

Training Institute on Climate and Health

7-18 November, 2011 - Montevideo, Uruguay

The International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), Mercosur's Intergovernmental Commission for Environmental Health and Labor, and the Pan American Health Organization are pleased to announce a training course entitled "Climate Information for Public Health."

The course will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay from November 7 to November 18. It is open to climate and health professionals particularly from the Mercosur region, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Course description

This two-week course is designed to increase awareness, understanding, and the ability to manage climate-related impacts on health. The course will improve local and regional capacity to use climate information for health-related interventions in Mercosur countries. The training course will also address proposal preparation and the grant administration of international projects. Participants will begin developing multinational and multidisciplinary project proposals during the course. This activity contributes to the Mercosur Strategy to Protect Human Health from Climate Change, agreed by Ministers of Health in 2009.

The course will involve lectures, exercises, and a final project. The lectures are geared toward a progressive understanding of climate. Participants will also learn practical methods for integrating climate knowledge and information into health-related decision-making processes; they will improve their ability to understand, anticipate, and mitigate the impacts of climate in the health sector and develop proposal-writing skills.

Application Process

Applicants must provide a short curriculum vitae, describe their interest and motivation for participating in the course and explain how the course will connect to the applicant's area of work or study. Applications can be submitted in English or Spanish. A letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged.

Applications must be submitted by **August 29, 2011**; incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered. Only online applications will be accepted. Only 25 applicants will be selected, so it is recommended that applications be sent as early as possible. Decisions will be communicated to all applicants by mid-September, 2011. For more information, and to apply, please visit:

<http://iaibr1.iai.int/TrainingOpportunities/IAIclimatehealth2011TI>

Limited support is available for travel. Priority will be given to professionals and young scientists coming from the health and climate sectors from the Mercosur countries.

For more information, please contact: IAIclimatehealth2011TI@dir.iai.int

Course Modules

1. Basic concepts in climate (temporal and spatial scales; forecasts and weather prediction)
2. Basic concepts in public health (climate change impacts on public health; public health surveillance; climate and development)
3. Tools and methods in analysis of climate and public health (time series, cluster analyses, remote sensing, data library, map rooms)
4. Using climate information in health-related decision-making (vulnerability analysis and risk mapping)
5. Presenting project proposals



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