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## Standing International Road Weather Commission

SIRWEC exists to encourage meteorologists, weather forecasters, highway engineers, road masters and others, who are interested in road weather problems, to exchange ideas to make our roads safer to drive on in all weather conditions.

### The 14th SIRWEC Conference 2008

**Place:** Prague, Czech Republic

**Date:** May 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2008

5th Topic: „Education in road weather forecasting“



# SIRWEC Guide – Introduction in Prague 2008?

## A Guide to Road Weather Systems

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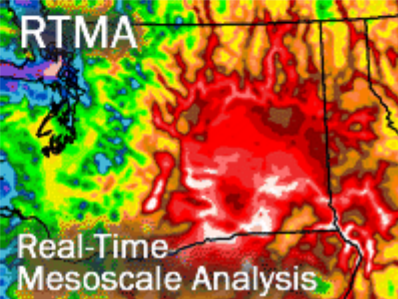
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