



THE 5TH WMO INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DATA ASSIMILATION

5-9 October 2009

Melbourne Exhibition Centre: Melbourne Australia

The goals of the Symposium are:

- To assess recent progress in all aspects of atmospheric and oceanographic data assimilation, in both research and operational environments; and
- To reach a common understanding of the main challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in atmospheric and oceanographic data assimilation.

Web Page: <http://wmoda5.amos.org.au/>

Important Dates

Invited Speakers and draft program established	September 30, 2008
Call for short abstracts	October 1, 2008
Deadline for short abstracts, including poster abstracts	March 31, 2009
Notification of short abstract and poster acceptance	June 30, 2009
Early-bird registration open	April 1, 2009
Deadline for early bird registration	August 1, 2009
Deadline for extended abstracts	To Be Advised

These dates may be adjusted so please check regularly.

Program Details

Program format will consist of Invited speakers, and poster presentations.

Experts in data assimilation will be invited from leading centres around the world.

The Program Committee also encourages poster presentations on recent scientific accomplishments and programs regarding Data Assimilation.

In particular, but not limited to, the following fields:

Observing Strategies	Ensemble assimilation
Satellite data usage	Network design and monitoring
Applications in Meteorology, Oceanography, or Hydrology	Meteorological, Oceanographic or Hydrological applications
Error Covariance modelling	Mesoscale assimilation
Reanalysis	Measures of optimality
Bias detection	Nonlinear aspects of assimilation
Environmental modelling	

And Application and Development streams:

Hydrology, QPF, (including land-atmosphere interactions, especially characterization and prediction of precipitation and evapotranspiration).	Ensemble DA
NWP	Covariances, adjoints, and variational methods
Ocean (include coastal and biogeochemical applications)	Observation impact assessment, network design.
Re-analysis, including coupled DA and budget studies	DA of satellite, radar and novel forms of remote sensing.
Constituents, identification of the sources of tracers, estimation of fluxes.	Advanced DA techniques, e.g. for non-Gaussian distributions and nonlinear systems.

VENUE: The Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre

The Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre is located on Clarendon St, an extension of Spencer St., and opposite Crown Entertainment Complex.

It is close to a variety of restaurants and public transport. Flinders Street Station, Spencer St Station and the City Centre are all within a short walk or tram ride.

The Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre website is:
<http://www.mcec.com.au/>

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