

Announcement of the 2015 Spring Meeting

I. Meeting Information

1. Date

May 21 (Thursday) – 24 (Sunday), 2015

2. Venue

Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba)

2-20-3 Takezono, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-0032, Japan

<http://www.epochal.or.jp/eng/index.html>

3. Presentations

Presentations can be made in either oral or poster format. For presentation details, please refer to “IV. Guidelines for Presentations”.

4. Meeting schedule

The following is the scheduled program for the meeting:

Day 1 (May 21)

Morning: oral and poster presentations and special topic sessions

Afternoon: oral presentation and special topic sessions

Day 2 (May 22)

Morning: oral and poster presentations

Afternoon: general assembly, commemorative lectures by award recipients, and banquet

Day 3 (May 23)

Morning: oral and poster presentations and a junior session

Afternoon: symposium

Day 4 (May 24)

Morning: oral and poster presentations and special topic sessions

Afternoon: oral presentation and special topic sessions

5. Symposium

The symposium is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Day 3 (May 23). The theme of the symposium is “Global Warming Hiatus and its Future Change”.

6. Banquet

The banquet will take place at Tsukuba International Congress Center in the evening of Day 2 (May 22).

7. Meeting website

The meeting website (<http://www.metsoc.jp/>) in Japanese will be launched on January 8 (Tuesday) to accept applications and to disseminate information about the meeting, as well as any update to the program. Registration procedures can also be found at the website.

II. Registration Procedure

1. Registration procedure for presenters

Please follow the registration process outlined in the “Meteorological Society of Japan, Rules and Regulations for Presentations at Spring and Autumn Meetings” at the end of this announcement.

As a general rule, registration and abstract submission can only be made on-line. However, if this is not possible for some reason, registration by mail will be acceptable.

Please note that your registration and registration fee payment have to be completed before you are eligible to give your presentation(s).

1.1 On-line registration

- Deadline: 3 pm (Japan Standard Time) on Tuesday, February 3, 2015.
- Refer to the meeting website and follow the instructions on the website.
- Enter your personal information and login ID at the meeting website. After you have done this, a password will be issued. (Please note that the password used in previous meetings is no longer valid. We appreciate your understanding and apologize for the inconvenience, but please re-enter your personal information and ID to obtain a new password.) With the ID and password, log on to the system to register for the meeting, apply for a presentation, submit your abstract, and pay meeting fees.
- Presenters are requested to register their own personal information. Presenters are not allowed to submit an application for presentation with a name and affiliation different from those used in registering their personal information. Moreover, please DO NOT submit two applications with different presenter names using one ID.

- Meeting registration and fee payment (credit card payment) must be completed prior to the submission of your application for a presentation. If your meeting registration and fee payment are incomplete, we cannot accept your presentation application.
- For on-line payment, we can accept credit card payment even if the cardholder's name is different from the name registered in your personal information.
- Submit your abstract on the meeting website. We can only accept the abstract in PDF format (maximum allowable size: 1MB).
- Copyright transfer agreement must be submitted at the meeting website when you submit your abstract
- If you have any requests regarding your presentation, please indicate them in the space provided. We will attempt to accommodate your request as much as possible. Also, as a general rule, we reserve the right to assign the date of your oral presentation, to facilitate the logistics of the meeting. Please note that we will not respond one by one to every request that is submitted. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation
- Until the presentation application deadline (3 pm (Japan Standard Time) on Tuesday, February 3, 2015), you can modify at the website any information you have already submitted, such as your registration information and abstract. Please note, however, that you cannot cancel your presentation application.
- We cannot accept any application for presentation or any modification to the abstract after the application deadline.

1.2 Mail-in registration (Inside Japan only. This form of registration is accepted only under extreme unavoidable circumstances.)

- Deadline: No later than Tuesday, January 27, 2015.
(Please note that the mail-in deadline is one week earlier than the on-line deadline.)
- Send the following four items of information to the “Head Office of the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight” by E-mail or postal service (see below for the address).
 1. Abstract. (We can only accept abstract in PDF format when submitted via E-mail (maximum allowable size: 1MB)).
 2. Presenter's name (both in Japanese characters, if applicable, and roman alphabet), affiliation, abbreviation for the affiliation, membership number, presentation type (oral / poster), contact information (address, phone number, and email address), the presentation title, main and sub keywords, participation

classification (“Presenter A” or “Presenter B” (see Section 3.1)), banquet participation (“Yes” or “No”), and required audio-visual equipment for the presentation (any format is acceptable).

3. Payment receipt for postal money transfer or its hard copy (refer to the next section).
4. Copyright Agreement Form with signatures of all authors (please download the Agreement Form at the website http://www.metsoc.or.jp/E/msj_copyright.pdf).

E-mail address: kouenkikaku2015s@mri-jma.go.jp

(Please send e-mail message with the title of “Presentation Application 2015s”.)

Mailing address:

Head Office of the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight of
the Meteorological Society of Japan
c/o Forecast Research Department
Meteorological Research Institute
1-1 Nagamine
Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-0052, Japan
(Please write “Presentation Application” in red letters on the front of the envelope.)

- Prior to submitting your presentation application, please send your payment for the meeting fees by postal money transfer with the following information:
 - Account number: 00130-3-5958
Name on the account: 日本気象学会 (This must be written in Japanese.)
 - In the “space for correspondence”, provide the following information:
 1. “Registration application for the 2015 spring meeting.”
 2. Membership number (if not a member, please indicate “non-member.”)
 3. Participation classification: “Presenter A” or “Presenter B” (see Section 3.1)
 4. Amount for the meeting registration fee
 5. Amount for the banquet fee
 6. Total amount
 - In the section “address and name of the payer,” please make sure to provide your address, name, and phone number.
 - The presenter is responsible for the processing fee for the postal money transfer.
- Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

1.3 Presentation cancellation policy

- After your presentation application has been submitted, you cannot withdraw your

presentation. The meeting and banquet fees cannot be refunded even if you are unable to give your presentation or attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

- In case the presenter cannot give his/her presentation but allows for a substitute presenter, please contact the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight (kouenkikaku2015s@mri-jma.go.jp).

2. Registration procedure for non-presenters (attendance only)

Registration and other fees can be made using one of the following methods below. In order to expedite the process, we request pre-registration online via the meeting website. Exception will be allowed only under extreme unavoidable circumstances.

2.1 On-Line registration

Register online at the meeting website and complete your registration payment by Tuesday, April 7, 2015 (credit card payment only).

2.2 Mail-In registration (Inside Japan only. This form of registration is accepted only under extreme unavoidable circumstances.)

- Registration fee needs to be made by postal money transfer by Tuesday, March 31, 2015.
 - Account number: 00130-3-5958
 - Name on the account: 日本気象学会 (This must be written in Japanese.)
 - In the “space for correspondence”, provide the following information:
 1. “Registration application for the 2015 spring meeting.”
 2. Participation Classification: “Attendance only”
 3. Amount for the meeting registration fee
 4. Amount for the banquet fee
 5. Total amount
 - In the section “address and name of the payer,” please make sure to provide your address, name, and phone number.
 - The meeting attendee is responsible for the processing fee for the postal money transfer. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

2.3 On-Site registration

One can also register on-site during the days of the meeting. However, please

note that the on-site registration fee is at a higher rate than the pre-registration fee.

3. Registration and Banquet Fees

3.1. Meeting registration fee

- Refer to the following table to identify your meeting registration fee (sales tax included).

Meeting registration fee		
Classification	Advance Payment	On-Site Payment
Presenter A	8,000 yen	-
Presenter B	5,000 yen	-
Attendee	3,000 yen	4,000 yen

- Presenter Classification
Presenter A: presenters who are affiliated with research institutes and universities (except for undergraduate and graduate students).
- Presenter B: presenters who do not meet the criteria for Presenter A.

3.2. Banquet fee

- Banquet fees (sales tax included) are listed in the table below.

Banquet Fee		
Classification	Advance Payment	On-Site Payment
Non-Students	5,000 yen	6,000 yen
Students	4,000 yen	4,500 yen

- Payment for the banquet can be made in advance on-line (credit card payment must be completed by the deadline) or by postal money order. On-site payment during the meeting will be at a higher rate.

3.3. Miscellaneous information

- Registration and banquet fees are non-refundable.
- The amount of registration and banquet fees depends on your classification (as identified in the table above) at the time of registration. Fee adjustments cannot be made for any subsequent change in your classification (i.e., no additional billing or refund on the difference in fees due to a change in your home institution and/or

affiliation.)

- Receipt for your registration and/or banquet fee payments will be issued at the reception desk during the meeting.
- Presentation of a hard copy of the e-mail message showing completion of your registration and registration and/or banquet fee payments to the reception desk will greatly facilitate the registration procedure.

III. Abstract Preparation

1. Abstract size and number of pages

One A4 page per presentation.

2. Preparation instructions

If you submit your abstract online, we accept only the PDF file format (maximum allowable size: 1 MB). If you mail in your abstract, all the information (text, figures, and tables) must fit on a sheet of A4 page size.

3. Printing

Proof of your abstract will be made in black and white with the direct plate making process. In this process, the abstract will be reduced to B5 size. In the course of your abstract preparation, please be aware that the quality of your figures (such as photos and graphs) may be degraded by the printing procedure. Also please be aware that the clarity of certain images, particularly color photos and figures, can be severely degraded.

4. Abstract format (refer to the figure)

Your text and additional material such as figures and photos need to fit in an area of 250 mm (vertical) x 170 mm (horizontal). The top margin should be 20 mm. Give the title of your presentation in the first line. Underneath the title, list the author names and their affiliations. Place the abstract content below the author information. In the case of multiple authorship, place an asterisk (*) to the left of the presenter's name. The spacing between the title and the body text should be 20 – 25 mm. We strongly suggest that you use a two-column format (left column → right column) for the text.

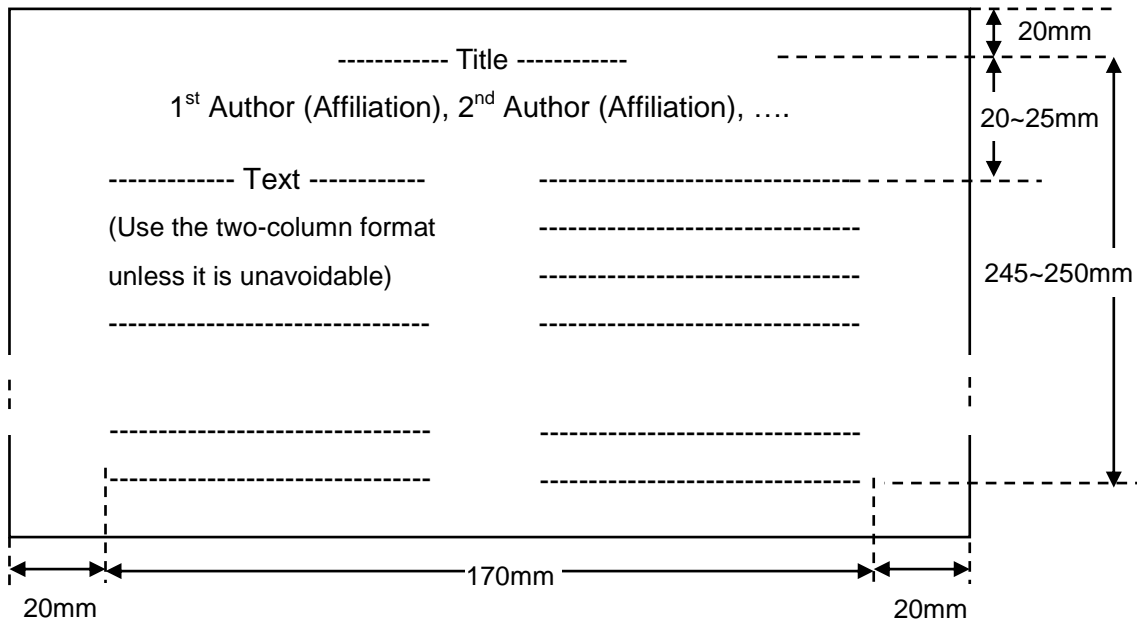


Figure: Guidelines for preparing abstract on an A4 sheet

5. Copyright

All the information (such as figures, tables, and text) that appear in the meeting proceedings are the copyright of the Meteorological Society of Japan.

IV. Guidelines for Presentations

1. Presentation types

Your presentation can be given either as an oral (including special topic sessions) or as a poster presentation.

2. Limit on the number of presentations

Each presenter is allowed to give up to two presentations. However, no two presentations can be given on a very similar topic. If a problem arises in regards to this restriction, the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight will take appropriate action.

3. Selection of the presentation method

You can select the presentation method (oral / poster) at the time of your

presentation. However, please note that we cannot always accommodate your request due to various logistical issues. If the method of presentation is not identified at the time of application, the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight, at its discretion, will assign a presentation method.

4. General information for oral presentations

Same amount of time is allocated for each oral presentation, and will be indicated in the meeting program. The time allocation is determined by the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight, and is based on the total amount of time allocated to oral presentations divided by the number of presentations.

5. General information for special topic sessions

- Special topic sessions are scheduled to take place on Day 1 (Thursday, May 21) and Day 4 (Sunday, May 24).
- The length of each presentation in a special topic session will be determined by the session conveners and will be indicated in the meeting program.
- The application deadline for a presentation in a special topic session is the same as that for a presentation in a general session (Tuesday, February 3 for on-line applications; Tuesday, January 27 for mail-in applications).
- Special topic session conveners will review the abstract submitted and will determine if the presentation can be given in one of the special topic sessions.
- If a submitted presentation is deemed not suitable for any of the special topic sessions, then the presentation will be considered for inclusion in a general session.
- For more information on the individual special topic sessions, please refer to “V. Themes and Objectives of Special Topic Sessions”.

6. General information for poster presentations

- Time allocated for poster presentations is approximately one hour. No other events will take place during the poster presentation sessions.
- Presenters are responsible for posting and removing their posters.
- Space allocated for each poster is approximately 210 cm (vertical) x 90 cm (horizontal). A poster does not necessarily have to consist of one sheet. It can be prepared on a number of small sheets and arranged on the poster board on the day of the presentation.

7. Use of equipment for your presentation

- For oral presentations (including ones in special topic sessions), a PC projector can be used. The use of any other visual equipment is not allowed.
- If you are planning to use a PC projector for your presentation, please note the following:
 - The presenter must bring his/her own PC. Only a projector and a connection cable will be provided in the presentation room.
 - The connection from your PC to the PC projector needs to be checked during the recess before your presentation session. If you are uncertain about the connection, please inform a staff member at that time.
 - In cases of equipment failure and/or connection problem between your PC and the PC projector, your presentation may be deferred to a later time in the session at the discretion of the chairperson. It is your responsibility to have a backup file on a portable medium for any unforeseen contingencies.
- If you wish to use an audio-visual equipment in the poster presentation hall, please let us know which equipment and how it is to be used at the time of your presentation application. This is necessary even if you have applied for an oral presentation, since it is possible that it may be changed to a poster presentation for various reasons associated with the logistical organization of the meeting program. We will attempt to accommodate your request within the logistical limitations of the presentation hall.

8. Other information

- The meeting program will appear in the April issue of *Tenki* and on the meeting website.
- Session chairs for the oral presentations are usually chosen from the presenters in each session. The Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight will take on the task of choosing candidates to be the chairpersons.

V. Themes and Objectives of Special Topic Sessions

1. Leading researches on the middle atmospheric sciences

New insights into the middle atmospheric sciences have been obtained by new observational instruments, high-resolution models, CCM-Val and CMIP5 experiments,

new theoretical studies, etc. As symbolized by increase of climate models including full stratosphere and the JMA numerical forecast model covering up to the mesopause, the middle atmosphere plays crucial roles in tropospheric climate variability with time scales of several days to 100 years. Recent studies also indicate that the middle atmosphere interacts with ocean and thermosphere. The purpose of this session is to discuss the latest knowledge and future perspective about the middle atmospheric sciences among researchers with broad meteorological areas. Note that topics focusing on the stratospheric Brewer-Dobson circulation are held in another session.

Conveners:

Yoshio Kawatani (Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology)

Kazuaki Nishii (Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, the University of Tokyo)

Takatoshi Sakazaki (Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere, Kyoto University)

Kaoru Sato (Department of Earth and Planetary Science, The University of Tokyo)

2. The stratospheric Brewer-Dobson circulation (BDC): Current challenges and future prospects

The stratospheric Brewer-Dobson circulation (BDC) has been an important topic in atmosphere sciences since it was discovered in 1950's. Because the BDC is a very slow Lagrangian-motion and is difficult to measure directly, the detailed structures of the BDC are not yet fully understood. Both natural climate variability and increasing anthropogenic greenhouse gases are considered to induce changes in the BDC. Further studies are still required to understand mechanisms driving and changing the BDC. The purpose of this session is to discuss the basis of our knowledge about the BDC and future prospects of related research in atmospheric and climate sciences. Studies based on theoretical, observational and modeling approaches are all encouraged.

Conveners:

Kazuyuki Miyazaki (Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology)

Takenari Kinoshita (National Institute of Information and Communications Technology)

Nawo Eguchi (Kyushu University)

Kunihiko Kodera (Nagoya University)

Toshiki Iwasaki (Tohoku University)

3. Current status and prospect on the meteorological research utilizing JMA data

In order to promote cooperative research between the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) that operates the state-of-the-art analysis/forecast systems and researchers who want to conduct a study using various data produced by JMA, “Meteorological Research Consortium” was established seven years ago under the agreement between the Meteorological Society of Japan and JMA. The consortium members promote the cooperative research in which valuable JMA products are utilized and return the results to the society by feeding back to the research and development of JMA.

In this session, we call for papers on (1) studies with output data of various kinds of numerical weather predictions (NWP), (2) studies with new observation/analysis data produced by JMA, and (3) related research and development of NWP models and data assimilation schemes. Contributions from non-members of the consortium are also welcome.

Conveners:

Hitoshi MUKOUGAWA (Kyoto University)

Yukari TAKAYABU (Tokyo University)

Yoshiaki SATO (Japan Meteorological Agency)

4. Future meteorology brought by the new generation geostationary meteorological satellites, Himawari-8

JMA's next generation geostationary meteorological satellite, Himawari-8, was successfully launched using H-IIA Launch Vehicle No. 25 on 7th October 2014 from the Tanegashima Space Center and JMA will start its operation in summer 2015. Himawari-8 carries an Advanced Himawari Imager with dramatically enhanced observation bands and higher spatial and temporal resolutions than ever before. It will produce over 50 times more data than the current satellite, and the information it outputs is expected to be beneficial in a wide variety of applications such as Nowcasting, Numerical Weather Prediction and enhanced environment monitoring. From the scientific viewpoint, Himawari-8 is a key satellite, in synergy with advanced polar orbit satellites, for the research on the atmospheric mechanism and for the analysis of

climate change. In 2011 Spring Meeting, we had already a Special Topic Session for this new satellite. After the meeting, there are many advances in research and development supposed to use the data from Himawari-8. The purposes of this session are to introduce the Himawari-8 at first, to overview the current research results and utilization plans related to the satellite, and to discuss its role for the future meteorology.

Conveners:

Kotaro Bessho (Meteorological Satellite Center, Japan Meteorological Agency)
Hiroshi Ishimoto (Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency)
Kozo Okamoto (Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency)
Hiromu Seko (Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency)
Takashi Nakajima (Tokai University)
Yoshiaki Honda (Chiba University, Center for Environmental Remote Sensing)
Takashi Maki (Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Meteorological Agency)
Takemasa Miyoshi (RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science)

5. Mountain weather/climate and their effects on environments

Effects by mountains on weather and climate vary depending on the scale of topography and background large-scale circulations. Recently, orographic effects on the meteorological disasters are frequently pointed out. Following to a session opened in 2010 with similar title, we are going to assemble cross-cutting topics, from atmosphere-land interaction to disaster countermeasures, in the mountainous areas. We welcome the topics not only for recent progress of meteorological observation, analysis, and simulation, but also the contents related to ecosystem or glaciology.

Conveners:

Kenichi Ueno (Faculty of Life and Environmental Science, University of Tsukuba)
Ichiro Tamagawa (River Basin Research Center, Gifu University)
Hironori Fudeyasu (Faculty of Education and Human Sciences, Yokohama National University)
Hiroaki Kawase (Atmospheric Environment and Applied Meteorology Research Department, Meteorological Research Institute)

6. Atmospheric and oceanographic data rescue and the application

Long-term observational and reanalysis data of atmosphere and oceans are desired for understanding secular climate changes and variations. Such data could enable us to learn accurate scientific views of recent big climate changes and to predict imminent future climate change with high reliability. Many observational records for past several hundreds years are likely stored in libraries, and have been unused. These data are a target of data rescue activity which has been conducted energetically by world-wide research communities. Moreover, atmospheric reanalyses for the 20th century have been produced by a couple of institutes using rich surface observations of pressure and ocean temperature. In this session, domestic and foreign researches related to these topics are reviewed and introduced, and the participants may find new ideas for climate study with newly available data.

Conveners:

Masumi Zaiki (Seikei University)

Hisayuki Kubota (Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology)

Masayoshi Ishii (Meteorological Research Institute)

7. Novel climate and weather researches opened by high-resolution global simulations

The innovation in computational technology for the last decade (e.g., the Earth Simulator, the K computer) has enabled significant increase of resolution in global climate model. Recently, the first climate simulation using a global nonhydrostatic model NICAM with the 14-km mesh size was realized, and the results are being analyzed. The post K computer era is coming, and the related discussions are ongoing. Considering these backgrounds, we are planning to have intensive discussion on the novel scientific topics of the climate and weather research including future perspectives suitable to the high-resolution global simulations. We call for speakers addressing “what has been obtained” and “what we seek for next” from the high-resolution global simulations. Frank discussion among participants in various research fields, including young generation, is highly encouraged.

Conveners:

Tomoe Nasuno (JAMSTEC)

Yoshiyuki Kajikawa (RIKEN)

Youichi Kamae (NIES)

Chihiro Kodama (JAMSTEC)
Tomonori Sato (Hokkaido University)
Masaki Satoh (AORI, the University of Tokyo)
Tomohiko Tomita (Kumamoto University)
Ryo Mizuta (MRI)

8. Plan for global atmosphere, land, cryosphere and hydrological observations by the “Global Climate Observation Mission” (GCOM)

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched a satellite project named the “Global Change Observation Mission” (GCOM) for the global and long-term observation of the Earth environment. The first satellite of GCOM (GCOM-W for Global water cycle observation) was successfully launched in May, 2012, and AMSR2 onboard GCOM-W has begun to obtain operational global data since July, 2012. The second GCOM satellite named “Global Change Observation Mission-Climate” (GCOM-C) is a satellite for climate studies and planned to be launched in Japanese fiscal year 2016. GCOM-C carries a multi-spectral optical radiometer named Second Generation Global Imager (SGLI), which will have special features of wide spectral coverage from 380nm to 12 μ m, a high spatial resolution of 250m, a field of view exceeding 1000km, two-direction simultaneous observation, and polarization observation. The GCOM-C mission aims to improve our knowledge on the global carbon cycle and radiation budget through high-accuracy observation of global vegetation, ocean color, temperature, cloud, aerosol, and snow and ice. In this session, current status of GCOM-W and GCOM-C will be reported. In addition, future applications of GCOM data to meteorological and climate studies will also be discussed.

Conveners:

Takashi Nakajima (Tokai University)
Yoshiaki Honda (Chiba University)
Taikan Oki (The University of Tokyo)
Kenlo Nasahara (University of Tsukuba)
Mitsuhiro Toratani (Tokai University)
Teruo Aoki (Meteorological Research Institute)
Murakami Hiroshi (JAXA)
Misako Kachi (JAXA)
Masahiro Hori (JAXA)

9. History and future status of weather radars in Japan

The history of weather radars in Japan during this sixty years is reviewed and its future status in both the operational and research aspects will be discussed in the following sections on invited and ordinal presentations;

- 1) History of weather radar of Japan, 2) Operational use of weather radar, 3) Research use of weather radar and 4) state-of-the-art weather radar technologies.

Conveners:

Masahito Ishihara (Kyoto University)

Yasushi Fujiyoshi (Hokkaido University)

Ryouzo Tatehira (Ex-Director General, Japan Meteorological Agency)

10. Understanding future weather in the East Asia: studies with multi-climate model outputs and various observations

Global warming not only brings an increase of the global mean surface temperature, but also has a potential to change the characteristics of various atmospheric phenomena, such as storm tracks, frequency and intensity of typhoons and extreme precipitation, etc., through changes of large scale circulation and atmospheric stratification. Especially for us living in the Asia, changes in precipitation characteristics are very important, which affect the safety of our lives, food productions, and even industrial productions.

CMIP5 multi model ensemble data have been collected for the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of IPCC. Various aspects of the projection of future climate can be analyzed by utilizing the CMIP5 ensemble. In this special session, we call for papers focusing on reproducibility of current climate and weather in the East Asia, and on their future projections, utilizing the CMIP5 ensemble data and various state-of-the-art observations. Studies aiming to understand mechanisms of future changes of weather in the East Asia are most welcome.

Conveners:

Yukari N. Takayabu (the University of Tokyo)

Hisashi Nakamura (the University of Tokyo)

Tomoaki Ose (MRI/JMA)

VI. Meeting Presentations by Non-Members

As a general rule, those who are not members of the Meteorological Society of Japan (MSJ) are not allowed to give presentations at MSJ meetings. However, we recognize that some foreign researchers on short stays or researchers from other academic disciplines may wish to give presentations at MSJ meetings. For this reason, the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight allows non-members to give presentations exclusively in the following cases:

1. A non-member is allowed to give a presentation if it is co-authored by an MSJ member. (Make sure that the name and affiliation of the co-author are indicated on the abstract.)
2. A presentation by a non-member in a special topic session is allowed at the discretion of the session convener.

The Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight urges those who intend to present at MSJ meetings on an ongoing basis to become MSJ members.

VII. Support for Workshops

The Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight will support, as best as it can, workshops that are independently conducted by MSJ members immediately before, during, and immediately after the meeting. To qualify for this support, the workshop must be open to all MSJ members. If you wish to receive support for your workshop, please send in your application to the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight (E-mail: kouenkikaku2015s@mri-jma.go.jp) with the following information:

- Required information:
1. Name and topic of the workshop
 2. Contact information for the representative
 3. Requested time, date, and venue
 4. Expected number of participants
 5. Requested support (e.g., facilities, equipment)

Deadline: Tuesday, February 3, 2015

VIII. Child-Care Support during the Meeting

The meeting executive committee suggests the following two child-care facilities for your use during the meeting:

1. Child Club Pensée

NS-1-102 and 106, Grand Palace, 1-21-3 Ninomiya, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-0051

Phone: 029-861-1500 FAX: 029-861-1700

<http://www.childclub.e-tsukuba.jp/index.htm>

2. Kids' House Tsukuba

1F 101, Palacious Tsukuba, 1-24-8 Ninomiya, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-0051

Phone: 0120-38-8373

<http://www.kids-house.jp/>

Detailed information about the child-care facilities can be obtained at their respective websites. Both of these child-care facilities are located near Tsukuba International Congress Center and near the Ninomiya 1-chome bus stop of the Minami Junkan Line of Kanto Tetsudo Bus. However, the bus service is not very convenient, since buses run only on hourly basis. The meeting executive committee is currently considering subsidizing part of the child-care cost. If you would like to request a child-care support for the usage of the above-mentioned or any other child care facilities, please contact Seiji Sugata either by email or by phone (see below). The deadline for inquiries is Thursday, April 16.

Contact Name: Seiji Sugata (National Institute for Environmental Studies)

Email: sugatas@nies.go.jp

Phone: 029-850-2457

IX. The Career Explorer Logo

1. Objective of the Career Explorer Logo

In recent years, career development among young researchers has become an important social issue. In order to address this issue, MSJ decided to introduce the use of "Career Explorer Logo" during the 2009 Autumn Meeting, with the explicit purpose of

supporting job search and recruiting activities among the MSJ members.

2. Career Explorer Illustration



By displaying the “Career Explorer Logo” in your proceedings manuscript or presentation materials, you can inform other MSJ members that you are currently seeking employment opportunities. Electronic versions of the illustration in both color and black-and-white are available on the MSJ homepage.

3. How to use the Logo

When postdoctoral researchers, students, or any other Society members who are seeking employment opportunities give presentations, they may use the “Career Explorer Logo” in their proceedings manuscript and/or presentation materials.

1. Proceedings manuscript: Insert the Logo to the left of the title of your presentation. Please make sure that the Logo is confined to its approved area on the page.
2. Oral presentation: Display the Logo in any highly visible location on the presentation material.
3. Poster presentation: Display the Logo in a highly visible location near the title of your presentation.

4. Caution against misuse of the Logo

1. The Logo can only be used in and for the lecture sessions hosted by MSJ and its members.
2. Refrain from any questions associated with the Logo during oral presentations.
3. The presenter takes full responsibility for the use of the Logo. MSJ is not responsible for any benefits or difficulties that might result from the use of the Logo.
4. The use of the Logo is not allowed outside the appropriateness and the purpose

of its intent, as defined by the Society.

X. Recruiting Booths

The Meteorological Society of Japan is introducing “recruiting booths” at meeting sites. This effort is intended to support career development of young researchers and researchers on fixed-term contracts. More specifically, the introduction of these recruiting booths is aimed at providing opportunities for MSJ members such as graduate student members and young researcher members on fixed-term contracts to find appropriate positions in the private sector. Recruiters from private corporations who came forward to participate in this program will be present for direct information exchange. No advance sign-up is required to attend the recruiting booth sessions.

The names of the participating corporations will be included in the meeting program.

Meteorological Society of Japan Rules and Regulations for Presentations at Spring and Autumn Meetings

The Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight Meteorological Society of Japan

1. Purpose of the Meetings

1.1 The Meteorological Society of Japan (MSJ) organizes MSJ Meetings twice a year, in spring and autumn, in order to promote and make progress on meteorological research, and to contribute to the general advancement of science. At these meetings, workshops and presentation sessions on meteorology are held.

2. Registration for the Meetings

2.1 Those who intend to give oral or poster presentations at the meeting (including guest speakers) are required to register their personal information through the meeting website, complete the conference registration, and make payment for the registration fee in advance.

2.2 In order to give presentations (oral and/or poster) at the meeting, all individuals other than guest speakers are required to submit an abstract, which needs to be

approved by the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight.

- 2.3 Registration of personal information and registration for the meeting are to be completed by the registrant. Contact information at which the registrant can be reached needs to be provided, and not that of a representative. Depending on the circumstances, the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight may need to contact the registrants for inquiries. Registration by a representative of the registrant is permitted only under exceptional circumstances in which registration by the registrant is difficult, such as: 1) registration from abroad, 2) registration for a foreign researcher, and/or 3) no access to available internet.

3. Abstract Preparation

- 3.1 As for the abstract formatting and other related matters, the information in the meeting announcement (posted on the meeting website) is to be followed.

4. Copyright Transfer

- 4.1 Copyright of the submitted abstract is transferred to the Meteorological Society of Japan, based on the decision that was taken by the Executive Committee of the Meteorological Society of Japan on January 29, 2013: "On reinforcement of copyright transfer for publications by the Meteorological Society of Japan".

5. Abstract Submission

- 5.1 The presenter is responsible for submitting his or her abstract by the designated date. The presenter must gain the approval of his or her co-authors before submitting an abstract. Abstract submission by a representative of the presenter is permitted only under exceptional circumstances in which submission by the presenter is not feasible, such as submission from abroad or by a foreign researcher. Finally, if a submission is made by a representative without the consent of the presenter, the abstract will not be accepted.
- 5.2 The maximum number of presentations allowed for each registered participant is 2 (including invited lectures).

6. Review

- 6.1 The Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight uses a peer review process to decide on the acceptance or rejection of submitted abstracts. Acceptance or rejection of the submitted abstracts is at the discretion of the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight. If the Committee on the Spring and Autumn

Meeting Oversight determines that the content of the abstract is inappropriate for presentation at the meeting for any reason including those listed below, the Committee reserves the right to reject the abstract.

1. The content of the presentation is plagiarized from the research results of others.
 2. The format of the abstract deviates significantly from the specified format.
 3. The content of the presentation is inappropriate from the perspective of social ethics.
 4. The content of the presentation defames specific individuals or organizations.
 5. The abstract submission is made for a purpose that deviates from the objective of the meeting.
 6. The content of the presentation is not well suited for the purpose of the meeting.
- 6.2 The Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight will determine the format of the presentation (oral or poster), while taking into consideration the request of the presenter.
- 6.3 If the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight rejects a submitted abstract, the Committee will notify the submitter of its decision along with the reasons for the rejection. In this case, the registration fee (or the difference in fee which arises from the resulting change in participation classification) will be refunded.
- 6.4 If the submitter disagrees with the reasons for the rejection of the submitted abstract, the submitter is entitled to only one petition for re-examination of the rejected abstract.

7. Re-Examination

- 7.1 When petitioning for re-examination of a rejected abstract, please submit the following information to the office of the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight: the name and contact information of the petitioner, the presentation title, the author name(s), and a statement for the reasons the petitioner believes that the abstract should be re-examined (the format of the petition is left to the discretion of the petitioner).
- 7.2 Petitions for abstract re-examination are to be submitted by mail and need to be received at the office of the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight within 7 days, including the day the notification of the rejection of the abstract was received by the presenter.
- 7.3 When petitioning for re-examination of a rejected abstract, any modification of the abstract is not permitted. The Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting

Oversight will conduct a re-examination procedure and notify the petitioner of the result of the re-examination (acceptance / rejection).

8. Modification and Cancellation of an Accepted Abstract

- 8.1 No modification to the presentation format, the presentation title, or the content of an abstract is allowed after its acceptance.
- 8.2 If the cancellation of a scheduled presentation is necessary due to unavoidable circumstances such as illness, a cancellation request needs to be made immediately to the Committee on the Spring and Autumn Meeting Oversight. When the presentation is cancelled, the registration fee will not be refunded.