

NATO Advanced Study Institute Seasonal to Interannual Climate Variability – its Prediction and Impact on Society – Gallipoli (Italy), 23 May – 3 June 2005

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Seasonal to Interannual Climate Variability - its Prediction and Impact on Society -

The objective of this ASI is twofold. The first is to expose the four main components of seasonal to interannual climate forecasting systems along with several illustrative examples for each component:

- A Generation of initial conditions for dynamical model forecasts
- B Dynamical models and their coupling
- C Statistical modelling, calibration and model output assessment
- D Application of forecast products to specific users with emphasis on applications related to security.

The second is to offer a judgment of the limitations and prospects of seasonal to interannual climate forecasting systems. Ways to improve the communications between modellers, forecasters, and applications experts in order to more effectively obtain potential benefits for this emerging science will also be addressed.

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Opening	Gen. Roberto Sorani On. Lorenzo Ria Sen. Maria Rosaria Manieri
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A1	Dr Joe Tribbia
A2	Dr Alberto Troccoli
B1	Prof Paul Schopf
B2	Prof Brian Hoskins
B3	Dr Antonio Navarra
C1	Dr Omar Baddour
C2	Dr David Stephenson

С3	Dr Simon Mason
D1	Dr Mike Harrison
D2	Dr Abdallah Mokssit
D3	Dr Paul Llanso
D4	Dr Michael Glantz
CONC	Dr Michael Coughlan
Panel Sessions Chair	Dr Jim Williams
WM0	Mr Penehuro Lefale
FSU	Prof James O'Brien

Timetable of extra-curricular activities

Most of these activities are kindly offered by the Province of Lecce.

Date	Time	Programme
Man 22 May	21.30–21.45	Welcome by Ing. Antonio Rizzo (Lecce Province)
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Mad 25 May	18.00–19.00	Dinner at Le Sirene'
vveu 25 iviay	19.30–22.30	Visit to Gallipoli
Fri 27 May	20.30-23.00	Music evening
Set 20 May	14.30-20.30	Visit to Lecce
Sat 28 May	21.00-22.00	Dinner at Le Sirene'
	9:00-13.00	Visit to Otranto.
	13.30–14.30	Lunch at Le Sirene'
	16.30–19.00	Visit to Leuca
Sun 29 May 19.00-21.0		Dinner at "Le Bagnarole" (Leuca) accompanied by a degustation lecture
	21.00–22.30	Spectacle of folk music and dance, typical of the Salento area, by the Ariacorte group
	23.00	Return to Le Sirene'
Tuo 21 May	17.45–20.00	Visit to the Grecia Salentina
Tue ST May	20.00-21.00	Dinner at Le Sirene'
Thu 2 June	20.30-23.00	Farewell evening with music at Le Sirene'

Opening / welcome lectures

- 8.30–8.45 Gen. Roberto Sorani
- 8.45–9.00 Sen. Maria Rosaria Manieri
- 9.00–9.15 On. Lorenzo Ria

Overview — Prof David Anderson

9.30-10.15 Lecture OVa — The basis for seasonal forecasting

- Interaction between the atmosphere and ocean
- Implications for forecasting
- El Niño, impacts on the global climate, teleconnections, EQSOI, thermocline adjustments
- Hurricane prediction
- Dealing with uncertainty and chaos (the need for ensembles)

11.00-11.45 Lecture OVb — Pedagogical models of the coupled system

- The idea of reduced gravity
- Internal Kelvin and planetary waves
- Simple ideas of how ENSO might work
- Dealing with a fast and slow system
- The possible role of the intraseasonal oscillation and westerly wind bursts

WMO Lecture — Mr Penehuro Lefale

12.00-12.45 The World Climate Programme of WMO: Linking climate science to society

- Improvement in the ability to forecast climatic variations
- Understanding physical processes driving the climate system
- Role of the WMO World Climate Programme
- Climate information and prediction services
- Current international climate activities

Overview — Prof David Anderson

14.00-14.45 Lecture OVc – Coupled model forecasts

- The ingredients of a forecast system
- The importance of the ocean state
- How to create an ensemble of forecasts
- Different strategies for initialising coupled forecasts

15.00-15.45 Lecture OVd — Evaluation of forecasts

- Different metrics
- Multi-model approach
- Comparing physical models with statistical models of ENSO
- Nonlinear transfer relations from meteorology to applications

Module A — Initial conditions preparation via data assimilation

Atmospheric data assimilation — Dr Joe Tribbia

16.15-17.00 Lecture Ala – Historical perspective

- Text book vs reality of model start-up
- First attempts interpolation (Doos, Cressman)
- Statistical ideas (Eliassen, Gandin)
- Multivariate OI
- Variational methods and Kalman Filter

17.15-18.00 **Lecture Alb** — Statistical and variational methods

- Relationship between statistical and variational methods
- Statistical perspective: OI to KF
- Variational perspective: 3-D Var and 4-D Var
- 20.30-21.30 **Dinner**
- 21.30-21.45 Welcome by Ing. Antonio Rizzo
- 21.45-23.00 Welcome evening with music

Tuesday 24 May

Atmospheric data assimilation — Dr Joe Tribbia

8.30-9.15 **Lecture Alc** — Balance issues

- Balance Issues: Normal Mode and NNMI
- The slow manifold
- Variational Constraints

Ocean data assimilation — Dr Alberto Troccoli

9.30-10.15 **Lecture A2a** — Observations and assimilation methods for the ocean

- A digression on data assimilation: its relevance on every-day decisions
- Comparison of observations in the ocean and the atmosphere
- Methods used by prediction centres for preparing ocean initial conditions
- Other more advanced methods available

11.00-11.45 **Lecture A2b** — Impact of assimilation on seasonal to interannual climate predictions

- Comparison of available oceanic initial conditions
- · Evolution of oceanic features during the forecasts
- Impact of data assimilation on seasonal to interannual climate predictions skill
- What assimilation methods are going to be used in the medium term for initialising the ocean?
- Can we cost/benefit assimilation methods using forecast skill as our metric?

Atmospheric / Coupled data assimilation — Dr Joe Tribbia

12.00-12.45 Lecture Ald — Current / Future Methods

- Ensemble Filters
- Variational/Ensemble mixes
- Coupled data assimilation: arguments for and against
- Climate drift and systematic biases

Module B — Dynamical models and their coupling

Atmospheric models — Prof Brian Hoskins

14.00-14.45 Lecture B2a — Basic atmospheric processes

- Basic parameters and balanced motion
- Zonally averaged circulation
- Rossby waves
- Response to orographic forcing
- Response to large-scale thermal forcing
- Monsoons & subtropical; anticyclones
- Intra-seasonal oscillation, equatorial waves and tropical cyclones

15.00-15.45 **Lecture B2b** — Atmospheric models and tests of their performance

- Basic equations and computational schemes
- Parametrization
- Tests of climate performance with specified boundary conditions
- Weather forecasting test

Coupled models — Dr Antonio Navarra

- 16.15-17.00 **Lecture B3a** The Zen and the art of coupled general circulation models (*I*)
 - Main actors and casting
 - Implementation and major components
- 17.15–18.00 **Lecture B3b** The Zen and the art of coupled general circulation models (II):
 - Forecasting
 - Space and time variations of predictability
 - The role of scale interaction: MJO and predictions.
 - Are we too much obsessed by the tropics ?
- 19.00-20.00 Dinner

FREE EVENING

Wednesday 25 May

Ocean models — Prof Paul Schopf

8.30-9.15 **Lecture Bla** — What they can and can not simulate on seasonal to interannual timescales

- Essential physics of the tropical oceans
 - Thermocline, mixed layer, advection, entrainment, heating
- Brief survey of ENSO mechanisms
 - Bjerknes, delayed oscillator, recharge, advective, western Pacific (short, to illustrate ocean proc-esses)
- Model hierarchy
 - Shallow water, Cane-Zebiak, 2 ¹/2 layer, Poseidon & Gent-Cane, OGCMS z- and hybrid coordinates
 - what processes they capture
 - what processes they omit
 - where will improvements come?
- Relationship between ocean models and theory
 - How each model in the hierarchy works and why going up the tree is not always better

9.30-10.15 **Lecture Blb** — Strategies for re-ducing errors in ocean models

- Anomaly models vs. GCMs
- Controlling drift explicitly or through data assimilation
- Mixing and Entrainment
- What we know, what we don't know
- Turbulence models, mixed layers, deep-cycle turbulence, internal waves and mixing
- Mixing heat vs. momentum
- Resolution, tropical instability waves, shallow recirculations, small scale air-sea feedbacks

Coupled models — Dr Antonio Navarra

11.00-11.45 Lecture B3c — Sources of Predictability

- Measuring predictability
- SST induced variations
- Separation of variance and other techniques

12.00-12.45 Lecture B3d — A future for seasonal forecasts

- Strategies for reducing coupled model errors
- Views on the efficacy and limitations of future coupled models for seasonal prediction

Problem Module A

14.00-14.45 **Problem Presentation** — Dr Alberto Troccoli

- 15.00-15.45 Practising time
- 16.15-17.00 Practising time
- 18.00-19.00 **Dinner**
- 19.30-22.30 Visit to Gallipoli

Thursday 26 May

Atmospheric models — Prof Brian Hoskins

8.30–9.15 **Lecture B2c** — Model performance

- Extra-tropics
 - Seasonal means
 - Storm-tracks
 - Blocking
- Tropics
 - Seasonal means
 - Diurnal variation of convection
 - Monsoons
 - Variability

9.30–10.15 Lecture B2d — Prospects for improving models

- Computational schemes
- Diagnosis of observed and model data
- Single time-step
- Aqua-planet integrations
- Parametrization development
 - Use of cloud resolving models
 - Very high-resolution models
 - New approaches
- Interaction of dynamics & physics

Ocean models — Prof Paul Schopf

11.00-11.45 **Lecture Blc** — Limitations and strategies for future development

- Shallow tropical cells and the maintenance of the "cold tongue"
- Is the cold tongue bias a problem in equatorial ocean mixing or broad scale?
- On the relationship between cold tongue heat fluxes and mid-latitudes
- What causes ENSO variability?
- Predicting the predictability is there a relationship between the mean state and ENSO?
- Does the mean state change ENSO?
- Does ENSO change the mean state?
- Can the skill of ENSO forecasting be deduced *a priori*?

12.00-12.45 Lecture Bld — Sources of variability in ENSO

- Sources of variability in ENSO: nonlinear, chaotic, damped or stochastically forced system?
- Where do the uncertainty come from?
- Implications on the predictability and loss of predictive skill
- "Interactive ensemble" strategy for identifying the role of "noise" in predictability
- Consequences of Cane's non-linear view vs Flugel and Chang's stochastic view.

Problem Module B

14.00–14.45 **Problem Presentation** — Prof David Anderson

- 15.00-15.45 Practising time
- 16.15–17.00 Practising time
- 19.00-20.00 **Dinner**

Panel session — Dr Jim Williams

20.30–22.00 THEME: General circulation models (GCMs): prospects and limitations for seasonal to interannual climate forecasting

Module C — Statistical modelling, calibration and model output assessment

Statistical Modelling — Dr Omar Baddour

- 8.30–9.15 **Lecture Cla** Statistical models as a complement and/or an alternative to dynamical models
 - Need for using statistical models
 - · Scientific basis of statistical models for seasonal forecast
 - · Opportunities for using statistical models in seasonal forecast
- 9.30–10.15 **Lecture Clb** A selection of statistical models and an overview of their uses
 - Mutliple linear regression (MLR) as typical method for statistical modelling in seasonal forecast
 - Steps for building a sound MLR model
 - Other Methods

Calibration — Dr David Stephenson

11.00–11.45 Lecture C2a — Introduction to Probability Forecasting

- Reasons for why we should issue probability forecasts
- Types of probability forecast
- Frequentist and subjective interpretations of probability
- · Joint and conditional probabilities
- The Prosecutor's fallacy

12.00–12.45 **Lecture C2b** — Bayesian probability forecasts for binary events

- Unbelievable frequentist estimates
- Subjective estimates using Bayes' theorem
- Bayesian estimation that uses prior information
- Example of ensemble forecasts with different priors

Problem Module A

14.00–14.45 Problem Solution by select groups of participants

Problem Module B

- 15.00–15.45 Problem Solution by select groups of participants
- 19.00-20.00 Dinner
- 20.30-23.00 Music evening

Saturday 28 May

Statistical Modelling — Dr Omar Baddour

- 8.30–9.15 **Lecture Clc** Comparison of forecasts from statistical and dynamical models
 - Examples for Africa
- 9.30–10.15 **Lecture Cld** Options for future development of statistical models
 - Scientific and technical side
 - Capacity building issues
 - Other issues

Model Output Assessment — Dr Simon Mason

11.00–11.45 Lecture C3a — One-tiered vs two-tiered forecasting

- Definitions
- Reasons for two-tiered forecasting
- Problems with two-tiered forecasts
- Alternatives

12.00–12.45 Lecture C3b — Systematic model error correction

- Simple mean and variance bias corrections
- Correcting for forecast accuracy
- Correcting for spatial errors
- 14.30-20.30 Visit to Lecce
- 21.00-22.00 Dinner at Le Sirene'

Monday 30 May

Calibration — Dr David Stephenson

8.30–9.15 **Lecture C2c** — Bayesian calibration and combination

- Calibration and combination issues
- A conceptual framework for forecasting
- Forecast Assimilation
- Example 1 Nino-3.4 index forecasts
- Example 2 Equatorial Pacific sea surface temperatures
- Example 3 South American precipitation forecasts

9.30–10.15 Lecture C2d — Verification of Probability Forecasts

- Scores (loss functions) for binary forecasts
 - Mean Absolute, Brier, and logarithmic scores
 - Propriety and equitability
 - Scores for other types of probability forecast

Model Output Assessment — Dr Simon Mason

11.00–11.45 Lecture C3c — Introduction to downscaling

- Reasons for downscaling
- Spatial vs temporal downscaling
- Dynamical vs statistical downscaling
- MOS and perfect prog
- Examples

12.00–12.45 Lecture C3d — Multi-model ensembling

- Multi-model ensembling vs large-ensembles from single models
- Comparison of various approaches: pooling, regressionbased weights, Bayesian weighting
- Bayesian estimation that uses prior information
- Example of ensemble forecasts with different priors

Problem Module C

- 14.00–14.45 **Problem Presentation** Dr Simon Mason
- 15.00–15.45 Practising time
- 16.15–17.00 Practising time
- 19.00-20.00 **Dinner**

FREE EVENING

Module D — Application of forecast products to specific users with emphasis on applications related to security

S-I Predictions – An Overview of its role in decision making — Dr Mike Harrison

8.30–9.15 **Lecture DIa** — Broad background to the management and social structures

- The relationships between climate variability and climate change, and the role of applications
- Decision frameworks requirements for climate information from the user perspective
- Language and communications the ease with which climatologists and users

9.30–10.15 Lecture DIb — Delivery of forecasts to users

- The presentation of forecast information
- Verification, its presentation and role in applications
- The role of data alongside predictions
- The history and status of Regional Climate Outlook Forums
- Delivery to remote communities RANET

Regional approach and its evaluation — Dr Abdallah Mokssit

11.00–11.45 **Lecture D2a** — The genesis of the Long Range Forecast need in North African region and in a country like Morocco

- Geographical, climatological and economical context
- Potential of seasonal forecasts for North Africa
- Seasonal forecast as a tool for decision making in sectors such as water resource management, agricultural campaign monitoring, cereals purchases planning.

12.00–12.45 **Lecture D2b** — The Scientific Research followed to reach that needs

- Running GCM for climate predictions over Mediterranean countries
- North Atlantic oscillation and its correlation with Moroccan rainfall

Applications of S-I forecasts to the health sector — Dr Paul Llanso

14.00–14.45 **Lecture D3a** — Identifying the basic relationships between climate and the health outcomes

- Significance of climate information to health
- Health terminology
- Some climate/health relationships
- Partnerships between climate experts and their health counterparts

15.00–15.45 Lecture D3b – Digging and cleaning needed datasets

- Finding data climatic; health related
- Overcoming problems

Problem Module C

- 16.15–17.00 Problem Solution by select groups of participants
- 17.45-20.00 Visit to the Grecia Salentina
- 20.00-21.00 **Dinner**

S-I Predictions – An Overview of its role in decision making — Dr Mike Harrison

8.30–9.15 **Lecture DIc** — *History and current status of applications*

- The role of indigenous knowledge
- Optimal benefits for American corn
- 'Prediction' using data alone

Climate-related decision making under uncertainty — Dr Michael Glantz

9.30–10.15 Lecture D4a — Early warning systems (EWS)

- Role of Governments for EWS
- All governments need EWSs more then they realize
- Early warning systems must be viewed holistically
- 11.00–11.45 **Lecture D4b** El Niño knowledge for early warning and sustainable development
 - Potential impacts on people, infrastructure and ecosystems
 - Mid- to long-range planning
 - El-Niño forecasts as supplement to local knowledge of climate-society-environment interactions

Applications of S-I forecasts to the health sector — Dr Paul Llanso

12.00–12.45 **Lecture D3c** — Demonstration of an application

- Statement of the health outcome and the suspected climate relationship
- Analysis of data
- Evaluation of result
- Development of an operational service
- Evaluation of the service

FSU Lecture — Prof James O'Brien

14.00-14.45 Mitigating ENSO effects in Florida for agriculture and wild fires

- ENSO signal in Florida
- Mitigable impacts of ENSO in Florida
- Methods to mitigate:
 - Wild fires, oranges, strawberries, potatoes, hay, fish ponds, severe freezes, etc.

$\label{eq:regional approach and its evaluation} \mbox{ — Dr Abdallah Mokssit}$

15.00–15.45 **Lecture D2c** — Development of tools and forecast products and elaboration of the monthly bulletin in the discussion-validation process

- Creation of 5 regions for Morocco
- Definition of model derived indices for precipitation
- Compilation of the advanced international centers LRF outputs with the local product to come with a concluding synthesis
- Establishment of the negotiation process with users trough simple exchange as well as specialized workshops.

16.15–17.00 **Lecture D2d** — Evaluation of the scores and improvement of the process

- Auto-verification task to measure the added value of the LRF products
- External user evaluations
- Added value of the LRF on the decision making in water resource and reforestation sector
- Quality of the forecasting of winters, on Morocco, of one system of ensemble forecasting: DEMETER project

19.00-20.00 **Dinner**.

Panel session — Dr Jim Williams

20.30–22.00 THEME: Are seasonal forecast users benefitting from the extra information coming from GCMs?

Thursday 2 June

Applications of S-I forecasts to the health sector — Dr Paul Llanso

- 8.30–9.15 Lecture D3d Establishing operational services
 - User-directed investigation of target health outcomes
 - Survey of operational services
 - Resources

Climate-related decision making under uncertainty — Dr Michael Glantz

9.30–10.15 **Lecture D4c** — Flashpoints as an approach to understanding environmental stresses

- Incremental changes to the environment
- Consequences of the build up incremental changes
- Thresholds of change: the "flashpoints"
- Areas of Concern (AOCs), hotspots, flashpoints, and firepoints

11.00–11.45 **Lecture D4d** — Climate Affairs: A holistic approach to climate issue

- Society is now an integral part of the global climate sys-tem
- Educating educators about "Climate Affairs" broadens their perspective on the importance of climate-related in-formation
- Climate Ethics is an important component of Climate Affairs

S-I Predictions – An overview of its role in decision making — Dr Mike Harrison

12.00–12.45 **Lecture DId** — Future of services incorporating seasonal to interannual predictions

- Flagship projects and future developments
- Environmental stresses
- Issues of ownership
- Regional Climate Centres

Problem Module D

- 14.00–14.45 **Problem Presentation** Dr Simon Mason
- 15.00–15.45 Practising time
- 16.15–17.00 Problem solution by select groups of participants
- 19.30-20.30 Dinner
- 20.30-23.00 Farewell evening with music at Le Sirene'

Friday 3 June

Conclusions — Dr Michael Coughlan

8.30–9.15 **Lecture COa** — Climate Variability and Change: the overlaps and the differences

- Distinguishing climate variability and climate change
- Mitigation and adaptation
- The politics of climate variability and the politics of climate change

9.30–10.15 **Lecture COb** — Summing up the Programme

- What do we know? What don't we know?
- Where will we see further progress?
- How do we best put it altogether?

Panel session — Dr Jim Williams

11.00-13.00 Theme: How can we improve communication between modellers, forecasters, and application specialists

13.00–13.15 Arrivederci speech — Dr Alberto Troccoli

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'Il Salento' is the peninsular better known as the heel of Italy. It comprises the provinces of Lecce, Brindisi and Taranto and has history by the bucket, as well as 80% of Puglia's 829 km of coast.

It once extended over a bigger territory, stretching as far as Matera in Basilicata. Called 'Terre d'Otranto' the Greek towns of Otranto, Nardò, Galatina and Gallipoli dominated the thousands of small villages along the coast and those dispersed in the interior. Interestingly, a grotto was found last century near Porto Badisco. It was here that the prehistoric inhabitants of Salento sought refuge. Their presence can be confirmed by many

hand paintings made of bat droppings or 'guano' on the inner walls. Thankfully, the Cretans arrived from across the Mediterranean and the history of Salento took a culturally upward shift. They founded Lecce and the city remains the cultural soul of Salento.

For Salento, the annual mean temperature is 17°C. With the humid, warm scirocco wind coming from the south the average can rise to 25°C. In other words, it's mild to hot throughout the year. The coast is a mix of rocky then sandy stretches. For the sandy bits try San Cataldo, San Foca and Torre dell'Orso and Ugento. For the rocky stretches try Santa Cesarea, Santa Maria di Leuca, Castro, Tricase and Gagliano del Capo. Take your choice, but nothing can beat a dive into the crystal clear waters from a sun bathed (lowish) cliff.

There are seven types of museum in Salento. They are classed as 'Archeologici', 'Artistici', 'Artistico-Archeologici', 'Demo-Etno-Antropologici', 'Naturalistici', 'Tecnico-Scientifici' and 'Specializzati'. The best are the 'Museo Civico' for all things Magna Grecia and the 'Museo Archelogico Provinciale', both at Lecce. Also of note is the Museum of Pre-Classical Civilization in Puglia at Ostuni. Here the remains of the oldest 'mother' in the world can be found. Over 20,000 years old, the woman was seemingly sacrificed in a cavern in the city along with her unborn baby. . . Very grim.

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