

World Meteorological Organization (WMO) & Predecessors

The World Meteorological Organization was founded in 1951. Its predecessor organization was the International Organization (IMO), which was founded in 1873. The IMO Secretariat was established at De Bilt, Netherlands in 1928, and relocated to Lausanne, Switzerland in 1939. WMO is headquartered in Geneva. WMO's governing body is the World Meteorological Congress.

Predecessor Conferences

- P.1 International Conference on Meteorology, Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 1853
- P.2 Conference of Directors of Meteorological Institutes, Leipzig, Germany, 1872

IMO Conferences

- I.1 1st International Meteorological Congress, Vienna, Austria, Sep. 1873
- I.2 IMO Committee Meeting, Utrecht, Netherlands, 1878
- I.3 2nd International Meteorological Congress, Rome, Italy, Apr. 1879
- I.4 1st Conference of Directors, Munich, Germany, 1891
- I.5 2nd Conference of Directors, Paris, France, 1896
- I.6 3rd Conference of Directors, Innsbruck, Austria, 1905
- I.7 4th Conference of Directors, Paris, France, 1919
- I.8 5th Conference of Directors, Utrecht, Netherlands, 1923
- I.9 6th Conference of Directors, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1929
- I.10 7th Conference of Directors, Locarno, Switzerland, 1931
- I.11 8th Conference of Directors, Warsaw, Poland, 1935
- I.12 9th Conference of Directors
- I.13 10th Conference of Directors
- I.14 IMO Committee Meeting, Berlin, Germany, 1939
- I.15 11th Conference of Directors, London, England, 25 Feb.-2 Mar. 1946
- I.16 IMO Technical Commission on Establishment of WMO, Toronto, Canada, Aug.-Sep. 1947
- I.17 12th Conference of Directors, Washington, DC, USA, 22 Sep.-11 Oct. 1947



IMO Service cover to Conference, received 11 Sep. 1947

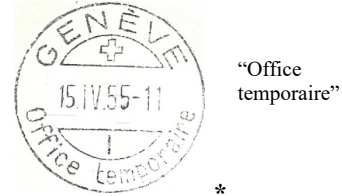
Incoming Service cover, \$50

- I.18 13th Conference of Directors, Paris, France, 15-18 Mar. 1951

(Turned IMO assets over to WMO.)

World Meteorological Congresses

- C.1 1st, Paris, France, 19 Mar.-28 Apr. 1951
- C.2 2nd, Geneva, Switzerland, 14 Apr.-13 May 1955



H1. Obs. 14 Apr.-14 May 1955

GENÈVE
Office temporaire

C1. Red, used with H1.

GENÈVE OFFICE TEMPORAIRE
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C2. Red, used with H1.

Philatelic cover, \$15

- C.3 3rd, Geneva, 1-28 Apr. 1959



H1. Type 1

Lower horiz. line between f's



H1. Type 2

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Obs. 1-28 Apr. 1959 "Office temporaire"

GENÈVE 3ème Congrès
Météorologique Mondiale

C1. Black, Red, used with H1.



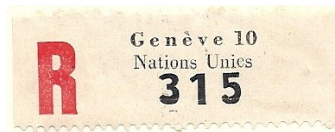
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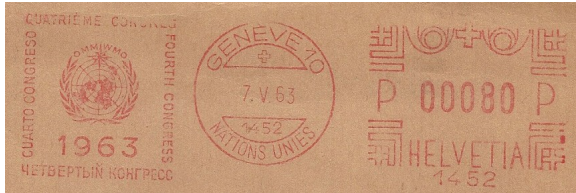
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World Meteorological Congresses, continued

C.4 4th, Geneva, 1-27 Apr. 1963



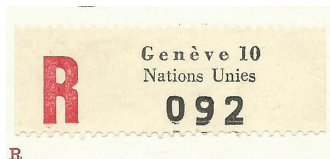
H1. Obs. 1-27 Apr. 1963 Registry label used with H1.



F1. WMO Meter 1452 with Congress slogan (Publicity)
Obs. 11 Dec. 1962-16 Dec. 1963

Philatelic cover with H1., \$4; Registry label, add \$4;
Meter cover, \$10

C.5 5th, Geneva, 3-28 Apr. 1967



H1. Obs. 3-28 Apr. 1967 Registry label used with H1.

Philatelic cover, \$4; Registry label, add \$4

C.6 6th, Geneva, 5-30 Apr. 1971



H1. Obs. 5 Apr. 1971 Registry label used with H1.

Philatelic cover, \$4; Registry label, add \$4

C.7 7th, Geneva, 28 Apr.-23 May 1975



H1. Obs. 28 Apr.-23 May 1975 Registry label used with H1.



Service cover from Thai delegate, 12 May 1975

Philatelic cover, \$4; Registry label, add \$4; Service cover, \$30

C.8 8th, Geneva, 30 Apr.-26 May 1979



H1. Obs. 30 Apr.-26 May 1979 Registry label used with H1.



IRC1.



IRC2.

Philatelic cover, \$4; Registry label, add \$4; IRC, \$12

World Meteorological Congresses, continued

C.9 9th, Geneva, 2-27 May 1983



H1. Obs. 10-13 May 1983



CC1. 161x114

CC2. 161x114

In conjunction with Exhibition held during the Congress



IRC, 10 May 1983

Philatelic cover, \$4; IRC, \$8

C.10 10th, Geneva, 4-31 May 1987



H1. Obs. 4-19 May 1987

C.10 10th, Geneva, 4-31 May 1987, continued



Philatelic cover, \$4; IRC, \$8

C.11 11th, Geneva, 1-24 May 1991



H1. Obs. 1-15 May 1991



CC1. 162x113

CC2. 162x113

In conjunction with Exhibition held during the Congress

Philatelic cover, \$4

World Meteorological Congresses, continued

C.12 12th, Geneva, 30 May-21 Jun. 1995



H1. Obs. 30 May 1995

Philatelic cover, \$4

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- C.13 13th, Geneva, 4-26 May 1999
 - C.14 14th, Geneva, 5-24 May 2003
 - C.15 15th, Geneva, 7-25 May 2007
 - C.16 16th, Geneva, 16 May-3 Jun. 2011

Other WMO Conferences

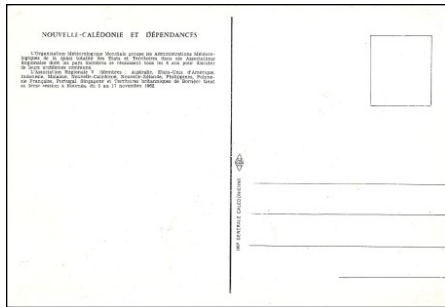
1962/1 3rd Session, WMO Regional V Association, Noumea, New Caledonia, 5-17 Nov. 1962



New Caledonia issued
Sc.#322 on 5 Nov. 1962



H1.
Obs. 5 Nov. 1962



PC1.

Philatelic cover, \$10

1965/1 4th Session, WMO Commission on Climatology, Stockholm, Sweden, 12-26 Aug. 1965



H1. Obs. 14-23 Aug. 1965

Philatelic cover, \$4

1968/1 Technical & Scientific Conference on Aeronautical Meteorology, London, England, Mar. 1968

1970/1 5th Session, WMO Commission on Synoptic Meteorology, Geneva, Switzerland, 16 Jun.-3 Jul. 1970



H1. Letters a, b & c
Obs. 15 Jun.-3 Jul. 1970
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used with H1.



Service cover, 3 Jul. 1970

Philatelic cover, \$5; Service cover, \$25

1970/2 Technical Conference on Hydrological & Meteorological Services, Geneva, 28 Sep.-6 Oct. 1970

Other WMO Conferences, continued

1972/1 4th Session of WMO Commission on Hydrology, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 3-17 Apr. 1972



H1. Obs. 12-17 Apr. 1972

Philatelic cover, \$6

1973/1 6th Session, WMO Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation, Otaniemi, Finland, 6-17 Aug. 1973



Finland issued Sc. # 531
On 6 Aug. 1973



H1.
Obs. 6 Aug. 1973

Philatelic cover \$6

Stamp was announced as honoring the IMO-WMO Centenary and the WMO Conference. CIMO is acronym for the Commission.

1973/2 WMO/AMAP Scientific Conference on Weather Modification, Tashkent, USSR, 1-7 Oct. 1973

1974/1 WMO Technical Conference on Typhoon Modification, Manila, Philippines, 15-18 Oct. 1974

1974/2 6th Session of WMO Region III Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 1974



H1. Obs. 25 Nov. 1974

Philatelic cover, \$6

1975/1 Technical Conference on Automated Meteorological Systems, 14-19 Feb. 1975

1976/1 2nd WMO Conference on Weather Modification, Boulder, CO, USA, 2-6 Aug. 1976

1978/1 7th Session, WMO Region III Association, Brasilia, Brazil. 18-29 Sep. 1978



H1. Obs. 18-29 Sep. 1978



CC1. 159x110 Airmail



Service cover to Geneva, 25 Sep. 1978

Philatelic cover, \$10; Service cover, \$30

1979/1 1st World Climate Conference, Geneva, 12-23 Feb. 1979

Other WMO Conferences

1979/2 4th Session, Committee on Tropical Cyclones, Maputo, Mozambique, 15-22 Oct. 1979



H1. Obs. 22 Oct. 1979



Special Cover, 22 Oct. 1979

Special cover, \$10

1979/3 Technical Conference on Rain Enhancement in the Sahel, Niamey, Niger, 22-25 Oct. 1979

1979/4 Technical Conference on Aviation Meteorology, Geneva, 5-9 Nov. 1979

1980/1 6th Session, WMO Commission on Hydrology, Madrid, Spain, 21 Apr.–2 May 1980



H1. Obs. 21 Apr. - 2 May 1980

Philatelic cover, \$8

1984/1 International Congress on Human Biometeorology (WMO, WHO), Zwettl, Austria, 22-27 Jun. 1984



H1. #'s 1-4, Obs. 22-27 Jun. 1984



IRC1.

Philatelic cover, \$3; IRC, \$12

1988/1 Conference on the Changing Atmosphere (Canada, WMO, UNEP), Toronto, Canada, Jun. 1988

1988/2 Technical Conference on the Hydrology of Disasters, Geneva, 2-3 Nov. 1988

1989/1 Conference on Climate & Water, Helsinki, Finland, 11-15 Sep. 1989

1990/1 Technical Conference on the Economic & Social Benefits of Meteorological & Hydrological Services, Geneva, 25-30 Mar. 1990

1990/2 4th Session, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), (WMO/UNEP), Sundsvall, Sweden, 27-30 Aug. 1990



H1. Obs. 27 Aug. 1990

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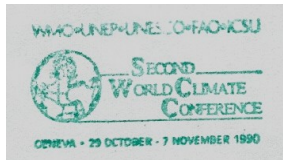
A complete listing of all IPCC Sessions is listed in the UNEP chapter. Only Sessions with postal history will be listed under WMO.

Other WMO Conferences, continued

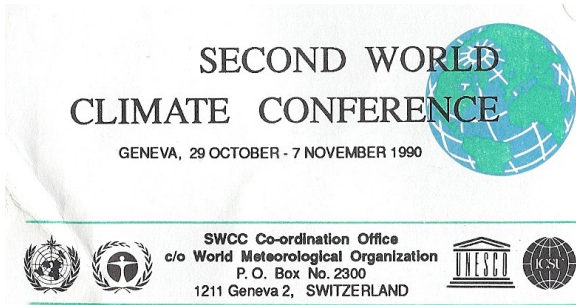
1990/3 2nd World Climate Conference (WMO, UNEP, UNESCO, FAO, ICSU), Geneva, 29 Oct.-7 Nov. 1990



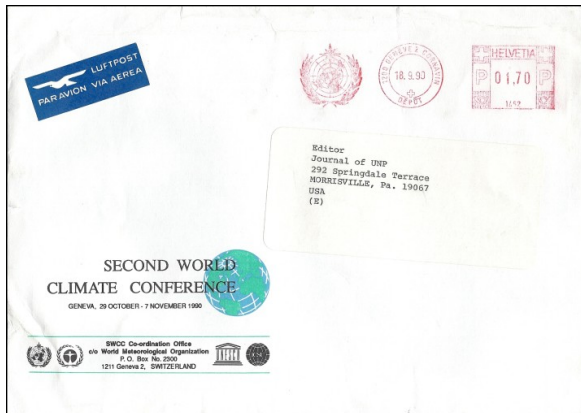
H1. Obs. 29 Oct.-7 Nov. 1990 Registry label used with H1.



C1. Green



CC1. 226x162



Metered Service cover, 18 Sep. 1990

1990/3 2nd World Climate Conference (WMO, UNEP, UNESCO, FAO, ICSU), Geneva, 29 Oct.-7 Nov. 1990, continued



Metered WMO Service cover, 30 Oct. 1990, with Conference cachet

Philatelic cover, \$4; Registry label, add \$4; Service cover, \$30

1992/1 International Conference on Water & the Environment, Dublin, Ireland, 26-31 Jan. 1992

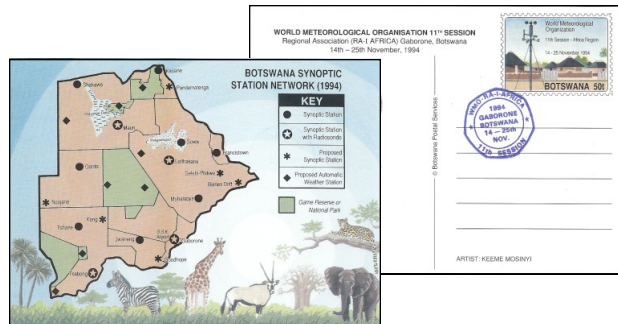
1993/1 11th Session, Region III Association, Asuncion, Paraguay, 22 Sep.-1 Oct. 1993



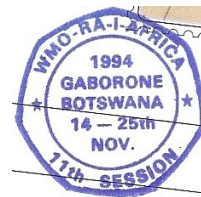
C1. Blue

Philatelic cover, \$20

1994/1 11th Session, Region I Association (Africa), Gaborone, Botswana, 14-25 Nov. 1994



Botswana issued Postal Card for Session



H1. Violet, Obs. 14-25 Nov. 1994

Postal card with H1., \$8

Other WMO Conferences, continued

1999/1 International Congress on Biometeorology, Sydney, Australia, 8-12 Nov. 1999

2004/1 Quadrennial Ozone Symposium, Kos, Greece, 1-8 Jun.2004



H1. Obs. 1-8 Jun. 2004



Philatelic cover with CC1.

Philatelic cover, \$6; Philatelic cover with CC1., \$12

WMO is one of many sponsors.

2008/1 Forum on Climate Change & Science & Technology Innovation (UNEP,UNDP,ESCAP,WMO), Beijing, China, 4-25 Apr. 2008



China issued Stamped envelope for Forum

Other WMO Conferences, continued

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