

## Meeting Logistics

### Meeting venue

World Meteorological Organization / Organisation Météorologique Mondiale  
7 bis, avenue de la Paix  
1211 Genève 2, Switzerland

The meeting will begin at 9 am on Monday 9 May 2005, and will take place in meeting room 6L, on the 6th floor of the WMO building at the lake end. The security guards at the reception desk will have a list of participants, and direct you to the correct location. Badges will be available in the meeting room.

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Internet terminals are available on the ground floor (password required), and the cafeteria and coffee bar are located at the Attic level (top floor). A reception will be held at the Attic level, Monday evening 9 May, 17:30-19:00.

### Accommodations

The group reservation is at a hotel located a few hundred meters south of the WMO:

Hotel Mon Repos

131-133, rue de Lausanne

1202 Genève, Switzerland

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### City orientation

Geneva is tucked away in the southwestern corner of the almost-French Swiss Alps. Its city centre hugs the shore of Lake Geneva and is split down the middle by the westward-flowing Rhône River. The main train station (Conarvin) is conveniently located in the centre of town on the northern side of the river, as are most of the international organisations, centered around the transit hub of "Nations". Geneva's most visible landmark, the Jet d'Eau giant fountain, is on the southern shore. The south bank is also home to most of the city's museums and the *vieille ville*, the old part of town, with the pedestrian-only Grand-Rue running through it. Climate data for May - mean maximum: 18.5 °C, mean minimum: 7.8 °C, average number of cloudy days: 11, average precipitation: 75 mm

April 2005 exchange rates:

1 Swiss Franc (CHF) = US\$ 0.83 = 0.64 EUR = 0.44 GBP = 1.01 CAD = 89 JPY = 5.25 NOK

### Getting around town

Geneva is a very compact city served by an extensive bus and tram system. Information is available at the airport; at the TPG (Transports publics genevois) office located in the main train station; or at <http://www.tpg.ch/>. Bus/tram drivers do not sell or check your tickets;

instead, inspectors do spot checks. Failure to produce a valid ticket results in a fine of at least 100 CHF.

Tickets are sold at automatic distributors located at nearly every stop. Payment is accepted in coins - Swiss Francs or Euros (or mixed). No change is given. A ticket is valid on any line and in any direction, within the time or zone limits selected. Single tickets, valid for the entire city for one hour are 3 CHF; day tickets valid from 9am to midnight are 7 CHF and 24 hour tickets are 10 CHF.

Free bicycle rental is available from Genève roule (<http://www.geneveroule.ch/>) at 17 place de Montbrillant, behind the Convarvin train station.

### To and from the airport

Geneva airport (Cointrin) is about 5 km from the city center. Bus line 28 in the direction of "Jardin Botanique" runs from the airport every 15-20 minutes, and takes 15 minutes to reach the WMO and the Hotel Mon Repos (at the last stop, ticket to be purchased before boarding, 3 CHF). Several trains per hour also go from the airport to the Conarvin train station (about 10 CHF). A taxi will cost about 30 CHF.

