



THIRD CIRCULAR THE 25th INTERNATIONAL TOVS STUDY CONFERENCE

Dear Colleague,

The 25th meeting of the International TOVS Working Group is now only a few months away! The purpose of this Third Circular is to explain how to pay the conference registration fee and remind you to book your hotel room.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by completing the registration and abstract submission form available at <https://cvent.me/rW1d20>. The deadline for submitting the abstracts is **15 October 2024**. Registration to the conference will remain open until **15 February 2025**.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline	15 October 2024
Draft Program	15 December 2024
Final Program	31 January 2025
Last day to register	15 February 2025
Deadline for registration fee (US \$600)	15 February 2025
Deadline for passport info for Visa application	15 March 2025
Hotel reservation deadline	15 March 2025
ITSC-25	8-14 May 2025

Accommodation, transport and conference venue

The conference will be held at the Resort Rio, Near Baga Beach, Tambudki, Arpora, Bardez, Goa 403518 India, and hosted by NCMRWF in cooperation with CIMSS/SSEC/UW-Madison.

Information about hotel bookings was given in the second circular. **Attendees are strongly encouraged to reserve their hotel room as soon as possible**; availability is limited, so please book as early as possible to avoid higher rates. **The hotel booking deadline is 15 March 2025**. Please follow the link from the ITSC-25 website at <https://itwg.ssec.wisc.edu/conferences> in order to make your reservation.

We will provide bus transportation from Manohar (GOX) and Dabolim (GOI) airports to the Resort Rio (30-40 km trip). As we get closer to the dates of the conference, we will request your flight information so that we can arrange the buses.

There are also taxis that provide regular service to and from the airports at the approximate cost of 1500 – 1600 INR.

Visa Applications

All participants will need to apply for a Conference Visa or e-Conference Visa. In order to be able to do this, NCMRWF will have to submit details of your attendance to the Indian Ministry of External Affairs. You will need to provide the required information to us on the registration form to enable this to happen. **The deadline for provision of this information is 15 March 2025.**

The ITSC-25 registration form will collect your passport information for the sole purpose of allowing NCMRWF to issue you with a letter of invitation and to enable you to proceed with your Visa application. Please make sure that the details you insert on the registration form are correct and match your passport. This information will not be retained for any other purpose.

All accompanying persons should apply separately for a Tourist Visa or e-Tourist Visa. We will not collect their information.

Conference Registration Fees

Registration fees will be paid by credit card online prior to the conference. Please note the information below:

1. The registration fee will be **US\$600**.
2. The deadline for payment is **15 February 2025**.
3. **Please note: if you need to cancel your registration, you must contact Maria Vasys (maria.vasys@ssec.wisc.edu) no later than 15 March 2025 in order to receive a full refund.** Any cancellations after 15 March will not be refunded; you may transfer your registration fee to a colleague – please contact Maria for more information.

To pay the conference registration fee, you must follow the link included in your registration confirmation email; this link also allows you to edit your registration information and submit abstracts. If you cannot find your original registration confirmation, please contact conferences@education.wisc.edu or Maria Vasys at maria.vasys@ssec.wisc.edu.

Guest fees for Icebreaker and Banquet

If you will have a guest at ITSC-25 who will attend the Icebreaker (Thursday, 8 May 2025) and the Banquet (Monday, 12 May 2025), please note that there will be a guest registration fee to cover the costs of these events, which we will advise nearer the time. You will be able to pay the guest fee online by credit card when you pay your own conference registration fee, or after that.

Our Sponsors

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the organisations that have generously offered sponsorship to ITSC-25: NCMRWF; the Ministry of Earth Sciences, India; Indian Space Research Organisation ISRO; NOAA; Weather Stream; EUMETSAT; CNES; and Météo-France. If your organisation would like to sponsor ITSC-25, please let us know as soon as possible as we are still happy to receive donations.

Concluding Remarks

We look forward to seeing you in Goa for what we are sure will be a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

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