

15th International Conference on  
Harmonisation within Atmospheric  
Dispersion Modelling for Regulatory Purposes  
6-9 May 2013, Madrid, Spain

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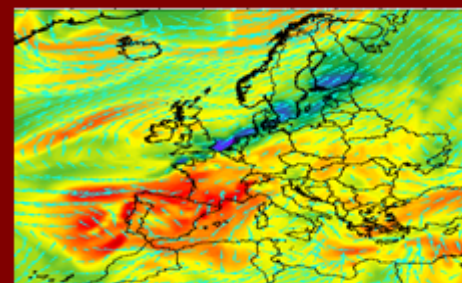
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## Audience

The 15th International conference on Harmonisation within Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling for Regulatory Purposes is aimed towards model developers, model users, environmental protection agencies, and environmental legislation experts. What distinguishes this conference from many others is its focus on common tools and methodologies.

## Focus of the conference

The series of international conferences on Harmonisation within Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling for Regulatory Purposes is concerned with the improvement of "modelling culture" both in Europe and at an international level.

Dispersion modelling is widely used for regulatory purposes, both for permits and for assessments, but there is a lack of sufficient mechanisms to make modelling processes transparent and generally to ensure trust in modelling results.

There are many aspects of this such as: ensuring that models are scientifically sound; model validation; guidance to ensure proper use of models; promotion of good practices and elimination of bad practices; quality assurance with respect to model development; establishment of reference problems; comparability of input and output; ensuring proper exchange of experiences.

Such issues that are not specific for one particular model, but common to several, are in focus at the 15th International conference on Harmonisation within Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling for Regulatory Purposes.

The conference is a natural forum for discussing modelling issues related to the European Union air quality directives. European networks such as the FAIRMODE network may find the conference useful in order to expose their work to a wider audience.

The entire series of Harmonisation conferences is the result of an initiative launched in 1991 (see [www.harmo.org](http://www.harmo.org)). The conferences have a role as a forum where participating model users and decision-makers can bring their requirements to the attention of scientists.

## Call for abstracts

Abstracts of contributions to the conference are invited. There will be both oral presentations and poster sessions. An award for the best poster presentations by young researchers is foreseen. Short abstracts (no more than 350 words) should be submitted by October 2, 2012 with an indication of a chosen topic from the list below. The abstracts should be sent only via the abstract submission form found in the conference home page:

<http://www.harmo.org/harmo15/abstracts>

The contributions should fit to the requirements of the focus area of the conference as outlined above.

Sessions will be organised within the following topics:

- Model evaluation and quality assurance - model validation, model intercomparisons, model uncertainties and model sensitivities
- Environmental impact assessment: Air pollution management and decision support systems
- Use of modelling in support of EU air quality directives
- Meso-scale meteorology and air quality modelling
- Urban scale and street canyon modelling: Meteorology and air quality
- Use of modelling in exposure assessments
- Inverse dispersion modelling and source identification
- Modelling air dispersion and exposure to accidental releases

The basic criteria when selecting papers for oral presentations is how well they fit into the philosophy of developing an improved modelling culture where modellers as well as regulators and users will efficiently use each other's experience.

Special sessions may be arranged on model evaluation exercises and other topics within the scope of the conference. Work is underway to post new and additional data for several tracer dispersion experiments, including: EPRI Kincaid, EPRI Bull Run, Round Hill and Project Prairie Grass. Conference participants are invited to use these data. There is more information on the data at [www.harmo.org/NewClassicDatasets](http://www.harmo.org/NewClassicDatasets) Details on special sessions and exercises will be posted later.

## Location

The Conference will take place in Madrid, Computer Science School, Technical University of Madrid (UPM), Campus de Montegancedo, Boadilla del Monte, 28660 Madrid (Spain), on May 6-9, 2013. (<http://www.fi.upm.es/?id=comollegar&idioma=english>)

The city of Madrid, with its cosmopolitan air and its growing amount of tourists who visit it the whole year round, still is the open city it has always been and its well known night life has not lost any of its vitality. This modern air harmoniously contrasts with its important old quarters and its cultural traditions.

The Community of Madrid is a destination as well as a million other things. For many centuries a meeting point, it offers a great deal of cultural, leisure and entertainment activities to please millions of people who visit it every year. Its great transportation network makes getting around to any place you wish easy and quick, adding to this the best and most exclusive hotel accommodation network.

Tradition and vanguard live together harmoniously, welcoming a dynamic and modern society. The Community of Madrid is a must if you want to get to know the Spanish culture.

If there is one thing, however, that characterizes Madrid, it is the deep, contagious passion for life reflected in its friendly, welcoming people. Madrid boasts concerts, exhibitions, ballets, select theatre productions, and the latest cinematographic releases. You can sample a wide variety of the finest Spanish and international cuisine or be enchanted by its bars and taverns. These are just some of Madrid's leisure alternatives, alongside tempting shopping in the most traditional establishments and world-famous outlets stocking the finest international brands.

The Airport of Madrid "Barajas" is strategically located in the centre of Spain, 12 kilometres from the city centre. It is Spain's busiest airport and an excellent hub for international connections

The conference registration form, accommodation forms and other relevant information as well as abstract registration can be found at the following address

<http://www.harmo.org/harmo15>

Please indicate your interest by signing up at the conference web site now. This is not a binding registration, but ensures that you will receive e-mails with updated information

## Important Dates

- Now: Sign up at the conference web site in order to receive e-mails with updated information
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- Confirmation for acceptance of contributions will be made by January 10, 2013.
- Five-page extended abstracts should be submitted by March 22, 2013-

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