

**AGU Precipitation Committee Meeting**  
2002 Spring Meeting, Washington DC  
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**Participants**

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**AGU Meeting Planning**

2002 Fall Meeting (San Francisco)

The following special sessions will be sponsored by the Precipitation Committee:

- Interannual Variability of the Hydrologic Cycle (Praveen Kumar and Upmanu Lall)
- Incorporating Climate Variability Information in Water Resources Decision Making (Balaji Rajagopalan and Allen Bradley)
- Orographic Precipitation (Timothy Lang and Ana P. Barros)
- Modeling and Observation of Precipitation (Allen Bradley and Jeff McCollum)

All sessions are listed on the committee web page (<http://www.iihr.uiowa.edu/~precip/>). There will be co-sponsorship for some or all of these sessions by the Atmospheric Sciences Section, Biogeosciences Section, Focus Group on Nonlinear Geophysics, Committee on Surface Water, and Policy Science.

The major concern for the Fall 2002 Meeting is *space*—the convention center in San Francisco is under construction, which results in approximately 20% reduction of the available space. Space will be allocated proportional to the number of submitted abstracts. There will only be space for roughly 1 half-day oral session per committee, the rest will be poster. This triggered an animated, yet inconclusive discussion of oral vs. poster presentations. Some felt that announcing a session as poster right away may potentially prevent some senior colleagues from submitting an abstract to that session, because they don't like to be confined to the neighborhood of their poster for many hours. Others were of the opinion that poster presentations generate much more in-depth discussion and feedback than typically achieved by oral presentations. It was decided to attempt a close coordination among the session conveners when outlining the sessions based on the abstracts received.

2003 Spring Meeting (Nice, France)

The following special sessions are tentatively sponsored by the Precipitation Committee:

- Climate Impacts on the Management of Present and Future Water Systems (Rick Lawford)
- Continental Scale Water and Energy Budgets (John Roads and Ronald Stewart)
- Remote Sensing of Precipitation (Remko Uijlenhoet and Matthias Steiner)

The coordination between the American (AGU) and European (EGS) program committees is still in its childhood and a lot of things are in a state of flux. For example, session proposals on similar topics will be combined into a single session call with conveners from both sides of the Atlantic. Session proposals will be listed on the committee web page; however, changes are to be expected in the near future.

2003 Fall Meeting (San Francisco)

There will likely be no committee meeting in Nice, because only a few members may attend the AGU/EGS Spring 2003 Meeting. Thus, session proposals for the AGU Fall 2003 Meeting will

have to be handled by email. Please forward your session proposals to the Chair of the Precipitation Committee ([msteiner@princeton.edu](mailto:msteiner@princeton.edu)).

#### 2004 Spring Meeting (Montreal, Canada)

Please start also thinking about potential session topics for the AGU Spring 2004 Meeting and forward ideas or proposals to the Chair of the Precipitation Committee ([msteiner@princeton.edu](mailto:msteiner@princeton.edu)).

#### **Committee Web Site**

Allen Bradley has reworked the web site of the Precipitation Committee. The new design enables improved navigation of the web pages.

We are looking for great pictures to decorate the home page. Please forward your award-winning images to Allen Bradley ([allen-bradley@uiowa.edu](mailto:allen-bradley@uiowa.edu)).

We will add links to precipitation-related conferences and field experiments/programs to the web pages. There was also a suggestion to list recent precipitation-related abstracts/papers, possibly using tools to search the AGU database for papers based on keywords.

#### **Committee Membership**

Suggestions for new members should be directed to the Chair of the Precipitation Committee ([msteiner@princeton.edu](mailto:msteiner@princeton.edu)). We are particularly looking for younger colleagues who would like to play an active role on the committee. On the other hand, if you would like to retire from the committee, please inform the chair promptly so that the membership list can be kept up-to-date. Thank you.

#### **Committee Activities**

No specific activities were discussed.