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Subject: Invitation to attend the WWRP Nowcasting and Mesoscale Research Working Group bi-annual meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the bi-annual Nowcasting and Mesoscale Research (NMR) Working Group meeting of the World Weather Research Programme (WWRP), which will be hosted by the University of Buenos Aires in Argentina, from 10 to 11 July 2025. The list of participants is in [Annex I](#) and information about the venue and Buenos Aires can be found in the Appendix.

Due to the limited availability of funds, WMO requests that all invited participants seek financial support through their respective organizations or national funding agencies. However, if required, WMO will consider providing you with travel support to attend the event in the form of the most direct and economic air ticket and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA), which will cover your accommodation and meals.

You are responsible for obtaining the necessary visas to enter Argentina and any other countries you may be transiting, if appropriate.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff members, may I draw your attention to the following:

Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, and accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses.

Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Hellen Msemo, WWRP Scientific Officer, by email - hmsemo@wmo.int.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Estelle de Coning
Chief, World Weather Research Section
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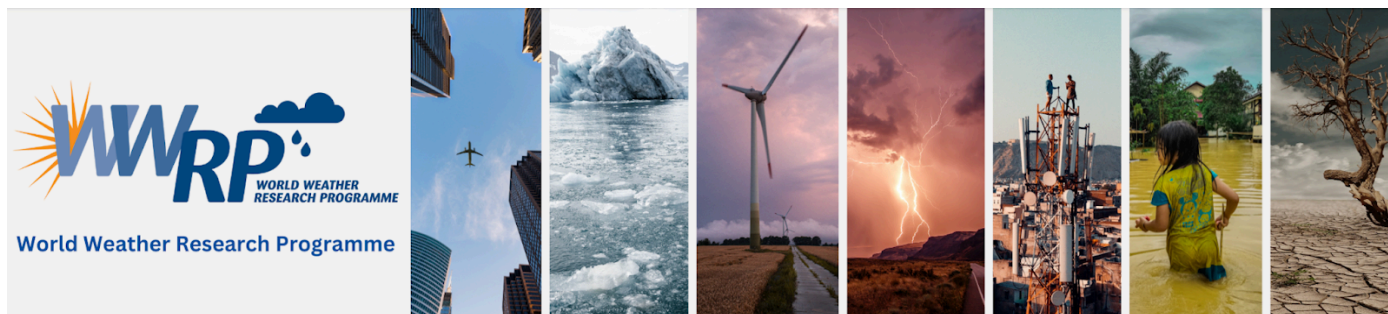
To: Invited experts to the Nowcasting and Mesoscale Research Working Group meeting

List of participants

**WWRP NMR bi-Annual in-person meeting
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 10 - 11 July 2025**

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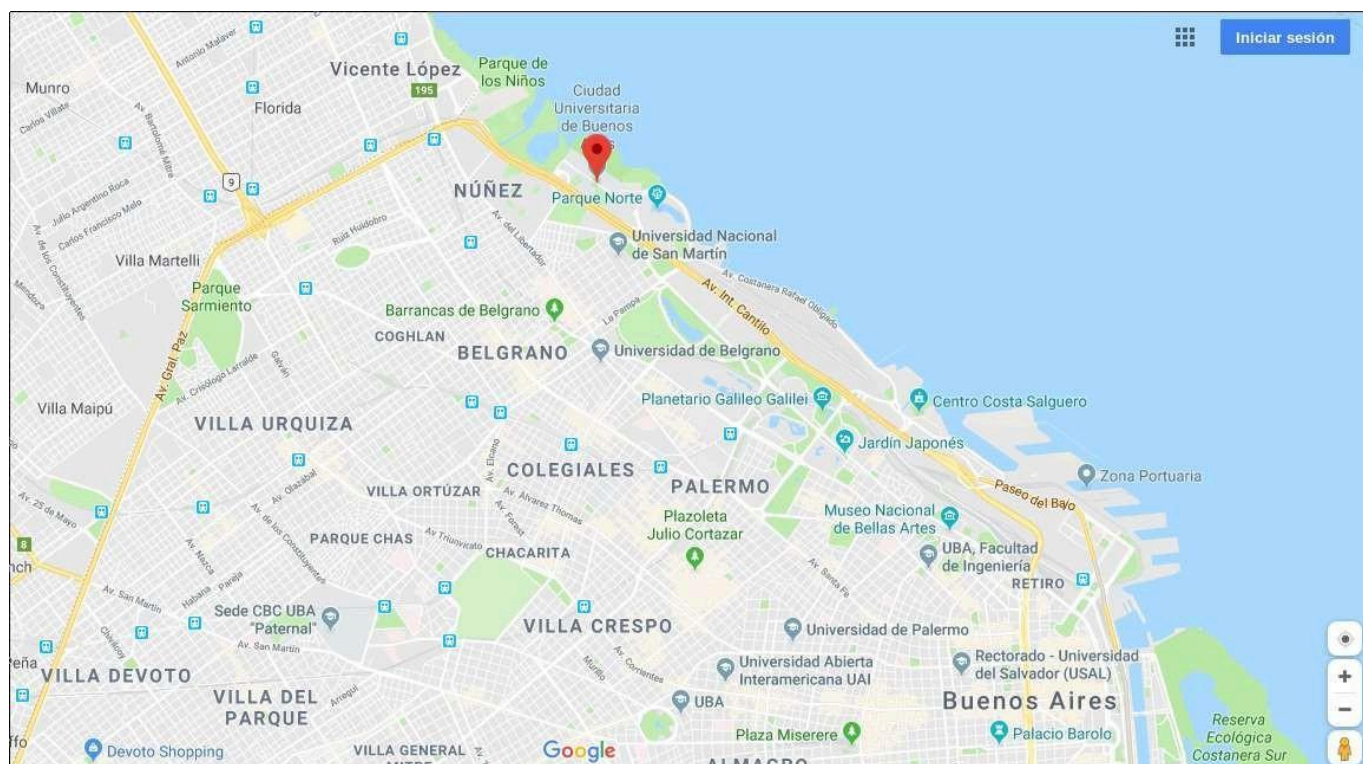
Name	Organization	Country	Role
Gyuwon LEE	Department of Astronomy and Atmospheric Sciences Kyungpook National University (KNU)	Republic of Korea	Group Member
Jason MILLBRANDT	Environment and Climate Change Canada /Government of Canada	Canada	Group Member
Morne GIJBEN	South African Weather Services, Department of Environmental Affairs	South Africa	Group Member
David John GAGNE	NSF National Center for Atmospheric Research	USA	Group Member
Paola SALIO	University of Buenos Aires	Argentina	Co-chair
Charmaine N. FRANKLIN	Bureau of Meteorology	Australia	Co-chair
Shigenori OTSUKA	RIKEN Center for Computational Science	Japan	Group Member
Kathrin WALPER	Deutscher Wetterdienst	Germany	Group Member
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NOWCASTING AND MESOSCALE WORKING GROUP MEETING Buenos Aires - July 10 - 11 - 2025

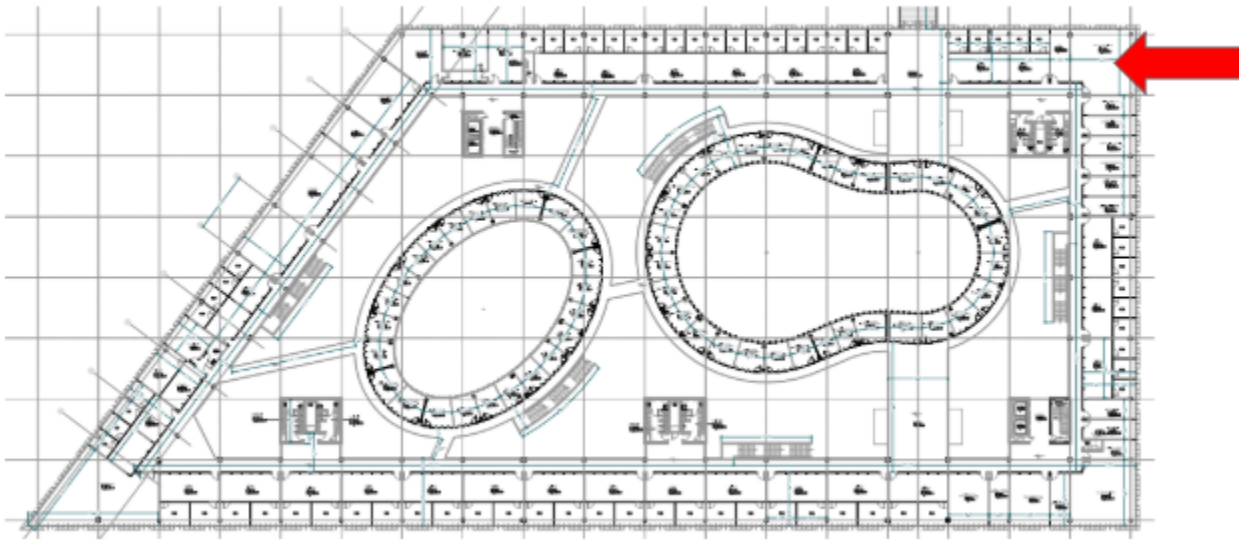
Location and Venue

The workshop will be held on the campus of the University of Buenos Aires (Ciudad Universitaria) located in the neighborhood of Nuñez: Intendente Güiraldes 2160, Buenos Aires, Argentina. [Ciudad Universitaria entrance door position.](#)



Room Meeting

The NMR meeting will be in Building 0 + Infinito - **Room 2308**. Wi-Fi and teleconference services will be available in the room. [Link](#)




0+Infinito Map - Red arrow indicates the room meeting position on the first floor

Airport transfer

Buenos Aires is served by two airports. The main international airport is Ministro Pistarini Airport, also known as Ezeiza, located about 30 km from Buenos Aires. Many flights to and from neighboring countries use the smaller Aeroparque Jorge Newbery airport, a short distance from downtown.

From Ezeiza to Buenos Aires




 **By taxi:** as you exit customs you will find several booths offering taxi services, where you can prepay your trip. We recommend the Stand of Taxi Ezeiza as soon as you leave the Customs Area. It is white d blue desk. You can make a reservation in advance in the Taxi's official website (www.taxiezeiza.com.ar). The price is AR\$ 40.000 (U\$D 38.9 w/ currency exchange rate on 14/03/2025) from Ezeiza to any point of Buenos Aires

city. You have to pay at the Taxi stand, DO NOT pay the driver.

☠☠☠☠☠ **Important: we STRONGLY recommend for your SAFETY, DO NOT make contact with transport services from free-lance drivers or taxis on the streets or the airport hall. We also do not recommend considering a mobile app (Uber or Cabify) from Ezeiza to Buenos Aires. ⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡**

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 **By bus:** Manuel Tienda León (<https://www.tiendaleon.com/bus>) offers bus trips to their terminal in Puerto Madero (AR\$ 10.000) or to Aeroparque Airport (AR\$ 10.000). The bus leave every half hour and less frequently during evenings. You will need to hire a taxi from there to get to your accommodation.



Transport around the City of Buenos Aires

To get around the city Google Maps is very useful to plan your routes (it has all bus routes and subway lines incorporated). To get around you will need to purchase an electronic ticketing card called SUBE and top up your card. You can buy your card in all subway stations. The cost of the card is AR\$1500 (close to 2.5 \$ dollars). Please, let us know if you want a card and we can buy one for you. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/conseguir-la-tarjeta-sube>

Transport to/from Ciudad Universitaria (CU)

Buses: The list of buses going to and from the campus: 28, 33, 34, 42, 45, 107, 37, 160, and 166. Note that the destination sign on the bus should indicate "Ciudad Universitaria" otherwise the buses end before CU.

Uber

 cabify

Mobility Apps: Uber and Cabify are widely used. Uber and Cabify are safe options for getting around, as they offer features like real-time tracking, driver ratings, and support in case of incidents. However, it's always advisable to take precautions, such as verifying the driver's details and the vehicle before getting in.

Accomodation

No arrangements have been made with any particular hotel, but the maps below should help you choose where to stay. These maps show the areas of Belgrano and Palermo, together with the bus routes that will take you to Ciudad Universitaria. The

hotels listed are only suggestions based on rates/location/reviews from www.booking.com. Please use these locations as references. Considering we are a small group, we do not have a discount rate for the group.

Palermo: [Dazzler Palermo by Wyndham](#).

Palermo Soho: [Casa Rugatino](#)

Belgrano (10 minutes walking distance to Ciudad Universitaria, but far away from commercial area), Bosques de Palermo border: [Pampa Plaza](#)

Palermo is one of the largest and most vibrant neighborhoods in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Known for its tree-lined streets, beautiful parks, and lively atmosphere, it is a favorite among both locals and tourists. The neighborhood is divided into different areas, each with its own charm. **Palermo Soho** is famous for its trendy boutiques, street art, and stylish cafés, making it a hotspot for shopping and nightlife. **Palermo Hollywood**, on the other hand, is known for its gourmet restaurants, bars, and film and television studios. **Bosques de Palermo**, the neighborhood's green oasis, features large parks, rose gardens, and lakes, perfect for a relaxing walk or a bike ride. Palermo also boasts cultural attractions such as the **Malba Museum**, the **Ecoparque**, and the **Planetarium**. Whether you're looking for fine dining, outdoor activities, or a vibrant nightlife, Palermo has something for everyone.

Belgrano is a charming and elegant neighborhood in Buenos Aires, Argentina, known for its mix of classic architecture, modern buildings, and green spaces. It offers a relaxed yet sophisticated atmosphere, making it a great place for tourists to explore.

One of its highlights is **Barrancas de Belgrano**, a beautiful park designed by French landscape architect Carlos Thays, where locals gather to relax or enjoy outdoor activities. Nearby, the **Chinatown of Buenos Aires** is a must-visit spot, filled with Asian supermarkets, restaurants, and cultural shops.

Belgrano is also home to grand mansions, historic churches like **La Redonda**, and a lively commercial area along **Avenida Cabildo**, where visitors can find shops, cafés, and restaurants. Whether you're looking for a peaceful stroll, cultural experiences, or shopping, Belgrano offers a perfect mix of tradition and modernity.

Money/Exchange Rate

Dollars can be exchanged at an approximate exchange rate of \$1045 pesos per dollar (March 2025). There is an exchange office at Ezeiza International Airport

where you can buy AR\$, however we do not recommend exchanging large amounts as the rate at the airport is lower than in the city. Furthermore, you can pay with a credit or debit card in most places. For information on exchange rates please visit <http://www.dolarhoy.com/> ATMs are available at the airport and around Buenos Aires (there is one at Ciudad Universitaria). Usually "Link" ATMs work best with foreign cards. There may be machines in banks that are domestic only next to international ones. From my experience, ATMs can sometimes run out of bills on Sundays.



Look for this symbol for international ATMS. Others may work also.

Credit Cards and Automatic Tellers

Major credit and debit cards are accepted in most large grocery stores, hotels and restaurants. ATMs are numerous around the city, and those that have major networks displayed (Link, Banelco, etc. work with international debit cards). They may also be used to obtain cash through the major credit cards like Visa and Mastercard. Smaller restaurants, businesses, and kiosks (convenience stores) may not accept credit cards.

Power supply



Voltage: 220 volts, 50 Hertz.

This is the official type of socket.

What will work on 220 volts: computers, cell phones, some electronics (read the plug to make sure).

What may not work on 220 volts from 110 volt countries like the US: hair dryers, curling irons, shavers, other electronics. It may cause a fire if the voltage is not acceptable, **so be careful!** You can buy a voltage transformer if you have something you need to plug in a different voltage. A transformer is not an adapter - it is more expensive and changes the voltage. Adapters will work for laptops, cell phones, etc. that are voltage-adaptable.

Telephone Codes

Country code = 54, Buenos Aires city code = 11, cell phones: 54-9-11

Security

Buenos Aires is, generally speaking, a safe city. Please bear in mind the following recommendations for any major city and enjoy your stay without major problems:

- ☐ Keep your passport and cash in your hotel safe.
- ☐ Do not walk on lonely streets or parks at night.

- ❑ Do not show your personal computer in public places. Pay attention to your cell phone while you are on the street. Do not carry your wallet or phone inside your backpack or the back pocket of your trousers. Unfortunately, there are many pickpockets waiting for a moment of distraction.
- ❑ Do not stop taxis on the street. Call radio taxis or mobile apps at hotels or restaurants.

Cell phone information

Instructions for using your phone in Argentina depend on your Carrier, and somewhat on your device. Be sure your phone's data roaming connection is turned off before you leave the US unless you know what you are doing, otherwise you might get a nasty surprise on your bill when you get back.

Language

English is not widely spoken in Argentina, particularly in stores, restaurants, etc. The hotel staff at the larger hotels should have good English and answer questions. Don't expect English in grocery stores, restaurants, and other places. Pre-load spanish on Google Translate on your mobile device with offline Spanish translations.

Food and Meals

Argentines have a local cuisine that is quite diverse. It is a mix of indigenous culture, Italian, German, and local barbecue (la parilla). Food is generally not spicy. Vegetarian options are available. Vegan may be more challenging. If you have food allergies, bring a Spanish speaker or write down your allergy requirements on a card in Spanish and bring it to the restaurant.

Continental breakfast is usually pastries (medialuna is the favorite pastry - which is like a croissant and can be savory or sweet), with ham and cheese, yogurt, fruit, and juice. Scrambled eggs and bacon shouldn't be expected.

Lunch can be heavy or light. Sandwiches with grilled meat and empanadas are usually available on the street, or you can get steaks, sandwiches, pastas, pizza, salads, etc. in sit down restaurants.

Afternoon tea, or merienda, is a good idea in the afternoon. Most restaurants will be open for tea/coffee and a snack in the late afternoon (after 7 PM).

Dinner restaurants open at 8 pm. If you snacked at 4 or 5, then you will survive. Some restaurants will be booked on weekends and you may want to get a

reservation if you have a large group.

With regards to service in restaurants, it is typically excellent, but don't expect the wait staff to check on you and try to get you out of there quickly. Dining is an experience in Argentina and you can expect dinner to take 2 hours (taking it past 10 pm). You have the table for the whole evening if you want it. You need to make eye contact and call wait staff over if you need something. You need to ask for the check "la cuenta, por favor" in order to pay. Tipping is modest in Argentina (10%). If you want a quick dinner, better to go to a buffet or a take out place. Take out pizza is usually available.

Food safety is usually not an issue in Argentina. Water is ok to drink in Argentina from the tap. Higher risks come from less established places - i.e., street vendors - make sure your food is cooked thoroughly. You may want to consider asking for a straw from beverages sold on the street, etc. because the containers can be sitting outside, etc. Water is less available in Argentina than in the - so bring a water bottle to Argentina and fill it in your hotel.

At a restaurant or at the grocery store, water is "agua con gas" - carbonated, and "agua sin gas". Express your preference when ordering/buying.



Don't forget to enjoy an **alfajor**! An alfajor is a traditional Argentine sweet, commonly enjoyed as a snack or dessert. It consists of two soft cookies (often made with a blend of flour, cornstarch, and butter) filled with dulce de leche, a rich caramel-like spread made from sweetened condensed milk. The cookies are typically dusted with powdered sugar or coated in chocolate, coconut, or meringue, depending on the variation.

Shopping

Most major stores accept Visa and Mastercard. You may need to show your passport to use them in some places, and you will have to write your passport number on all credit card slips when you sign (it will say Documento or something like that). Probably best to carry some cash for the smaller stores.

Grocery stores work like in the US. Smaller supermarkets that are not chains are around and may offer lower prices.

Fruit and vegetable stores offer fresher vegetables at lower prices than grocery stores (verduria). There are also butcher shops (carnicerias), pasta shops (pasteleria), bakeries (panaderia), delis where amazing food can be found at low prices.

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VISA

When planning to travel to Argentina, it's important to understand the visa requirements based on your nationality, the purpose of your visit, and the duration of your stay. Here's a general overview of the visa process for Argentina:

Visa Exemption: Many countries have a visa exemption agreement with Argentina, meaning that citizens of these countries can visit Argentina for tourism or business purposes without requiring a visa for stays of up to 90 days. Some of these countries include Australia, United States, Canada, South Africa, Japan, Republic of Korea, most European Union nations, and various Latin American countries.

Tourist Visa: If you're from a country that does not have a visa exemption agreement with Argentina, you will need to apply for a tourist visa. The process usually involves submitting a completed visa application, proof of financial means, a valid passport, and possibly a round-trip flight ticket. Tourist visas are typically issued for stays of up to 90 days.

This is the list of countries and VISA regimes. Please don't hesitate to contact us to evaluate your possible VISA requirements.

<https://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexdnm.php?visas>