



First Announcement of the

## **AMMA-Ocean / TACE / PIRATA Meeting**

27 to 30 November 2007

jointly with the

## **2<sup>nd</sup> International AMMA Conference**

26 to 30 November 2007

Karlsruhe-Leopoldshafen, Germany (hosted by FZK and University of Karlsruhe)

The **AMMA-Ocean / TACE / PIRATA meeting** will focus on ocean studies particularly discussing the role of the Tropical Atlantic Ocean in the climate system.

Meeting sessions (oral and poster) will be devoted to papers that address the following topics:

- 1) Atlantic ITCZ and Tropical Atlantic Variability
- 2) Air-sea coupling, sea surface temperature & ocean mixed layer heat budget
- 3) Prediction and predictability of TAV
- 4) Tropical ocean circulation (including oxygen minimum zones, TIWs and equatorial wave dynamics)

The **2<sup>nd</sup> International AMMA Conference** will address the following themes:

- 1) WAM and global climate including aerosols and chemistry
- 2) Water cycle including processes
- 3) Surface-atmosphere feedbacks
- 4) Prediction of climate impact
- 5) High impact weather prediction & predictability
- 6) Climate modelling
- 7) Long term observations to support monitoring and prediction efforts in the West African region

The joint meeting is an exciting opportunity to bring together ocean, atmosphere and climate researchers participating in the different programs aimed at studying the tropical Atlantic region.

The deadline for abstract submission is **July 15, 2007**, and the program will be announced in early September. The AMMA-Ocean / TACE / PIRATA meeting will be held during four afternoon sessions. Morning sessions (in parallel to the 2<sup>nd</sup> International AMMA Conference) will be dedicated to special topics like e.g. status and development of the observation system in the tropical Atlantic.

For more information about abstract submission, registration fees and organisational issues, please check <http://amma-international.org/meetings/internationalConferences/karlsruhe2007/> (update in May 2007).

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