













Annual Meeting of the Climate Broadcasters Network – Europe





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List of Participants





<p>Austria</p> 	<p>Mr Marcus Wadsak, Radio and TV weather presenter - ORF</p> <p>Marcus Wadsak studied Meteorology and Geophysics at the “Formal- und Naturwissenschaftliche Fakultät” of Vienna from 1990 until 1998. His additional skills include education and training at the BAF/GHR as well as specialised presenter training. He attended a journalism course in 2002 and does continuous speech and voice training.</p>
<p>Belgium</p> 	<p>Ms Jill Peeters, Weather presenter and meteorologist - vtm</p> <p>Jill Peeters studied Geography and Meteorology at The Catholic University of Leuven. In 2000 she realised her childhood's dream and she started as a weather broadcaster for the main commercial TV channel in Flanders. She wrote two books: one about the weather, published in 2005, and in 2007 she published a book about global warming. Jill is really passionate about the weather, but she found a new ambition: explaining to the general public what is happening with our planet and its climate. She lectures often, writes articles, organises climate concerts and other demonstrations. Her main issue is the fragility of drinking water. She has subsequently founded, along with several specialists, a foundation to help African people.</p>
<p>Croatia</p> 	<p>Mr Zoran Vakula, Head of Weather Analysis and Forecasting Department of MHS Croatia, Weather presenter - HTV (Croatian national TV)</p> <p>Zoran Vakula graduated in Meteorology from the Faculty of Science at the University of Zagreb. He works in the Weather Analysis and Forecasting Department of Meteorological and Hydrological Service of the Republic of Croatia from 1994. From 1995 till 2005 he presented weather forecasts on several radio stations, and from 1996 onwards on national television, becoming coordinator for weather broadcast programmes in 2005. He has appeared in educational, scientific and entertainment TV programmes and has written his own column in a biweekly newspaper about the weather.</p>

<p>Czech Republic</p> 	<p>Ms Tat'ána Miková, Weather presenter and meteorologist - CT1</p> <p>Tat'ána Miková studied at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the Charles University of Prague from 1983 to 1988. After graduating, she worked as a climatologist at the Czech Hydrometeorological Institute for 5 years.</p> <p>Since 1994, she has been the weather presenter of Czech Television, the only public television station in the Czech Republic. In 2005, she was appointed head of the weather desk of Czech Television. She is a member of the team that created the first digital news television channel in the Czech Republic (CT24). In 1999, she began collaborating with the National Climate Programme of the Czech Republic.</p>
<p>Denmark</p> 	<p>Mr Jesper Theilgaard, TV Weather presenter and meteorologist at Danish Broadcasting Corporation (DR), and appointed climate expert</p> <p>Jesper Theilgaard completed his education as an aeronautical meteorologist in 1978. After 12 years of providing weather information to pilots at Copenhagen Airport, Jesper Theilgaard moved on to the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI). At the DMI, a major part of his work was linked to DR and the night weather shows. In addition, he was responsible for developing the weather routing service for ships around the world. In 2002, he left the DMI for DR and was recently appointed as climate expert for the News.</p> <p>In 1992, he published the first of more than 20 books on weather issues. The latest two are coffee-table books about Danish weather and the world's wildest weather (see book list). He was rewarded with the greatest non-fiction prize in Denmark for his book on the Danish weather.</p> <p>In addition to publishing books about issues related to the weather, he gives numerous talks around the country regarding cultural, historical and scientific topics related to the weather. He also gives courses on climatic change for governmental offices as well as for the private sector.</p>
<p>France</p> 	<p>Ms Marina Raibaldi, Weather presenter - France 3 Corse</p> <p>Marina Raibaldi studied economics and later taught social science and economics. In April 1999, she began presenting the weather forecast on the French TV-channel, France 3 Corse. Marina Raibaldi is also the Corsican ambassador for "Défi pour la terre", created by Nicolas Hulot's foundation.</p>

<p>Germany</p> 	<p>Ms Inge Niedek, Meteorologist - ZDF</p> <p>Inge Niedek has a master's degree in meteorology and undertook additional studies in aeronautical engineering (aviation-safety, weather-related aircraft-accidents). She has worked for ZDF German National Television since 1988. She is the co-author of the book "Natural Disasters" (in German), part of the "Phenomena of the Earth" series by Springer Sciences, 2004.</p>
	<p>Mr Dieter Walch, Meteorologist - ZDF</p> <p>Dieter Walch has a master's degree in Meteorology. After 8 years as a lecturer in synoptic, aviation and satellite meteorology, he began working for ZDF in 1981. He is also responsible for planning and creating weather broadcast programmes and procuring meteorological data.</p> <p>He is the author of four popular scientific meteorological books and gives lectures about meteorological and climate issues.</p>
<p>Greece</p> 	<p>Mr Panagiotis Giannopoulos, Public National Radio and TV network (ERT)</p> <p>Panagiotis Giannopoulos studied physics and meteorology at the University of Athens. He is a weather forecaster and presenter at ERT, and since 2002 he has been a meteorologist and forecaster at the Hellenic National Meteorological Service (HNMS) as well as teaching at the School of Meteorology at the HNMS. Between 1999 and 2001 he taught physics to high school students, previously working as meteorologist-observer at Rhodes and Athens International Airports.</p> <p>He has run numerous long-running seminars and is a member of Greek Meteorological Society and of the Working Group for the Cooperation between European Forecasters (WGCEF).</p>
<p>Hungary</p> 	<p>Mr János Mika - Hungarian Meteorological Service</p> <p>János Mika has, besides his scientific activity, also been involved in education and popularisation of climate change issues and has taught courses on climate change at universities and at the International Post graduate Course in Hydrology (in English) since 1979. With the support of the Hungarian Meteorological Service and the Ministry, he realised two special issues of the 140 year old World of Nature (Természet Világa) and one more in weather prediction, as their guest-editor between 1996 and 2005.</p>

	<p>Mr. András Reisz, Weather Presenter - MTV</p> <p>András Reisz studied Meteorology at the Eötvös Lóránd University (ELTE). He worked in commercial television as a weather reporter for one year and since 2004, he has carried out educational work at ELTE and been appointed by public national television (MTV) as a weather reporter.</p> <p>He is also interested in Synoptic Meteorology (weather forecasting) and Mediameteorology (representing the weather forecasts).</p> <p>András Reisz is pursuing a doctorate in synoptic meteorology.</p>
<p>Ireland</p> 	<p>Mr Gerald Fleming, Chairman of the Public Weather Services Group in WMO</p> <p>Gerald Fleming is the longest serving weather broadcaster currently appearing on RTÉ television; he presented his first weather forecast in July 1985.</p> <p>He is very active in the field of international weather broadcasting. He is serving his second three-year term as Chairman of the International Association of Broadcast Meteorology, and is also Chairman of the Expert Team on Media Issues for the World Meteorological Organisation. He has presented many lectures and seminars abroad, to organisations such as the Royal Met Society of the UK; the American Met Society, the BBC, the Festival International de Meteo, and to meteorology students at the University of Barcelona.</p>
<p>Italy</p> 	<p>Mr Luca Mercalli, Weather presenter and President of Italian Met Society</p> <p>Luca Mercalli is a researcher in the field of climatology and glaciology, president of the Italian Meteorological Society and Editor in Chief of the journal "Nimbus". In terms of broadcasting, he presents the programme "Che tempo che fa" on the third national TV channel RAI3 and "TG Montagne" on the second national channel RAI 2. He has written ninety scientific papers, seven books and over 1000 articles for newspapers and magazines. Communicating climatic change is one of his key tasks, performed at 850 public conferences, school talks and university seminars. His home and office are solar powered.</p>
<p>Lithuania</p> 	<p>Professor Arūnas Bukantis, Head of the Hydrology and Climatology Department of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Vilnius University</p> <p>Arūnas Bukantis studied at Vilnius University, Faculty of Natural Sciences and was awarded an M.Sc. in physical geography and meteorology in 1984.</p> <p>He has published over sixty scientific articles in Lithuanian and foreign publications, issued text books for students of geography and meteorology "Lithuanian climate" (1994), "Climate change" (2007) and the monograph "The unusual natural phenomena in the territory of Lithuania in the 11th–20th centuries" (1997).</p>

	<p>Mr Naglis Sulija, TV weather presenter and press meteorologist</p> <p>Naglis Sulija is a geographer and meteorologist. He graduated from the Natural Sciences Faculty of Vilnius University. Between 1990 and 1994, he worked as a weather forecaster for the Lithuanian Hydro Meteorological Service (LHMS) under the Ministry of Environment. Since 1993, he has worked for the biggest Lithuanian daily news programme "Lietuvos rytas". In 2005, he extended his media career by joining TV3, one of the largest national channels. He has started to run weather forecasting at the News division, where he presents updates on weather and climate conditions in Lithuania and Europe.</p>
<p>Poland</p> 	<p>Mr Tomas Zubilewicz, Meteorologist - TVN</p> <p>Tomas Zubilewicz holds a master's degree in geography from Warsaw University. Today, he works for the private Polish television station TVN. He has been working as a weather presenter for 12 years.</p> <p>He is the author of a book 'Poland for a good and bad weather' (in Polish) which contains many interesting geographical, weather and climate-related facts. This is the first guide of this kind published in Poland.</p>
	<p>Mr Jaroslaw Kret, Weather presenter - TVP1</p> <p>Jaroslaw Kret studied Egyptology and cross-cultural relations at Warsaw University. For 15 years, he has been working for Polish national television. Over a five year period, he produced more than 150 television shows as a host and twenty television documentaries on geographical, cross-cultural and ecological topics. In 2002, he began working as weather-forecast journalist and TV presenter on Polish national television.</p> <p>He has written and published a book on weather and different approaches to weather-forecasting over the centuries and around the world. He is currently working on his next book and photographic album.</p>
	<p>Mr Marek Horcyczak, Weather presenter - POLSAT</p> <p>Marek Horcyczak has been working as a weather presenter for 14 years at POLSAT, the first private Polish television station. Since 1996, he has been chief of weather forecasting at POLSAT. He has prepared and presented about 300 episodes of the ecological TV programme "Company of White Eagle" for young people. Marek is currently preparing the weather forecasting programme for a new POLSAT TV channel.</p>
<p>Romania</p> 	<p>Dr Elena Cordoneanu, Weather presenter and meteorologist - REALITATEA TV</p> <p>Elena Cordoneanu studied at the Faculty of Physics, Geophysics and Atmospheric Physics Section from 1970 to 1975. She worked as meteorologist at the National Meteorological Administration (NMA) for 30 years, up until 2005.</p> <p>Since 2005, she has worked as a meteorological expert and presenter at REALITATEA TV in Bucharest.</p>

	<p>Florinela Georgescu - Meteorologist and forecaster</p> <p>Florinela Georgescu is a senior forecaster and researcher at the National Meteorological Administration in Bucharest, Romania. She is also a PhD student at the Faculty of Physics, University of Bucharest. She has been working as a forecaster at the National Forecasting Centre since 1990. She has been frequently invited to speak about extreme weather phenomena and climate change on news bulletins and talk shows, as well as writing about these issues in newspapers. Currently, she contributes to the development of a website on meteorology (http://vremea.meteoromania.ro).</p>
<p>Slovakia</p> 	<p>Dr Peter Jurcovic, Meteorologist and weather presenter - Radio stations and TV JOJ</p> <p>In 1976, Peter Jurcovic graduated from Faculty of Science of the Comenius University in Bratislava. Following this, he worked for several years in the Slovak Hydro-Meteorological Institute (as a forecaster), where he started his cooperation with Slovak television and other media as a weather presenter.</p> <p>In 1994, he established Infomet company (first private meteorological company), which prepares weather forecasts for three television stations. Since 1996, he has been working with the company Ponteum, providing meteorological services to the media and to industrial and transportation companies. From September 2nd 2008 he has presented his own almost daily meteorological broadcast on TV JOJ.</p>
<p>Slovenia</p> 	<p>Ms Tanja Cegnar, Weather presenter - TV Slovenia, Environmental Agency of the Republic of Slovenia</p> <p>Tanja Cegnar holds a postgraduate degree in Meteorology from the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics. She specialised in climatology and human biometeorology.</p> <p>Today, she is a member of the Slovenian national team of COST 730 EU and of the International Biometeorological Society. She also chairs the Media Committee within the European Meteorological Society and is a member of the WMO CCI expert team on Climate and Tourism.</p>
<p>Spain</p> 	<p>Mr Tomàs Molina, Chief Meteorologist Televisió de Catalunya; Chairman International Association of Broadcast Meteorology IABM</p> <p>Tomàs Molina holds a university degree in physics. He is chief meteorologist at Televisió de Catalunya and is advisor to the director of Services Audiovisuales de Meteorologia, SAM. This Company produces Canal Méteo and provides weather information to the internet, press, television channels and directly to mobile phones.</p> <p>He was also appointed teacher of weather forecast at the Master on Meteorology at the University of Barcelona and has published four books: one focusing on the environment and three for children about weather, astronomy and earth physics stories.</p>

UK



Mr Daniel Corbett, Meteorologist, Weather presenter – BBC Television

Daniel Corbett was born in Dagenham, Essex, and spent his early years in Billericay. In 1974 he moved with his family to New York. In 1990 he obtained his BSc in Meteorology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and went on to work at Universal Weather and Aviation in New York and Houston, Texas.

At Universal Weather Dan provided aviation forecasts for corporate pilots flying around the world. He was also a marine and industrial meteorologist providing a myriad of different forecasts such as hurricane forecasts for Gulf Coast oil-rigs, temperature projections for gas companies and snow outlooks for ski areas.

Dan began his television career in 1990 at WCFT-TV in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He soon moved on to tornado alley and KWTX-TV in Waco, Texas, where his English accent was a huge hit. At KWTX Dan not only presented the weather but also operated and interpreted the station's own Doppler radar. It was while he was there in 1997 that one of the U.S.'s largest tornadoes, an F5, hit close to Waco.

In October 1997 Dan was lured back to England in order to help launch BBC News24. He gave the first weather broadcast on News24 back in November 1997. In addition to News24 Dan has also presented on BBC1, BBC2, BBC World, Radio2, Radio 4 and 5.

Dan met his wife Helen, a BBC make-up artist, while working at News24. They married at a romantic and remote little chapel beside a lake in West Cork, Ireland in May 2000. Dan and his wife moved back to the U.S. in late 2000 where he freelanced at TV stations across the southern U.S. including KRIV-TV in Houston, Texas.

In 2001 the couple moved to Tucson, Arizona. Dan worked for an ABC affiliate KGUN-TV where he was a weather presenter and feature reporter.

In 2004, Dan and Helen returned to the UK where he can now be seen presenting on many of the BBC channels including BBC1, BBC News24 and BBC World.



Mr Michael Fish, MBE DSc FRMetS

Michael Fish semi-retired after 37 years on mainstream BBC, although he still broadcasts regularly on BBC South East, and is Britain's, and possibly the world's, longest serving Broadcast Meteorologist.





He will always be remembered for the mis-reported 'Hurricane' forecast in October 1987. He has made hundreds of non-weather appearances on television and radio. He has been involved in the training of television weather presenters in several African countries and has written numerous articles on travel and weather, as well as acting as a consultant for several meteorological books and Government Agencies.

In 1996 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the City University. In 1997 he was granted the Freedom of the City of London. In 2004 he was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. In 2005 he was further honoured by the award of Doctor of Science from Exeter University.

He has been voted both the Best and Worst Dressed Man on television and 'Tie Man of the year' 3 times. In 2004 he received the TRIC award for TV Presenter of the Year and was pronounced a 'National Treasure' by the Sunday Times.

Most recently he has taken to the stage in a sell out regional tour and later in the West End. He has launched two new projects for a Freephone weather service on 0800WEATHER and an online telecast for netweather.tv. He was co-author of 'Storm Force' published by Northern Books.

A Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society since 1965, his hobbies include being a grumpy old man, travel, food and wine. Apart from broadcasting his time is spent on the after-dinner and lecture circuit where he frequently publicizes Climate Change.

	<p>Mr Bill Giles, OBE, Director of The Weather People Ltd., founder and former Chief Broadcast Meteorologist at the BBC Weather Centre; Publications Secretary of the International Association of Broadcast Meteorology</p> <p>Bill Giles is one of Britain's best known weather forecasters and presented on BBC Television for over 25 years. He retired as a senior broadcaster from the Met Office in January 2000 after leading the team of Broadcast Meteorologists since 1983. Since his retirement, he continues to consult on broadcast meteorology.</p> <p>October 1990 saw the publication of his book "The Weather Story". He also worked on the BBC programme "The Weather Show", in which he provided an insight into the mysteries of forecasting and offered a glimpse behind the scenes at the difficulties of predicting the weather.</p>
	<p>Mr Rob McElwee, Weather Presenter – BBC Television, Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society</p> <p>Rob McElwee became member of the BBC Television's weather team in May 1991, making his first appearance on screen on July 23rd.</p> <p>Rob joined the Meteorological Office in March 1982 and spent most of the next eight years enjoying the Salisbury Plain, observing the weather on the Army Air Corps base of Netheravon. After realisation that life ought to change, he trained as a forecaster and went to airbases in East Anglia.</p> <p>A Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, Rob lives in Buckinghamshire with his wife and two sons. His hobby is finding enough time to have a hobby, so far he has failed.</p> <p>Since Michael Fish's retirement he is now surprised to find himself the longest serving national BBC TV Weatherman.</p>
	<p>Mr John Teather, Director of The Weather People Ltd., Founder and former editor of the BBC Weather Centre; Secretary of the International Association of Broadcast Meteorology</p> <p>John Teather joined the BBC in 1966, working for the first four years at the Film Unit for BBC Wales in Cardiff where he was a film editor working on a variety of programmes. In 1975, he directed Bill Giles' first broadcast. He became more involved in weather issues and was responsible for the introduction of electronic weather graphics in 1985.</p> <p>Since retiring from the BBC in September 2001, he set up his own company with Bill Giles, The Weather People Ltd, which provides weather information and consulting services.</p>
	<p>Mr Francis Wilson, Head of Sky News Weather, weather columnist for the Sunday Times</p> <p>Francis Wilson started working as a Scientific Officer with UK Met Office in 1973, after obtaining a BSc. physics degree from Imperial College. From 1978 to 1983, he was TV Weatherman at Thames Television, subsequently working at the BBC from 1983 to 1993. Since 1993, he has been Head of Sky News Weather.</p> <p>He has published six books on weather and climate and is a Chartered Meteorologist of the Royal Meteorological Society. He has attended many and various meetings of ECAM and ECAC as well as IWF, IABM, EMS and the Nation Conference of Meteorology in the UK. He has won several trophies at IWF and EMS.</p> <p>His motivation is to help communicate IPCC work to the public. He first attended and made a film on the Madrid IPCC meeting in the 1990s. He has subsequently reported on TV all the main developments from Kyoto up to Copenhagen. Currently, he is about to launch a weekly TV broadcast of the actual commercial and domestic carbon emissions of the whole of the UK as part of Sky's run up to the coverage of the Copenhagen meeting. This will be a world first.</p> <p>Each week he also writes a weather column for the Sunday Times in which he often updates readers on climate change issues.</p>



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