

First Announcement: 13th Cyclone Workshop  
Asilomar Conference Center, Monterey, California  
Oct. 22-27, 2006

The major theme of the 13th Cyclone Workshop will be cyclone predictability over a range of scales. This is a timely topic considering the increasing interest in the international Thorpex program, the use of ensemble techniques for prediction and data assimilation, and the advent of many new observing systems. Furthermore, a number of basic scientific issues related to cyclone predictability have come to the forefront in recent years, including the role of extratropical transition, downstream Rossby wave propagation, and the predictability of mesoscale features within cyclones. The meeting will also welcome presentations on forecast failures and their causes, targeted observations, and the physical processes that impact cyclone predictability. A special session will be held on Tuesday night in honor of the lifetime achievements of Professor Peter Hobbs, who passed away in July. As in previous years the meeting will include morning sessions, a mid-to-late afternoon break, and evening sessions on interesting topics, including one on hurricane predictability and Hurricane Katrina.

A second announcement with further details will be made early next year and abstracts of talks will be due on July 1, 2006.

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