

Dear colleagues and friends,

This is a follow up message to the T-REX informal meeting that was held on 12 Aug 2008 at the Telus Conference Center in Whistler, Canada during the recently held AMS 13th Conference on Mountain Meteorology.

The conference was very successful with a number of dedicated T-REX sessions and additional talks on wave and rotors studied in other locations worldwide. The T-REX informal meeting was also very productive with many of you in attendance and contributing to a lovely discussion. For the benefit of those who were not able to attend, here is an encapsulated summary:

The following topics were on the agenda:

1. T-REX Special Collection
2. Joint Working Group Efforts and Future Plans
3. Plans for 3rd T-REX Workshop

In addition, we also touched upon:

4. Next Round of T-REX Funding
5. Upcoming Conferences of Interest

Summary:

1. T-REX Special Collection

The T-REX Special Collection has made its appearance online at:

http://ams.allenpress.com/perlserv/?request=get-collection&coll_id=28

You can access this page from the AMS publications pages or from the T-REX web page at

<http://www.eol.ucar.edu/projects/trex/>, where there is now the link to the Special Collection thanks to the NCAR EOL CDS group.

We had a substantial discussion about extending the submission window. Strong voices were heard for keeping the submission window open for a longer time, although arguments were presented also in favor of having some form of a deadline. What is clear at this point is that the end of AUGUST 2008 WILL NOT BE the end of the submission window, but not much beyond that is crystal clear. And, so while Jim Doyle and I further our discussions with the AMS staff on this issue, there is more time for you to submit your T-REX manuscripts. I will provide another update on this issue by the end of 2008. As before, please, remember to notify Jim Doyle of your submission, and include a special note to the Chief Editor of the journal you are submitting to that this manuscript is to be included in the T-REX Special Collection.

2. Joint Working Groups

The two numerical modeling joint working groups reported on their activities and next steps, which include possible additional numerical runs and plans for publications of their respective efforts. If interested to find out more, contact Jim Doyle for mountain waves <james.doyle@nrlmry.navy.mil> and Juerg Schmidli for valley winds <schmidli@ucar.edu> .

3. Plans for 3rd T-REX Workshop

Those present provided a positive feedback regarding the need for and benefits of holding the 3rd T-REX Workshop. There was an overall support for the summer time frame, as opposed to early spring in which 2007 and 2008 workshops were held, and Boulder, Colorado was favored as a possible location for the next workshop.

4. Next Round of T-REX Funding

For those of you with NSF funding for T-REX research who are coming to the end of your original grants, I have good news. Steve Nelson, the director of NSF's Physical and Dynamic Meteorology program, who attended both the MM Conference and the T-REX Informal Meeting, has expressed support for receiving the next round of proposals for T-REX data analysis and research efforts. I hope that other agencies will follow NSF's suit and continue to be supportive of the T-REX research effort.

5. Upcoming Conferences of Interest

Below are some of the upcoming conferences that present good fora for presenting T-REX results. This list is not meant to be exhaustive but only provide some suggestions:

i) EGU 2009 - 19-24 April, Vienna, Austria

Special session on GW, papers on T-REX encouraged

ii) 30th ICAM - 11-15 May 2009, Rastatt, Germany

International Conference on Alpine Meteorology is a European equivalent of the AMS Mountain Met series. In 2000, while I was the Chair of the AMS Mountain Met committee, we agreed with the ICAM leadership to hold ICAM and AMS MM in alternate years, and to encourage our respective communities to attend both of these conferences.

iii) AMS 13th Conference on Mesoscale Processes, August 2009 in a location for which the closest airport is Salt Lake City, UT

The conference will have a special focus on vortex dynamics, and papers on recent field campaigns are, of course, encouraged.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best regards,
Vanda

Boulder, CO, August 29, 2008