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## Information Note for Participants

### Second MedCOF Training Workshop on Seasonal Forecasting

7th session of the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF 7)

16th session of the South East European Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF 16)

10th session of the Northern African Climate Outlook Forum (PRESANORD 10)

15 - 23 November 2016

Rome, Italy



## MEETING ORGANIZATION



### Venue

The Second MedCOF Training Workshop on Seasonal Forecasting, 7th session of the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF 7), 16th session of the South East European Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF 16), 10th session of the Northern African Climate Outlook Forum (PRESANORD 10) will take place at the conference facilities of the National Research Council of Italy:

National Research Council (CNR)  
Piazzale Aldo Moro, 7  
00185 Rome, Italy



### Working Language

The working language of the meetings is **ENGLISH only**

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### Web Links

More detailed information and relevant documents are accessible through the MedCOF web site: <http://medcof.aemet.es>

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## Computer and Internet Access

Each participant is strongly recommended to bring their own laptop. Free Wireless internet access is available at the venue, ID and password will be provided, and in the Hotel.

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## VISA INFORMATION

Participants have to contact country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to check visa requirements for Italy. Additional information can be found at the website of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

The invitation letter provided by CNR is valid to apply for the VISA.

The time required for obtaining an Italian Visa varies from country to country, but might take up to several weeks, therefore participants are strongly encouraged to start visa application process well in advance, and to inform organizers in due time if an invitation letter is required.

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## ACCOMMODATION

A block reservation has been made by organizers at [Best Western Hotel Globus](#)

Viale Ippocrate, 119 – 00185 Rome

Phone number: + 39 06 4457001

E-mail address: [info@globushotel.it](mailto:info@globushotel.it)

Web site: [www.globushotel.com/en/home-page.aspx](http://www.globushotel.com/en/home-page.aspx)

**Important note:** For WMO supported participants the accommodation will be provided free of charge for the duration of the events to be attended. For additional stay each participant will be asked to pay directly to the Hotel. The deadline for confirming reservations to the Hotel is 1 November 2016.

In order to confirm room reservations, participants have to provide their itinerary details to the local contact person Ms Francesca Caporossi [f.caporossi@ibimet.cnr.it](mailto:f.caporossi@ibimet.cnr.it), as soon as the ticket is issued.

The **Best Western Globus Hotel** is in the immediate proximity of the [CNR](#) and "[La Sapienza](#)" University of Rome.

Well connected by underground and public transport to [Rome Termini](#) central railway station, and therefore with the city's airports and other areas, the Hotel is close to the city centre, making it the best location for business and leisure stays in Rome.

Breakfast, Wi-Fi and water in the minibar are **INCLUDED** in the room rate.

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### **CATERING & SOCIAL EVENTS**

Coffee & tea breaks will be offered every morning and afternoon.

Lunch will be served from 14:00 to 15:00 at CNR Restaurant, and each participant has to pay for lunch.

A Social Event is being planned for Monday 21 November at 8PM; further details will be provided later.

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## AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

### **By taxi**

To reach the Hotel from **Leonardo Da Vinci Fiumicino Airport** you can take a taxi (approx 50€). Be sure to use only the official white taxis parked in front of the Arrival Terminal.

To reach the Hotel from **Ciampino Airport** you can take a taxi (approx 35€). Be sure to use only the official white taxis parked in front of the Arrival Terminal.

### **By train or bus**

From **Leonardo Da Vinci Fiumicino Airport** you have to reach first the **ROMA TERMINI** Railway Station by the [Trenitalia](#) direct train “Leonardo Express” (ticket costs 14€, schedule is available [here](#)), or by the private bus service.

There are many bus companies offering the service between Fiumicino Airport and Termini Station: [TERRAVISION](#), [TAM](#), [SIT](#), [SCHIAFFINI](#). Bus ticket costs 5€ or 6€ depending on the company.

From **Roma Ciampino Airport** you have to reach first the **ROMA TERMINI** Railway Station using the private bus service (TERRAVISION – SIT – SCHIAFFINI: see links and prices above)

From the Roma Termini Railway Station, you can take bus 310 and stop at “Università-Regina Elena”, then walk about 2 minutes along Viale dell’Università and then Viale Ippocrate.

Otherwise you can take the Metro line B direction Rebibbia to the “Policlinico” stop and take the exit Viale Regina Margherita, then follow Viale Regina Elena along the Hospital Policlinico Umberto I, and turn left into Viale Ippocrate (7 minutes walking). The Best Western Hotel Globus is at number 119. Bus and Metro tickets for the urban area is 1.50€ and are valid for 100 minutes.

Taxi ride from **ROMA TERMINI** Railway Station to the Globus Hotel costs about 10€.

The walking distance from the **ROMA TERMINI** Railway Station to the Globus Hotel is about 20 minutes.

### **By Car**

From all directions follow the signs to the Great Ring Road (*Grande Raccordo Anulare - GRA*) and take the Exit “Via Tiburtina” toward the city center.

Then go straight following the signs to the University of Rome La Sapienza or the

hospital. Shortly before the University, turn right into Via del Castro Laurenziano. The Best Western Hotel Globus is on the right at Viale Ippocrate, 119

## Hotel transfer service

The Best Western Globus Hotel may also arrange a transfer service from both airports to the Hotel and back. To book it, or for more information, please, contact the Hotel at their e-mail address: [info@globushotel.com](mailto:info@globushotel.com). If you wish to book the transfer, please, send the name of the airport of arrival, flight number, the number of people and arrival time, including the reference code MEDCOF 7. (50€)

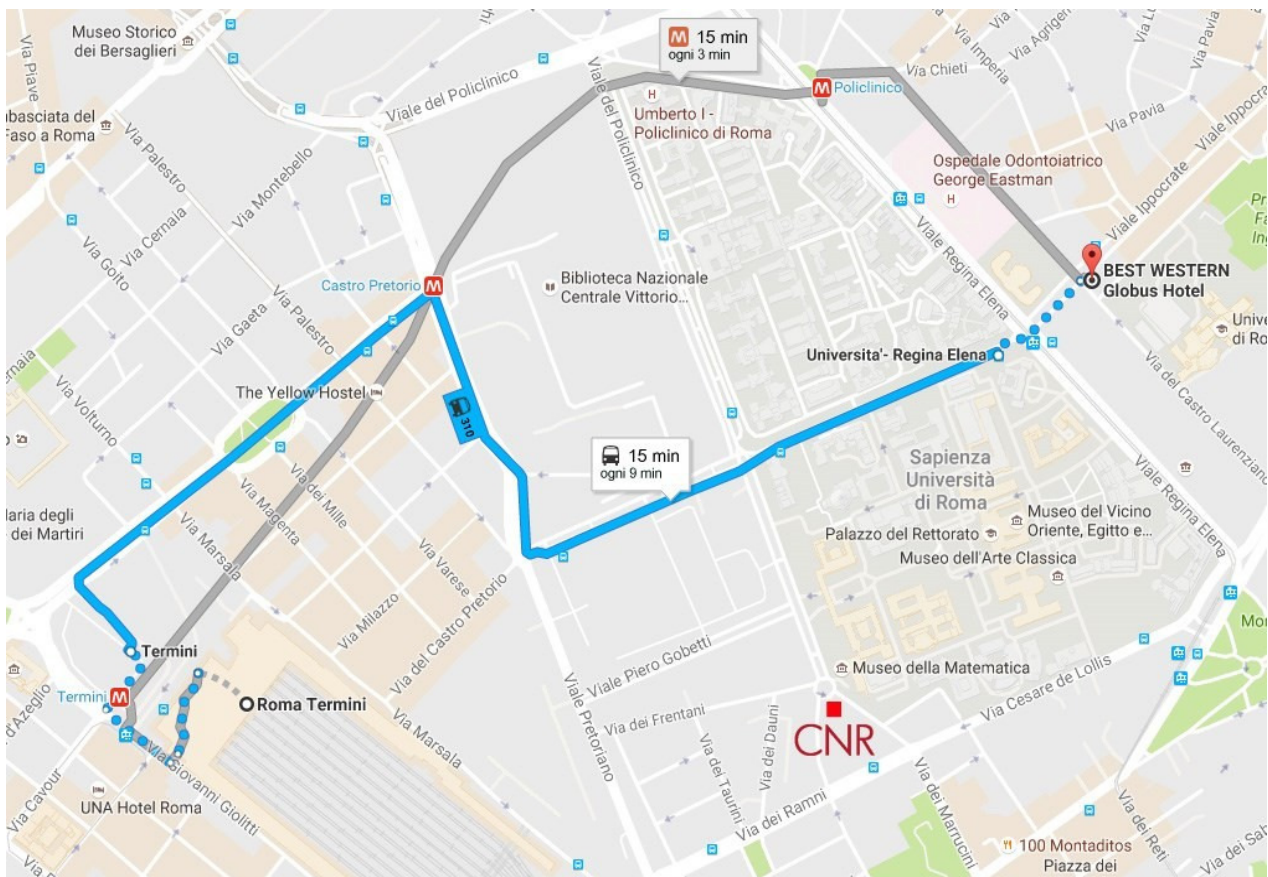


Figure 1. Directions from the Termini Station to the Globus Hotel with Bus (blue) and Metro (gray)

## Directions from the Hotel to CNR

From the Globus Hotel (Viale Ippocrate, 119), walk along Viale Ippocrate. At the traffic light, go straight on Viale dell'Università. At the next traffic light turn left onto Viale delle Scienze and continue onto Piazzale Aldo Moro. The CNR is the big brown building with stairs in front.

Take the main entrance at the top of the stairs, the leftmost door.

Every morning leave your ID Card or Passport at the entrance and the security will give you a pass valid for the day.

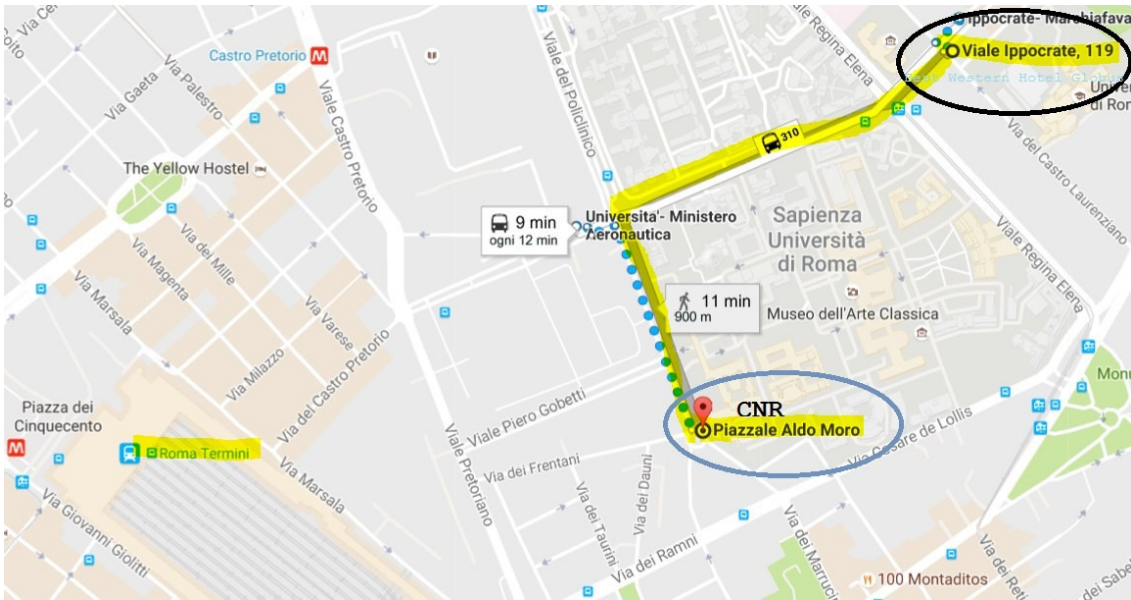


Figure 2. Directions from the Best Western Hotel GLOBUS to CNR (about 10 minutes walking)



**Tuesday 15 November, the meeting point is in the hall of the Hotel at 8AM, and Mrs. Francesca Caporossi will walk with Participants from Hotel to CNR.**



### **OTHER USEFUL TIPS**



### **Foreign Exchange Rates**

The official currency of Italy is EURO.

1 US DOLLAR = 0.908 EUR

1 RUB = 0.0114 EUR

1 GBP = 1.108 EUR

1 YPY = 0.009 EUR

1 CHF = 0.919 EUR

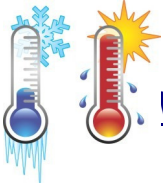
There are currency exchange offices in the airport terminal and in the city. There are many cash machines (ATM) in the city and the airport. An ATM is also available inside CNR.



## Time Zone

Local time is UTC +1H

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## Weather and Climate

During the second half of November the temperature in Rome ranges between 7°C and 16°C.

November is the wettest month in Rome with a total precipitation amount of 115 mm, and a relative humidity of 60% in the average. The daily chance of rainfall is 33%, with light to moderate rain.

Wind can vary from calm to light breeze.

*More information at:*

<http://www.meteoam.it/ta/previsione/482/roma> (in italian)

<http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=201>

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## Electricity

Voltage / Frequency / Plug type: 220 volts / 60Hz.

In Italy the power sockets used are of type F/L (see figures below). Please, check if you may need an adapter and/or a transformer.





**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:**

<http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

<http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

<http://www.turismoroma.it/?lang=en>

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