

**International Workshop on Snow Avalanches  
"Improving Snow Avalanche Forecasting - Now and in the Future"**

The Meteorological Service of Canada and the Centre for Natural Hazard Research at Simon Fraser University invite practitioners and researchers to attend an international workshop bringing together the avalanche research, forecast and rescue communities to discuss strategies for overcoming knowledge gaps in snow avalanche processes, forecasting and information dissemination.

The workshop will be held at SFU Harbour Centre, from October 30 to November 2, 2006. Plenary speakers will include representatives from France, Switzerland, India, New Zealand, US, and Canada. The workshop will also include a technical field trip to the Coquihalla Highway and a public lecture at the University of British Columbia's Robson Square Campus.

We would like to cordially invite interested participants to submit abstracts around the following topics:

- \* Avalanche forecasting
- \* Public communication of avalanche conditions and safety awareness
- \* Historical avalanche activity
- \* Climate change effects on snow avalanche frequency and magnitude
- \* Snowpack modeling
- \* Mountain weather forecasting

For abstract submission and other information, please visit  
<http://www.sfu.ca/cnhr/avalanche/index.html>