

PREFACE-PIRATA-CLIVAR Tropical Atlantic Variability Conference



28th November – 1st December 2016, UPMC, Paris, France



Programme

Registration: Monday 28th November, 8:00-9:00; 10:30-11:00; 15:15-15:45

Start of scientific conference: Monday 28th November, 9:00

End of scientific conference: Thursday 1st December, 14:00

NOTE: The conference will follow by PREFACE General Assembly 2016 from Thursday 1st 14:00 to Friday 2nd 13:30. PIRATA internal meetings will take place on Friday 2nd 09:00-13:00

Monday, 28/11/2016

8:00-9:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 General welcome and opening of the assembly (Alban Lazar, Noel Keenlyside & Bernard Bourlès)

Session 1: Oceanic and atmospheric processes affecting physical-biogeochemical interaction and climate

Chairs: Nathalie Lefèvre (IRD, LOCEAN) and Julien Jouanno (IRD)

9:15-9:30 **Interannual tropical Atlantic variability modes: classification and Sea Surface Salinity signature** Mesmin Awo, Gael Alory, Thierry Delcroix and Ezinvi Baloitcha

9:30-9:45 **Potential impact of Atlantic climate modes on the ventilation of the oxygen minimum zone in the eastern tropical north Atlantic** Kristin Burmeister and Joke Lübbecke

9:45-10:00 **Oxygen minimum zones variability in the Atlantic Ocean over the last Millennium and the 21st Century in an Earth System Model** Angélique Hameau, Fortunat Joos, Juliette Mignot and Kathrin Keller

10:00-10:15 **Influence of greenhouse gas concentration and Arctic sea-ice change on the West African Monsoon** Paul-Arthur Monerie, Thomas Oudar, Emilia Sanchez-Gomez, Laurent Terray

10:15-10:30 **Changes in the ecosystem structure of the algae *Sargassum* in the tropical Atlantic Ocean** Sandrine Djakouré, M. Araújo, B. Bourlès, A. Hounou-Gbo and C. Noriega

10:45-11:15	Coffee break (Registration continued)
11:15-12:15	Posters (sessions 1 & 3 – list of posters below)
12:15-13:30	Lunch

Session 1 continued.

Chairs: Rebecca Hummels (GEOMAR), Gregory Foltz (NOAA) and Frédéric Marin (IRD)

13:45-14:00	The Angola Current at 11°S: observations and response to tropical Atlantic variability Peter Brandt, Robert Kopte, Marcus Dengler and Pedro C. M. Tchipalanga
14:00-14:15	Current variability and wave propagation along the south-west African coast as revealed by mooring observations Tim Junker, Volker Mohrholz, Martin Schmidt, Lydia Siegfried and Anja van der Plas
14:15-14:30	TKE dissipation and turbulent mixing in the Northern Benguela Volker Mohrholz, Toralf Heene, Martin Schmidt
14:30-14:45	Role of Interannual Kelvin wave propagations in the equatorial Atlantic on the Angola Benguela current system Rodrigue Anicet Imbol Koungue, Serena Illig and Mathieu Rouault
14:45-15:00	Observations of Air-Sea interactions in the Gulf of Guinea during the OLACTA-DACCIWA 2016 field campaign Rémi Meynadier, C. Flamant, P. Rosenberg, M. Diakhate, G de Coëtlogon and P. Knippertz
15.00-15:15	The upper layer circulation in the Gulf of Guinea revisited from in situ data and a high resolution numerical model Gaëlle Herbert, B. Bourlès, P. Penven, G. Cambon and J. Grelet
15:30-15:50	Coffee break (Registration continued)
15:50-16:50	Posters (sessions 1 & 3 – list of posters below)
17:00-19:00	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are signals from the equatorial and South Atlantic communicated to the upwelling regions in the southeastern Atlantic? • What are the mechanisms of physical-biogeochemical interaction in the tropical Atlantic? <p><i>(Lead: Nathalie Lefèvre and Frédéric Marin)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salinity: Passive tracer or active participant in tropical Atlantic climate? • Which oceanic processes are not explicitly included in models and what are the observations needed to address them? <p><i>(Lead: Gregory Foltz, Julien Jouanno and Rebecca Hummels)</i></p>
20:00	Welcome Reception (Tour Zemansky, Campus Jussieu, UPMC)

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Session 3: Towards realising socio-economic benefits of climate prediction in the Tropical Atlantic for marine ecosystems, fisheries, and continental climate

Chairs: Jorge Parages (UNIVE), Chloe Prodhomme (BSC) and Noel Keenlyside (UiB & BCCR)

- 09:00-09:15** **Upper mesopelagic vertical and horizontal distributional patterns in relation to hydrographical conditions in the Eastern tropical North Atlantic** Stephanie Czudaj, Heino Fock, Matthias Schaber and Boris Cisewski
- 09:15-09:30** **Changes in the trans-equatorial distribution of Sherborn's basslet, *Howella sherborni*, and Atlantic pelagic basslet, *Howella atlantica*, in the northern tropical Atlantic** Heino O. Fock and Stephanie Czudaj
- 09:30-09:45** **First insights on the impact of hydrology and currents on the horizontal and vertical distributions of fish and macrozooplankton in the Eastern tropical Atlantic Ocean** Jérémie Habasque, Bernard Bourlès, Éric Machu, Patrice Brehmer and Arnaud Bertrand
- 09:45-10:00** **Tropical Atlantic Variability and fluctuations of small pelagic fish off Angola: The role of the main upwelling season** Marek Ostrowski and António Barradas
- 10:00-10:15** **Vertical habitat use and diving behaviour of yellowfin tuna, *Thunnus albacares*, in CABO VERDE** Pericles Silva, Ivanice Monteiro, Victor Stiebens, Matthias Schaber, Heino O. Fock
- 10:15-10:30** **Population traits in Small pelagic fish model: emergence from interactions between turbulent environment and individual behaviours in Upwelling Systems** Timothée Brochier, Pierre-Amaël Auger, Laure Pecquerie, Eric Machu, Xavier Capet, Modou Thiaw, Baye Cheikh Mbaye, Cheikh-Baye Braham, Omar Ettahiri, Najib Charouki and Patrice Brehmer
- 10:45-11:15** **Coffee break**
- 11:15-12:15** **Posters** (session 2 – list of posters below)
- 12:15-13:30** **Lunch**

Chairs: Timothee Brochier (IRD), Heino Fock (TI) and Jörn Schmidt (CAU)

- 13:45-14:00** **Climate change projections over West Africa: What would be the role of Ocean SST** M. Mouhamadou Bamba Sylla *et al.*
- 14:00-14:15** **Predictability of malaria parameters in Sahel under the S4CAST Model** Ibrahima Diouf, Rodríguez-Fonseca, B., Deme A., Cisse M., NDione J-A. and Gaye A. Th.
- 14:15-14:30** **Decadal prediction of Sahel rainfall: where does the skill (or lack thereof) come from?** Elsa Mohino, Noel Keenlyside and Holger Pohlmann
- 14:30-14:45** **Climate change: What kind of knowledge, what type of adaptation for what type of West African artisanal fisher folk** Adama Mbaye, Marie-Christine Cormier-Salem, Jörn Schmidt and Patrice Brehmer

Session 2: Mechanisms and simulation of tropical Atlantic climate variability

Chair: Alban Lazar (UPMC)

- 14:45-15:00** **Origin of upwelled water in the Benguela system: source region, upwelling depth and propagation pathways** Lydia Siegfried and Martin Schmidt
- 15:00-15:15** **Pathways of the upwelled water in the Benguela Current** Martin Krebs, Arne Biastoch, Jonathan Durgadoo, Claus Böning and Mojib Latif
- 15:15-15:30** **Alleviating Tropical Atlantic Sector Biases in the Kiel Climate Model by Enhancing Horizontal and Vertical Atmosphere Model Resolution: Climatology and Interannual Variability** M. Latif, J. Harlaß and W. Park
- 15:30-15:50** **Coffee break**
- 15:50-16:50** **Posters** (session 2 – list of posters below)
- 17:00-19:00** **Discussion:**
- How can knowledge gained from observations be used to improve modelling and predictions, including the development of alternative statistical approaches?
 - What is the relation between model bias and prediction skill?
 - How to better achieve predictions of marine ecosystems changes?

(Lead: Chloé Prodhomme and Heino Fock)

Wednesday, 30.11.2016

09:00-09:30 Climate change after the COP 21: economic aspects Anna Creti

Session 2: Mechanisms and simulation of tropical Atlantic climate variability

Chairs: Regina Rodrigues (UFSC) and Mathieu Rouault (UCT)

09:30-09:45 Growth and decay of the equatorial Atlantic SST mode by means of closed heat budget in a coupled general circulation model Irene Polo, Alban Lazar, Belen Rodriguez-Fonseca and Juliette Mignot

09:45-10:00 Symmetry of the Atlantic Niño mode Joke F. Lübbeke and Michael J. McPhaden

10:00-10:15 Observational evidence of Atlantic Niño decadal variability Hyacinth C. Nnamchi, Noel S. Keenlyside, Fred Kucharski, Ping Chang and Riccardo Farneti

10:15-10:30 On the inter-annual tropical Atlantic variability modes under negative AMO phases Marta Martín-Rey, Irene Polo, Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca, Teresa Losada and Alban Lazar

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:15 Posters (session 2 – list of posters below)

12:15-13:30 Lunch

Chairs: Elsa Mohino (UCM) and Ping Chang (TAMU)

13:45-14:00 SST bias development in the Tropical Atlantic in PREFACE coordinated experiments Aurore Volodire, Teferi Demissie, Anna-Lena Deppenmeier, Eleftheria Exarchou, Claudia Frauen, Katerina Goubanova, Noël Keenlyside, Shunya Koseki, Chloé Prodhomme, Emilia Sanchez-Gomez, Jon Shonk, Thomas Toniazzo and Abdoul-Khadre Traoré

14:00-14:15 A mechanism for the changing impact of the tropical Atlantic on the Pacific. Influence of bias Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca, Irene Polo, Elsa Mohino, Teresa Losada, Marta Martin-Rey and Noel Keenlyside

14:15-14:30 Disentangling atmospheric biases in the tropical Atlantic in the CNRM climate model Romain Roehrig, Claudia Frauen and Aurore Volodire

14:30-14:45 The complexity of climate model drifts Davide Zanchettin, Maeregu Arisido, Carlo Gaetan and Angelo Rubino

14:45-15:00 Role of equatorial forcing in SST bias development in the South-Eastern Tropical Atlantic in a high resolution version of CNRM-CM CGCM Katerina Goubanova, Emilia Sanchez Gomez, Claudia Frauen and Aurore Volodire

15:00-15:15 On the possible sources of southeastern Atlantic warm bias William Cabos, Dmitry Sein, Dmitry Sidorenko and Thomas Jung

15:30-15:50 Coffee break

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Chairs: Joke Lübbeke (GEOMAR) and Aurore Volodire (MF-CNRM)

- 15:50-16:05** **The influence of ocean-SST-cloud feedback on the tropical Atlantic SST bias** Anna-Lena Deppenmeier, Wilco Hazeleger and Rein Haarsma
- 16:05-16:20** **On the influence of GCM biases on seasonal prediction skill in the tropical Atlantic** Ingo Richter, Takeshi Doi and Swadhin K. Behera
- 16:20-16:35** **Impact of Sea Surface Temperature Biases on Tropical Cyclone Simulations** Wei-Ching Hsu, Christina Patricola, Ping Chang
- 16:35-16:50** **Impact of dynamical regionalization on precipitation biases and teleconnections over West Africa** Iñigo Gómara, Elsa Mohino, Teresa Losada, Marta Domínguez and Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca
- 16:50-17:05** **Modelling surface and sub-surface temperature- and salinity variability in the south-eastern Atlantic Ocean** Martin Schmidt, Tim Junker, Volker Mohrholz and Lydia Siegfried - **cancelled**
- 16:50-17:05** **Importance of marine boundary layer clouds for the mean climate and interannual variability over the Atlantic Ocean** Carlos R. Mechoso, Timothy A. Myers, Teresa Losada, Shunya Koseki, Elsa Mohino-Harris, Noel Keenlyside, Antonio Castaño-Tierno, Belen Rodriguez-Fonseca, Thomas Tonizzzo, Teferi D. Demissie and Gabriel Cazes-Boezio
- 17:05-17:20** **Climatological mean tropical Atlantic surface wind convergence: analysis of the drivers in reanalyses** Moussa Diakhaté, Alban Lazar, Gaëlle de Coëtlogon and Amadou T. Gaye
- 17:20-19:00** **Discussion:**
- What is the current understanding of the causes of Tropical Atlantic biases in climate models? (*Lead: Ingo Richter*)
 - What are the current consensus on the mechanisms and predictability for seasonal to interannual TAV and impacts? (*Lead: Elsa Mohino*)
 - What is the current consensus on ENSO impact on TAV, and has there been any impact of the 2015/16 El Niño? (*Lead: Regina Rodrigues*)

Thursday, 01.12.2016

Session 2: Mechanisms and simulation of tropical Atlantic climate variability, continued.

Chairs: Ingo Richter (JAMSTEC) and Hyacinth Nnamchi (UNN)

- 09:00-09:15 Influence of decadal sea surface temperature variability on northern Brazil rainfall in CMIP5 simulations** Julián Villamayor, Tércio Ambrizzi and Elsa Mohino
- 09:15-09:30 Role of the Tropical Atlantic in ENSO variability** Noel Keenlyside, Hui Ding, Marta Martin-Rey, Mao-Lin Shen, Mojib Latif and Belen Rodriguez-Fonseca
- 09:30-09:45 How sensitive are the Pacific–tropical North Atlantic teleconnections to the position and intensity of El Niño related warming?** Regina R. Rodrigues, A. S. Taschetto, G. A. Meehl, S. McGregor and M. H. England
- 09:45-10:00 The effects of the El Niño duration on the climatic impact over the tropical North Atlantic** Enzo Pinheiro, Diogenes Passos Fontenele, Francisco das Chagas Vasconcelos Junior, Eduardo Savio Passos Rodrigues Martins and Jacques Servain
- 10:00-10:15 External forcing links Atlantic multidecadal variability and the Indian summer monsoon** Lea Svendsen, FeiFei Luo, Syam Sankar, Yongqi Gao, Noel Keenlyside, P.V. Joseph and Ola M. Johannessen
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break**
- 11:15-12:15 Summary from the Mon-Wed discussion sessions**
- 12:15-13:30 Lunch and END of conference**

PREFACE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: the agenda for Thursday afternoon and Friday morning is in a separate document available to PREFACE participants. Thank you.

Monday, 28/11 (11:15-12:15 and 15:50-16:50) - POSTERS:

Session 1 posters

1. **Seasonal variability of the Angola Current related to resonant equatorial basin modes** Robert Kopte, Peter Brandt, Marcus Dengler, Martin Claus and Richard J. Greatbatch (rkopte@geomar.de)
2. **Seasonal Mixed Layer Heat and Salinity Budget in the South Eastern Tropical Atlantic Ocean** Jan Lüdke, Marcus Dengler, Peter Brandt and Willi Rath (jluedke@geomar.de)
3. **An enhanced PIRATA data set for tropical Atlantic ocean-atmosphere research** Gregory Foltz, Claudia Schmid and Rick Lumpkin (gregory.foltz@noaa.gov)
4. **Property Changes of Deep and Bottom Waters in the Western Tropical Atlantic** Josefine Herrford, Peter Brandt and Walter Zenk (jherrford@geomar.de)
5. **Genesis dynamics of the Angola-Benguela Frontal Zone: Ocean frontogenesis function** Shunya Koseki, Hervé Giordani, Katerina Goubanova, Noel Keenlyside, Thomas Tonizzo and Kunihiro Aoki (Shunya.Koseki@uib.no)
6. **Impacts of chlorophyll concentrations on the Tropical Atlantic Ocean** Hernandez O, Jouanno J. and Echevin V. (olgahernand@gmail.com)
7. **Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation: Variability of the Boundary Circulation Systems and AMOC at 11°S** Rebecca Hummels, Peter Brandt, Marcus Dengler, Jürgen Fischer, Moacyr Araujo, Doris Veleda, Jonathan Durgadoo, Josefine Herrford and Robert Kopte (rhummels@geomar.de)
8. **Role of the Equatorial undercurrent salinity maximum in the seasonal variability of sea surface salinity in the Equatorial Atlantic Cold Tongue** Casimir. Y. Da-Allada, J. Jouanno, F. Gaillard, N. Kolodziejczyk, C. Maes, N. Reul and B. Bourlès (daallada@yahoo.fr)
9. **A new dipole index for the tropical Atlantic from the PIRATA data set** Antonio Geraldo Ferreira, Jacques Servain, Juan J. Carrasco, Emilio Soria Olivas and Leandro Valente Jacinto (geraldo@funceme.br)
10. **The CO₂ network in the tropical Atlantic: A contribution to the Integrated Carbon Observation System (ICOS)** Nathalie Lefèvre, D. Diverrès and L. Beaumont (nathalie.lefeuvre@locean-ipsl.upmc.fr)
11. **Do the Amazon and Orinoco freshwater plumes really matter for hurricane-induced ocean surface cooling?** Olga Hernandez, J. Jouanno and F. Durand (olgahernand@gmail.com)
12. **A climatological analysis of the seasonal variability of surface temperature and circulation over the Canary current upwelling system** Saliou Faye, Alban Lazar, Bamol Sow and Amadou T. Gaye (saliou.faye@ucad.edu.sn)
13. **Variability of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone: Influence of the tropical Atlantic Warm Pool** Dahirou WANE, Alban LAZAR, Malick WADE, Amadou Thierno GAYE (mahasimw@gmail.com)

Monday, 28/11 (11:15-12:15 and 15:50-16:50) - POSTERS:

Session 3 posters

1. **Seasonal Prediction in the Tropical Atlantic** Noel Keenlyside, Stephanie Gleixner, Mao-Lin Shen, François Counillon, Shunya Koseki, Yiguo Wang, Teferi Demisie (noel.keenlyside@uib.no)
2. **Climate influence on North West African fisheries: a large-scale perspective** Jorge López-Parages, Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca, Timothee Brochier, Angelo Rubino, Davide Zanchettin, Carlo Gaetan, Noel Keenlyside and Pierre-Amael Auger (jorge.parages@unive.it)
3. **Highlighting the impacts of the tropical Atlantic over the rainfall seasons of Northeast Brazil** Hounsou-Gbo, G. A., Servain, J., Araújo, M. and Bourlès, B. (h.aubains@gmail.com)
4. **Linking local fisheries observations to climate - a first analysis of historical data from Cabo Verde** Ivanice Monteiro, Pericles Silva and Heino O. Fock (ivanice.monteiro@indp.goc.cv)
5. **Aspects of the trophic structure of mesopelagic sound scattering layers in the Eastern tropical North Atlantic** Stephanie Czudaj, Heino Fock and Ana Marta Gonçalves (stephanieczudaj@thuenen.de)
6. **ECLAIRS: Integrated climate and ocean studies around West Africa and response to climate change in Senegal** J. Mignot, A. Lazar and A.T. Gaye (Juliette.Mignot@locean.upmc.fr)
7. **Farmers' awareness and attitude to climate change adaptation techniques in Southwestern Nigeria** Ayansina Ayanlade (sinaayanlade@yahoo.co.uk) - cancelled
8. **Variability of climatic elements in Nigeria over recent 100 years** Tairu Salami (adesat2002@yahoo.com) - cancelled

[Tuesday, 29/11 \(11:15-12:15 and 15:50-16:50\) and Wednesday 30/11 \(11:15-12:15\) - POSTERS:](#)

Session 2 posters

1. Reducing the Sea Surface Temperature Bias in the Kiel Climate Model to improve the Representation of Atlantic Niño Variability and Dynamics Tina Dippe, Richard Greatbatch and Hui Ding (tdippe@geomar.de)
2. Ocean data evolution along PIRATA sections from 1993 to 2016 using Mercator Project database Diogenes Passos Fontenele, Jacques Servain, Enzo Pinheiro and Francisco das Chagas Vasconcelos Junior (diogenes.fontenele@funceme.br)
3. Interdependence of Model Systematic Biases in the Tropical Atlantic and the Tropical Pacific Jon Shonk, Thomas Tonietto, Steve Woolnough and Eric Guilyardi (j.k.p.shonk@reading.ac.uk)
4. Tropical Atlantic biases in CNRM-CM6: evaluation of the new atmospheric physics Florent Brient, Romain Roehrig and Aurore Voldoire (florent.brient@meteo.fr)
5. Application of remote sensing to study mechanism of Tropical Atlantic climate variability and monsoon energetics through morphological studies of northern-southern hemisphere (NH-SH) convective features Virendra Goswami (vk_goswami1@rediffmail.com)
6. Mean SST bias and variability at inter-annual time-scales in CMIP5 models Irene Polo, Julian Villamayor, Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca, Elsa Mohino and Teresa Losada (irene.polouk@gmail.com)
7. A methodology for anomaly coupling in climate simulation Shunya Koseki and T. Tonietto (shunya.koseki@uib.no)
8. How does ECHAM represent the annual cycle of central Africa rainfall system and its relation to zonal atmospheric heat transport? Georges-Noel T. Longandjo and Mathieu Rouault (longandjo@gmail.com)
9. Sources of EC-Earth bias in Tropical Atlantic Eleftheria Exarchou, Chloé Prodhomme, Virginie Guemas and Francisco Doblas-Reyes (eleftheria.exarchou@bsc.es)
10. Oceanic processes involved in the development and decay of the Meridional Mode Marta Martín-Rey and Alban Lazar (mmarlod@locean-ipsl.upmc.fr)
11. Effects of river discharge on Atlantic Climate Paulo Nobre and Raquel Leite Mello (paulo.nobre@cptec.inpe.br)
12. Does the impact of Atlantic Niños on the Indian summer monsoon depend on the background state? Lea Svendsen, Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca and Noel Keenlyside (lea.svendsen@uib.no)
13. The ENSO - tropical North Atlantic teleconnection in CMIP5 models Emilia Sanchez-Gomez and Javier Garcia-Serrano (sanchez@cerfacs.fr)
14. The intrinsic ocean variability in the Tropical Atlantic Laurent Bessières, Laurent Terray, Thierry Penduff, Jean-Marc Molines, Marie-Pierre Moine, Guillaume Sérazin and Emilia Sanchez-Gomez (bessieres@cerfacs.fr)
15. Role of Air-Sea-Land Interactions in Tropical Atlantic Seasonal Cycle Lander R. Crespo, Noel Keenlyside and Shunya Koseki (lander.crespo@uib.no)
16. Mechanisms of variability of the Atlantic Niño in an ocean model forced with an interactive atmospheric boundary layer Jouanno J., O. Hernandez, E. Sanchez-Gomez, F. Marin and B. Deremble (jouanno@legos.obs-mip.fr)

Session 2 posters continued.

17. **Influence of the reduction of the incoming radiation over the southern ocean on the simulation of the tropical Atlantic variability by the UCLA CGCM** Teresa Losada, A. Castaño-Tierno, B. Rodríguez-Fonseca, E. Mohino and C.R. Mechoso (tldoval@fis.ucm.es)
18. **Evaluation of the anomaly coupling technique in the UCLA CGCM** T. Losada, A. Castaño-Tierno, E. Mohino and B. Rodríguez-Fonseca(tldoval@fis.ucm.es)
19. **Relationship between CMIP5 models SST bias and coastal upwelling representation** Antonio Castaño-Tierno, Elsa Mohino, Teresa Losada and Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca (antcasta@ucm.es)
20. **The effect of external forcing on meridional modes in the tropical Atlantic** Sebastian Milinski, Johann H. Jungclaus, Jürgen Bader and Jochem Marotzke (sebastian.milinski@mpimet.mpg.de)
21. **Mixed Layer heat budget variability of the western tropical atlantic from Argo floats (2007-2012)** Antonio V. Nogueira Neto, Guy Caniaux, Hervé Giordani and Moacyr Araújo (antoniovasconcelos@meteo.fr)
22. **Assessing climate model biases of the Tropical Atlantic using Bayesian hierarchical approach** Maeregu Woldeyes Arisido, Davide Zanchettin, Carlo Gaetan and Angelo Rubino (maeregu.arisido@unive.it)
23. **Seasonal and decadal variability of th senegalo-mauritanien upwelling in the climate models and influence of the global warming** Adama Sylla, Juliette Mignot and Amadou Thierno Gaye (adamasylla36@gmail.com)
24. **What caused the 2009 cold event in the Atlantic Cold Tongue region?** Kristin Burmeister, Peter Brandt and Joke F. Lübbecke (kburmeister@geomar.de)
25. **On the Atlantic Multidecadal variability role on modulating Mediterranean impact on Sahelian rainfall** Roberto Suárez-Moreno, Belén Rodríguez-Fonseca, Marco Gaetani and Cyrille Flamant (roberto.suarez@fis.ucm.es)
26. **The current 2015-2016 warm event in the tropical Atlantic: A little twin brother of the 2015-2016 El Niño in the Pacific?** Jacques Servain, Guy Caniaux, Diogenes Fontenele, Dominique Dagorne, Bernard Bourles, Aubains Hounou-Gbo, Moacyr Araujo, Mathieu Rouault (jacques.servain@gmail.com)