

THOR Kick-Off Meeting 12.-13. January 2009

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Dear partners

after a somewhat slow progress during the past year THOR has started on December 1st and some of you have already employed people to work on the project. Because of the holiday season our Kick-Off Meeting could not be held during the first month of the project, but instead we will assemble in Hamburg 12. – 13. January.

There are four main goals to this Kick-Off Meeting:

- (1) is that the participants in the project meet and get to know each other.
- (2) is to provide all participants with a detailed overview of the project and of its objectives, so that they get a sense of the common purpose.
- (3) is that the individual core project participants get together to discuss and plan the work ahead, say for the next 18 months. This fine tuning is particularly important as to avoid double work and instead optimise synergy effects.
- (4) is to discuss administrative matters.

The meeting takes place at the Institut für Meereskunde at the KlimaCampus of the University of Hamburg. Plenary sessions will be held in room 023/24 on the ground floor of the building. For the core project meetings there is a number of smaller rooms available.

Looking forward to seeing you in Hamburg

Best wishes

Detlef Quadfasel

Agenda of the meeting

Monday, January, 12

- 12:00 Registration, small lunch (foyer ground floor)
- 13:00 Welcome (Klaus Fraedrich, director CLISAP Centre of Excellence)
Introduction (Detlef Quadfasel)
Messages from the European Commission (Lars Müller)
- 13:30 Overview of THOR and its objectives (Detlef Quadfasel)
- 14:00 Core theme 1: THC variability (Johann Jungclaus)
Core theme 2: Sources of uncertainties (Wilco Hazeleger)
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:20 Core theme 3: Observations (Svein Østerhus)
Core theme 4: Predictability (Richard Wood)
Core theme 5: Technological advancements (J. Fischer & D. Stammer)
- 17:00 Individual core theme meetings
- 19:30 Dinner at a nearby (10 minutes walk) restaurant

Tuesday, January, 13

- 08:30 Continue individual core theme meetings
- 10:00 Plenary session: reports from the core working groups (max 15' each)
- 11:00 Administrative matters (Detlef Quadfasel, Katharina Berghöfer)
- 12:00 Other matters
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00- 15:00 Meeting of the executive committee

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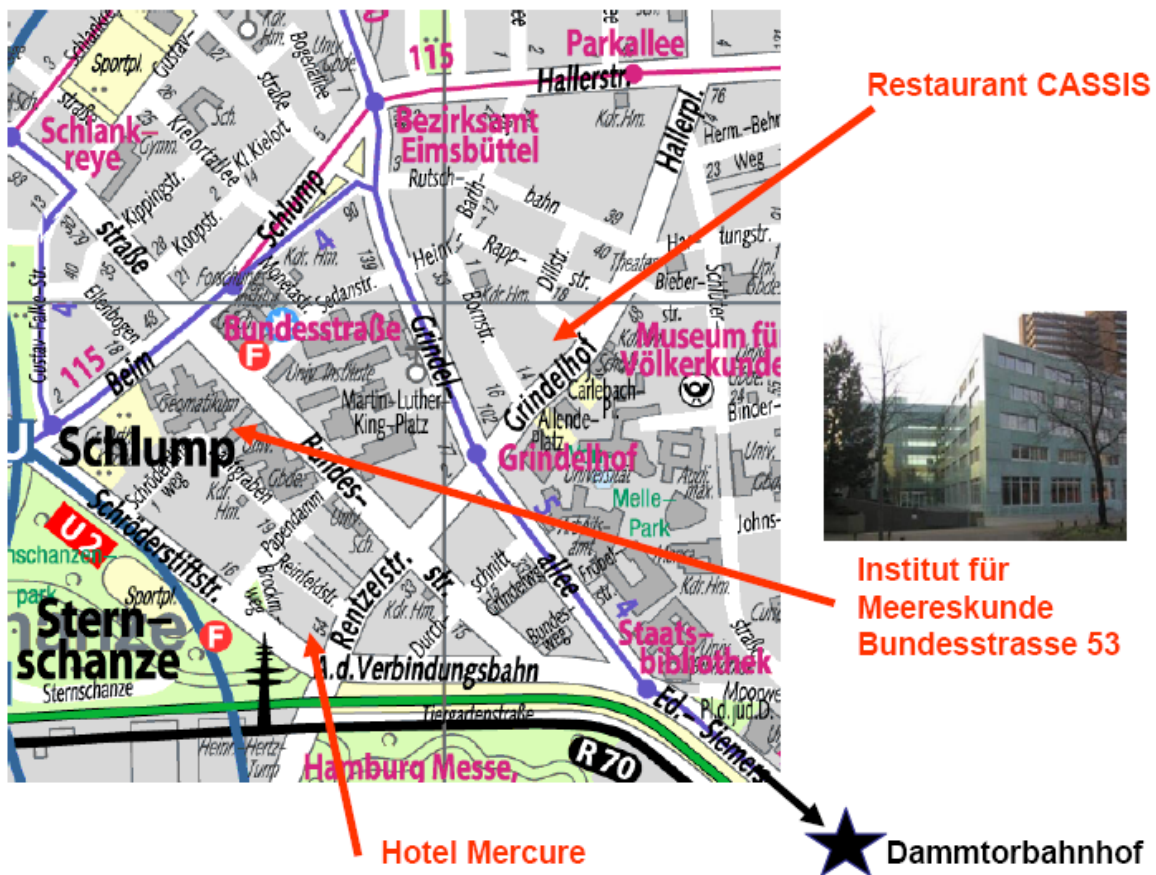
Taxi: to Bundesstrasse 53 (Meeting) or Schröderstiftstrasse 3 (hotel)
approx. 20 Euro and 20 Minutes

Metro: Line S1 (green) from airport to Ohlsdorf
change to
Line U1 (blue) from Ohlsdorf to Kellinghusenstrasse (same platform, other side)
change to
Line U3 (yellow) from Kellinghusenstrasse to Schlump
5-10 minutes walk
approx. 40 Minutes and 2.70 Euro

From the train station:

Exit at Dammtorbahnhof, from there its about 10-15 Minutes walk to both the hotel and the institute.

If your train ends at Hauptbahnhof, take Metro line S21 (brown) or S31 (pink) to Dammtorbahnhof. Appr. 5 Minutes, your train ticket is valid on the S-lines



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