



The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research SCAR

2018 Meeting
Davos – Switzerland

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Conference Facilities – Davos Congress

- Davos Congress offers modern, attractive congress facilities; hosting a wide range of scientific and political conferences with up to 5000 participants throughout the year.
- In July, August or September 2018, Davos Congress has free capacities, offering a range of seminar and plenary halls with room for 20 to 1800 people.
- The offer includes spacious and airy hallways, suitable both for poster exhibitions and refreshment breaks, as well as office space.





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Abstract Handling

- **The abstracts can be collected, reviewed and organized into a scientific programme with the same tool that was successfully used for the Davos Atmosphere and Cryosphere Assembly DACA-13 in July 2013, to handle well over 1'200 abstracts.**
- **It includes easy to use procedures to create proceedings and to develop the scientific programme, as well as offering a full-access online programme for participants.**



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Science in Davos

Davos is home to four excellent research institutions:

- **The WSL Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research SLF engages in research, scientific services, teaching and public relations, focusing on snow, the atmosphere, natural hazards, permafrost and mountain ecosystems.**
- **The Physikalisch-Meteorologisches Observatorium Davos and World Radiation Center PMOD/WRC develops accurate radiometric references for spectral solar radiometry used to determine optical depth and procedures to ensure world-wide homogeneity of optical depth measurements.**
- **Swiss Institute of Allergy and Asthma Research SIAF**
- **AO Foundation**



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Excursions and field trips

Situated in the centre of a stunning alpine environment, Davos offers plenty of opportunities for field trips and excursions – be this with science in mind or just for pleasure. Here a few examples within an hour of Davos:

- **Experimental site Weissfluhjoch: Long-term test site for WSL/SLF on 2500m a.s.l., since almost 80 years.**
- **Swiss National Park: Protected alpine area since 100 years.**
- **Stillberg: Experimental site for long-term ecological forest research, since about 40 years.**
- **Schafberg: Large permafrost area above the village of Pontresina in the upper Engadin valley, showcasing a variety of natural hazards and mitigation measures.**
- **Morteratsch glacier: Well documented glacier retreat area in the upper Engadine valley.**



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Accommodation

The area Davos offers up to 25'000 guest beds in different categories. When booking through the conference organisation, participants receive discounted fares.

Pricing examples:

*** double room for single occupancy w/ breakfast: 106 CHF/night

**** double room for single occupancy w/ breakfast: 136 CHF/night

All other categories are available as well, be that the luxury class hotel, the youth hostel or a shared holiday flat.



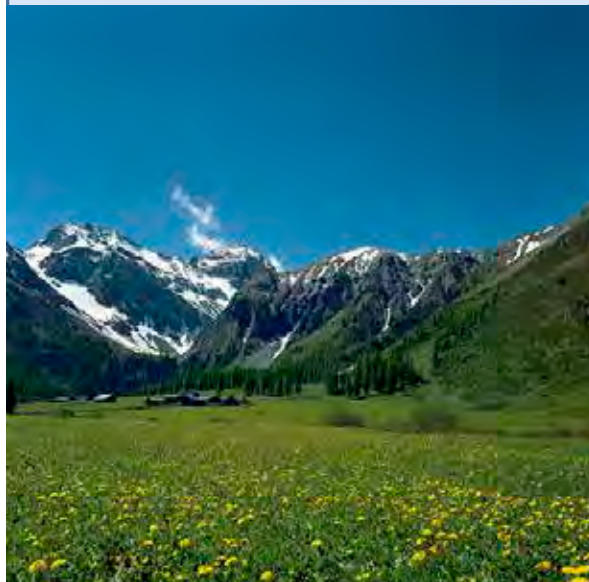


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Location Davos

- Located in the Eastern Swiss Alps on 1560 m above sea level in a magnificent alpine environment.
- Highest city in Europe, with approximately 13'000 permanent residents.
- Distance to Zurich Airport: 150 km, 2.5 hours by train.





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Preliminary Budget

Rent Congress Building A* (13 days)	98'000 CHF
Abstract handling	20 – 25 CHF per person
Registration **	40 CHF per person
Refreshments during conference***	20 CHF per person/per day
Welcome reception	25 CHF per person
Other costs****	194'000 CHF
Preliminary Registration Fee (based on 1'000 participants for 13 days, and on price level 2014).	650 CHF approx. USD 705

*Includes 8 rooms each seating 130 p; plenary hall seating 1800 p; hallways for poster and coffee breaks; meeting rooms for secretariat etc; a beamer in all rooms; technical support, Wlan.

** Includes personal data registration; visa support; letters of invitation; payments; administrative support; registration and payments during the conference.

*** Based on 2 coffee breaks (tea, coffee, juice, snacks and fruit) per day.

****Can contain printing costs programme booklet; salary conference manager; poster boards; conference bag, end of the day beer etc.



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It would be an honour for Switzerland, the Kanton of Grisons and Davos to host the SCAR-2018 meeting.

We warmly welcome the SCAR delegates.

We hope to see you in Davos in 2018!