tourism marketing and planning, urban and landscape planning, architecture, sociology, geography, meteorology, environmental physics, ecology, emission reduction and climate change impact assessment. Participants came from universities and research institutions in 22 countries, including: Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Lithuania, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America.

Business conducted during the Workshop was divided between nine sessions, namely: 1) climate as nature based resource for tourism; 2) weather and climate as limiting factors for tourism and recreation; 3) development and presentation of new climate tourism indices; 4) relationships between climate and tourism; 5) effects of weather and climate extremes on tourism and recreation; 6) climate therapy for tourism and recreation; 7) effects of climate change on winter tourism and tourism industry; 8) economic effects of climate change on tourism industry; and 9) adaptation of tourists and tourism industry on climate change. The oral presentations and posters covered a wide spectrum of themes; many were the product of co-operative research projects between members of the CCTR.

The content of this publication is based on the presentations made at the Workshop and reflects the new perspectives and methods that have evolved since the CCTR was established. To enable all presentations to be included in one volume, papers were limited to a maximum of eight pages. Readers are advised that English is not the first language of many of the contributors to this publication and no attempt was made by the editors to re-write any part of the submissions received from the authors. Consequently, the grammar and syntax in some of the articles is quaint but the meaning is clear.

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