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From: Houser, Paul R
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 1:04 AM
To: Finkler, Kira L
Subject: RE: WCRP Open Science Conference
Attachments: GovTrip eTravel System; GovTrip eTravel System

Hi Kira!

I thought you accepted the travel request because I sent the trip justification on Sept 14 (below), followed by a GovTrip travel authorization request on September 20 (attached) which was subsequently "stamped approved by Kira L Finkler" on September 21 (attached).

Best Regards, Paul

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From: Finkler, Kira L
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 6:00 PM
To: Houser, Paul R
Subject: RE: WCRP Open Science Conference

Hi Paul – why do you think I approved the travel?

--Kira

From: Houser, Paul R
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 3:10 PM
To: Finkler, Kira L
Subject: RE: WCRP Open Science Conference

Kira –No worries. I thought it was OK because you approved the travel. I will cancel the trip, and will not make any additional plans to travel.

Best Regards, Paul

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From: Finkler, Kira L
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:31 PM
To: Houser, Paul R
Subject: RE: WCRP Open Science Conference

Hi Paul – you should not plan to attend this conference. Also, please suspend any additional planning of regional tours. If you want to ask UC to spend a half day or day on MRG issues and showing you some things around ABQ when you go for Corps meeting next month, that is fine. And if you are headed somewhere out west to give a presentation or

attend a meeting, we can discuss tacking on a day or two to some of those trips to see Reclamation projects on the ground.
Thanks,
Kira

From: Houser, Paul R
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 8:12 AM
To: Finkler, Kira L
Subject: WCRP Open Science Conference

Kira – I would like to ask if I can attend the World Climate Research Program (WCRP) Open Science Conference, 24-28 October 2011 in Denver. I think this would be a good opportunity to stay in touch with the climate research community, AR5, and links to applications. I have included some additional information below. Please let me know what you think. Paul

How is this conference different from other conferences?

- It covers all aspects of understanding and predicting climate variability and change.
- It will deliver a comprehensive assessment of climate research.
- It will bring together diverse research communities that usually meet separately.
- It will identify the grand challenges facing the climate research community and help establish future priorities for climate research.
- It is timed to provide strategic input into the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report.

Whom will I meet?

- You will interact with those in your discipline through focused oral and poster sessions.
- You will meet face-to-face with experts from other disciplines and create new opportunities for collaboration.
- If you are an early-career scientist, you will interact with leading climate scientists from around the world through planned focused activities.

What will I gain from attending this conference?

- You will present your latest research and discuss it with colleagues.

- You will participate in the “big-picture synthesis” of cutting-edge climate research.
- You will influence the development of the international research agenda of WCRP.

Goals and Vision

A better understanding of the behaviour of the climate system and its interactions with other Earth system components is critical to predict its future evolution, reduce vulnerability to high impact weather and climate events, and sustain life.
This need is perhaps greater than ever before given that humans have emerged as the dominant agent of future change.
Progress will require, moreover, an increasingly holistic approach across scientific disciplines, as well as an unprecedented commitment to the development of a diverse and talented future workforce.

To advance on such challenges, the WCRP will assemble for the first time ever its entire research community, and engage other key international research programmes, in a major Open Science Conference (OSC) in October 2011.
Through a unique synthesis of research findings, the OSC will assess our current state of knowledge on climate variability and change, identify the most urgent scientific issues and research challenges, and ascertain how the WCRP can best facilitate research and develop partnerships critical for progress.

Anticipated Outcomes

The WCRP OSC represents an exclusive opportunity to assemble the international scientific community working to advance understanding and prediction of variability and change of the Earth’s physical climate system on all space and time scales. The OSC will facilitate cross-fertilization across the diverse research communities within the WCRP, as well as with other international research programmes, including the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), the World Weather Research Programme (WWRP) and the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP).

The OSC will appraise the current state of climate science, thereby making a measurable contribution on the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It will identify key opportunities and challenges in observations, modeling, analysis and process research required to understand and predict responses of the Earth as a system.

By entraining as many young scientists and students as possible from across the world, including less-developed and developing countries, the OSC will facilitate growth of the diverse future workforce needed

to meet the increasingly complex scientific challenges of the future.

Best Regards, Paul

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