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Editorial

In continuation of the well-known conference series “Japanese-German Meeting on Urban Climatology”, the Meteorological Institute, Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg, hosted the 5th Japanese-German Meeting on Urban Climatology. The 1st Japanese-German Meeting on Urban Climatology was held in Karlsruhe in September 1994, the 2nd in Kobe, Japan, in September 1997, the 3rd in Essen, Germany, in October 2000 and the 4th in November 2005 in Tsukuba and Nagano in Japan.

Under the subject “Applied urban climatology meets the challenge of climate change”, the 5th Japanese-German Meeting on Urban Climatology took place from 6-8 October 2008 in the auditorium of the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg and included excursions to Basel (9 October 2008) and Stuttgart (10-11 October 2008). The excursions were organised by (i) the Institute of Meteorology, Climatology and Remote Sensing, Department of Environmental Sciences, Basel University (Switzerland) and (ii) the City of Stuttgart, Office of Environmental Protection, Department of Urban Climate, Germany.

105 scientists from 13 countries attended the 5th Japanese-German Meeting on Urban Climatology. Most were from Japan (42) and Germany (31) followed by Hong Kong (6), Korea (6), The Netherlands (5), Switzerland (5), Hungary (3), P.R. China (2) and Canada, Chile, New Zealand, Russia and Spain (by 1).

The oral and poster presentations at the auditorium of the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg were subdivided into the fields

- urban heat island,
- urban air flow,
- urban air pollution,
- blue and green,
- urban modelling,
- energy and fluxes,
- urban biometeorology,
- urban design and planning,
- impacts of climate change on urban climate.

All 85 scientists, who contributed to the 5th Japanese-German Meeting on Urban Climatology by an oral or a poster presentation, were invited to submit an extended abstract for the proceedings of this meeting.

In its present form, the report contains 51 extended abstracts. The authors have the sole responsibility for the contents of their extended abstracts.

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