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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

This document includes information on Geneva for Participants involved in WMO-related meetings and events. It is intended to facilitate arrangements concerning your stay while in Geneva.

Please note that this Information was prepared in July 2006, and may change at anytime, without the knowledge of the WMO Secretariat. You may consult the WMO web site to see whether more up-to-date information has been posted (<http://www.wmo.int/web/www/Geneva-info.html>).

Accommodations:

Participants are responsible for their own hotel bookings. A list of hotels within walking distance of WMO is provided below. Additionally, to locate the address on a map and view the "itinerary" to/from WHO Headquarters, you are encouraged to try websites such as www.mappy.com.

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Stars	Hotel	Telephone	Fax	Address	Daily Date (in* Swiss Francs)
***	Bernina www.bernina-geneve.ch	+(41 22) 908 4950	+(41 22) 908 4951	22, Place de Cornavin	140.- 160.
***	Suisse www.hotel-suisse.ch	+(41 22) 732 6630	+(41 22) 732 6239	10, Place de Cornavin	157.- 197.
***	Savoy www.hotel-savoy.ch	+(41 22) 906 4700	+(41 22) 906 4790	8, Place de Cornavin	145.- 165.
***	Strasbourg-Univers www.strasbourg-geneva.ch	+(41 22) 906 5800	+(41 22) 738 4208	10, rue Pradier (behind Place de Cornavin)	140.- 180.
***	Cristal www.fhotels.ch	+(41 22) 731 3400	+(41 22) 731 70 78	8, rue Pradier (behind Place de Cornavin)	156.- 186.
***	Carlton (# 4 on map) www.hotels-suisse.ch/geneve/frgeneve.htm	+(41 22) 908 6850	+(41 22) 908 6868	22-24, rue Amat	100.- 160.
***	Drake-Longchamp (# 5 on map) www.drake-longchamp.ch	+(41 22) 716 4848	+(41 22) 738 0007	7, rue Butini	155.- 195.
***	Manotel/Epsom (# 6 on map) www.manotel.com	+(41 22) 544 6666	+(41 22) 544 6699	18, rue Richemont	205.- 285.
***	Manotel/Jade (# 3 on map) www.manotel.com	+(41 22) 544 3838	+(41 22) 544 5151	55, rue Rothschild	180.- 270.
***	Eden (# 2 on map) www.eden.ch	+(41 22) 716 3700	+(41 22) 731 5260	135, rue de Lausanne	185.- 250.
***	Mon Repos (# 1 on map) www.hmrge.ch	+(41 22) 909 3909	+(41 22) 909 3993	131, rue de Lausanne	155.- 200.

* UN Preferential rates as of 1 April 2006 (in Swiss Francs), for a single room. In some cases a complementary breakfast is included.

N.B.: Both "Eden" and "Mon Repos" hotels are literally around the corner from WMO.

For additional information regarding hotels in and around Geneva, please see the attached web addresses located below.

- List of hotels in Geneva or neighbouring France offering UN Preferential rates:
www.wmo.int/web/www/GVAhotels-UNrates.pdf
- The Geneva Tourism Office website offers on-line hotel information and booking:
www.geneve-tourisme.ch
- Additional websites providing hotel addresses in Switzerland:
www.hotels-suisse.ch
www.swisshotels.com
www.swissqualityhotels.com

City Orientation for WMO Visitors:

Place de Cornavin:

Place de Cornavin, and also Geneva's train station "**Cornavin**" is conveniently located 10-15 minutes walking distance to WMO Headquarters, the "Nations" Square and to the "Jardin Botanique". The area around *Place de Cornavin* is commercial and centralized, with access to all means of transport going in all directions. You can find the main Post Office, the hosts Tourist Office, the pedestrian street and a veritable plethora of restaurants, shops, cinemas and currency exchange places to visit. It is also a short walk to the Lake Lemman, the Mont-Blanc Bridge, the University of Geneva, Geneva's historic "Old Town", theatres, museums and many fancy boutiques located on Rue de la Confédération.

Sécheron Train Stop:

A CFF train stop was inaugurated on 12 December 2004, and is practically next door to the WMO Headquarters! The ride from Cornavin station to WMO takes exactly 3 minutes. It leaves Cornavin in the direction of "Coppet" every 30 minutes - usually from platforms 1 or 2. The arrival times for the train, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) are as follows: 7h03, 7h33, 8h03, 8h33, 9h03, 9h33, etc...

Nations:

As in United Nations, is one of Geneva's transport hubs. The large square, features a view to the Palais des Nations and its rows of colourful flags from all its Members States. Several UN organizations are located nearby such as the World Health Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization, with WMO approximately 4 minutes walking distance

Jardin Botanique:

The Botanical Gardens are conveniently located directly across the street from WMO Headquarters.

Getting Around Geneva:

Geneva is a very compact city served by an excellent public transit system, which includes buses, trams and trains. Information is available at the airport or at the TPG office located in Geneva's main train station. Please note, within Geneva city limits, bus drivers do not sell nor control the bus tickets; instead, a brigade of inspectors make spot checks to insure the integrity of their riders. Failure to produce a valid ticket results in a fine of at least CHF 100.00. If unable to pay the fine on the spot, your identification documents are requested. Failure to show the proper identification can result in a visit to the police station.

Bus tickets are sold at self-service distributors located at nearly every bus stop. Payment for the ticket is made in EXACT change ONLY, in Swiss francs or Euro coins, with the exception 0.05 cents. One ticket may be used on any bus or tram-line and in any direction, within the limits of the duration and of the zones selected.

As of 11 December 2005, the Rates are as Follows:

- A single ticket, valid for "all of Geneva (yellow zones)" and/or valid for one hour (3.00 CHF)
- A Day ticket, starting from 9am until the end of the day (7.00 CHF)
- A 24-hour ticket (10.00 CHF)
- On weekends, ONE 24-hour ticket is valid for TWO persons travelling together!

Bus cards called "CarteBonus" work like phone cards and are sold at newspaper kiosks for 20, 30 or 50 CHF. These cards are particularly useful as they save you from carrying the exact change and save you some money as well, with "bonus" credits of 1, 2 or 5 Swiss francs.

Due to the geographical situation of Geneva, border with France and border with Canton de Vaud, the Bus transport fare is calculated in terms of: YELLOW Zone for the "Canton of Geneva" itself; and BLUE Zone(s) for neighbouring France or neighbouring Canton de Vaud.

For those who choose a hotel in Ferney-Voltaire (France), you will be using Bus "F" and travelling from ZONE 40 to ZONE 12 to reach Nations square. The ride takes approximately 30 minutes in duration. Stop at "Nations"; then catch Bus 11 or Bus 28 (for only one stop), or take a 4-minute walk towards the lake and the botanical gardens.

When travelling in Bus F, please note that the ticket will be sold by the bus driver, and must be time stamped to be valid.

All Roads Lead to...WMO:

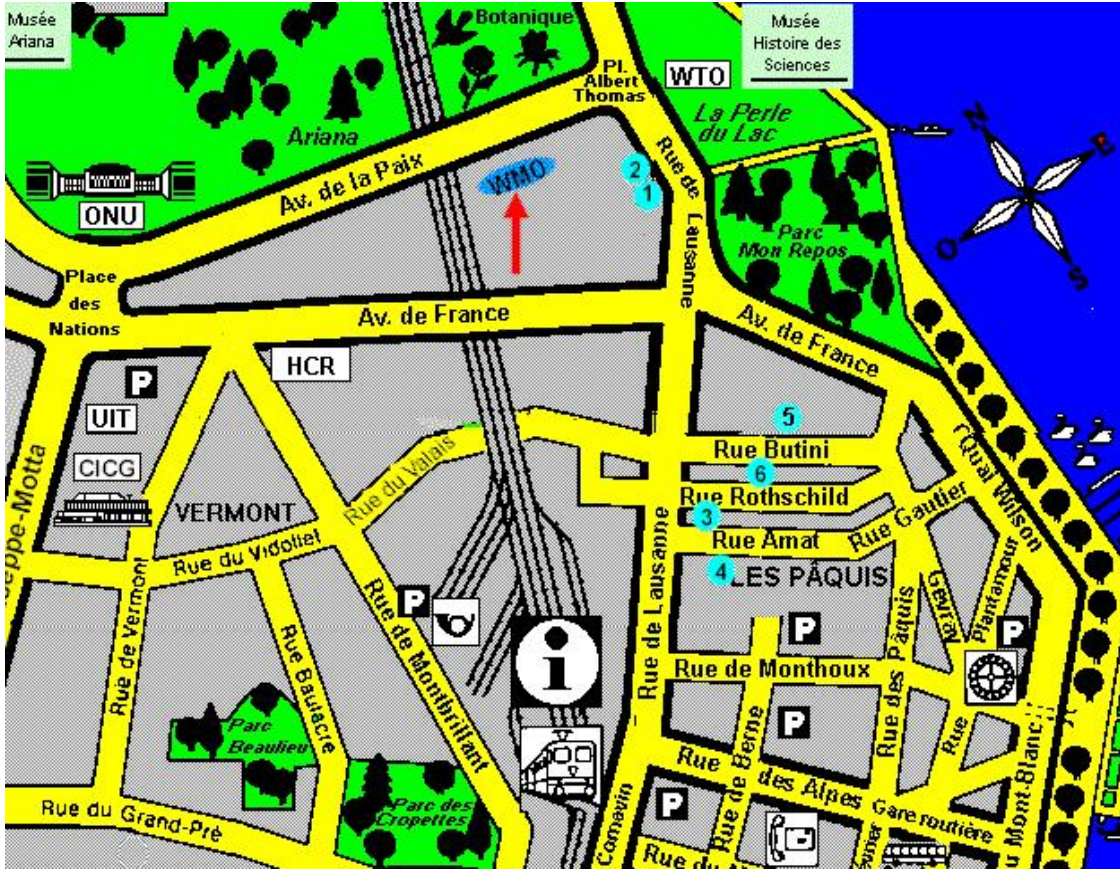
- Geneva Public Transport/Transport Public de Genève (TPG) - www.tpg.ch
 - CFF Swiss train system for country and local transport - www.cff.ch
 - UNIRESO, Geneva's network of Public Transport systems - www.unireso.com
- ⇒ Bus 1, Bus 11, Bus 28 in the direction of **Jardin Botanique**
- ⇒ Tram 13, Tram 15, in the direction of **Nations**
- ⇒ Train Geneva-Coppet with stop over at **Sécheron**

From the Airport "COINTRIN" to Town:

Geneva's airport is less than 5 km from downtown. There is direct transport to both WMO Headquarters (Jardin Botanique) and the Cornavin train station.

- ⇒ **BY BUS.** Bus 10 passes through Cornavin station; Bus 28 arrives at WMO "Jardin Botanique". More information can be found at the following web address at: www.tpg.ch.
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- ⇒ **BY TRAIN.** Throughout the day, all trains leaving the airport stop at Cornavin main station before carrying on with their journey. Look for the "Gare CFF" or "Cornavin" signs. Ticket costs usually range from CHF 10.00 and are sold at the "billeterie", at self-service distributors and sometimes by the train controller. More information can be found at: www.cff.ch.
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- ⇒ **BY TAXI.** A taxi ride from the Airport in the direction of WMO Headquarters, Jardin Botanique, Nations or Cornavin station cost in the range of CHF30.00 (as of December 2005).

Map of Geneva with Hotels Near WMO:



Climate Information for Geneva:

Month	mean maximum temperature (°C)	mean minimum temperature (°C)	average cloudy days	average precipitation (mm)
January	3.9	-1.7	18	55
February	5.6	-1.0	17	52
March	10.0	1.7	13	60
April	13.3	3.9	11	63
May	18.5	7.8	11	75
June	22.2	16.6	9	80
July	25.0	13.4	8	70
August	25.1	13.3	8	88
September	20.5	10.6	12	90
October	14.0	6.1	13	90
November	8.3	2.2	20	82
December	5.1	0	21	65