



Transport of Natural Aerosol in the Mediterranean Basin

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Message from the Guest Editors

Although in situ measurements and satellite- and ground-based remote sensing provide important information regarding the aerosol loading and distribution, such measurements are essentially restricted in space and time and, mainly, are limited in their capacity to distinguish between natural and anthropogenic components. In this context, evaluation of aerosol feedbacks on climate by means of numerical simulations is essential for interpreting past climate and for projecting future changes for different emission scenarios. This assessment requires precise representation in global/regional models of the physical and chemical properties of the particles that comprise atmospheric aerosols and the processes that influence those properties. Basic processes that must be represented include: the emission of primary particles, such as desertic dust, sea salt, black and organic carbon; dry and wet deposition, gravitational settling to the surface and all the processes that are dependent on aerosol microphysics.





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Continued developments in instrumentation and modeling have driven atmospheric science to become increasingly more complex with a deeper understanding of concepts, mechanisms, and interactions. This is the field that innovation built and it has led to a better appreciation for the complexity with atmosphere. Human life is intertwined in this complexity as we strive to better understand our atmosphere. Climate change is constantly stretching the limits of our thinking and forcing new ideas and concepts to be played out. Welcome to the Anthropocene!

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