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**A TEMPMEKO  
TALE...**

- ✓ *A picture history of some unusual aspects in TEMPMEKOs*
- ✓ *by Francesco Righini*
- ✓ *with picture help from F. Bernhard, T. Kovacs, P. Saunders, D. Zvizdic and others...*

- ✓ *The Prologue*
- ✓ *The Road to the Chair...*
- ✓ *Genesis...*
- ✓ *Humidity and Moisture...*
- ✓ *Interest in Climate...*
- ✓ *Mine is Bigger...*
- ✓ *Conclusions*

# *The Prologue...*

*Once upon a time... in November 1979 some people traveled to Prague:*

- ✓ *F. Bernhard (East Germany)*
- ✓ *P. Bloembergen (The Netherlands)*
- ✓ *J.P. Issi (Belgium)*
- ✓ *J. Jencik (Czechoslovakia)*
- ✓ *T. Kovacs (Hungary)*
- ✓ *L. Michalski (Poland)*
- ✓ *F. Righini (Italy)*

*...to discuss the organization  
of a "Symposium on  
Temperature Measurements  
in Industry and Science" to  
be held in Karlovy Vary,  
Czechoslovakia, November  
1981*

*(aka TEMPMEKO 1981)*

# *November 1979... the first TC12 meeting:*

- ✓ *F. Bernhard*
- ✓ *P. Bloembergen*
- ✓ *J.P. Issi*
- ✓ *J. Jencik*
- ✓ *T. Kovacs*
- ✓ *L. Michalski*
- ✓ *F. Righini*



# *The Road to the Chair...*

*(the importance of TC12  
meetings)*

- ✓ *A tip for an eager young person...*
- ✓ *The untold picture story of how someone became TC12 Chair...*
- ✓ *Location: Suhl, DDR at the time of TEMPMEKO 1984*

*What is this person doing in  
the “Kammer der Technik”?*

TEMPMEKO 1984 SUHL,  
DDR  
TC12 meeting



*TEMPMEKO 1984 SUHL, DDR*  
*TC12 meeting*



# TEMPMEKO 1984 TC12 meeting

*TC12 meeting  
agenda:*

- 1) "pasta alla carbonara"*
- 2) TC12 topics...*
- 3) Any other business*



# *Ingredients*

- ✓ *1 kg of Italian pasta, smuggled from Italy into East Germany*
- ✓ *150 g of Parmesan cheese, also smuggled into East Germany*
- ✓ *½ egg per customer (locally available)*
- ✓ *bacon, garlic, parsley, salt and pepper (local ingredients)*

# *Recipe*

*Beat eggs with grated Parmesan cheese. Chop finely bacon, garlic and parsley and fry them gently in a large pan. Cook pasta "al dente". Rinse pasta and toss it into the frying pan. Add egg-cheese sauce stirring continuously. Serve very hot.*

TEMPMEKO 1984 TC12 meeting

*Significant consequences of a successful TC12 meeting:*

- ✓ *no complains and no customers were lost... No need of any medical intervention...*
- ✓ *attending TC12 members were rather happy ...*
- ✓ *a few years later the person in the pictures became TC12 Chair...*

# Genesis...

*(the birth of... the word  
TEMPMEKO)*

- ✓ *The birth of the word “TEMPMEKO” has rather humble origins*
- ✓ *It happened in November 1986 in a station of the Moscow underground, while looking for dinner...*
- ✓ *The following conversation took place, while waiting to change trains...*



**Our conference title is  
too long and  
complicated !!**



**TC5 on Hardness  
organizes an event  
called HARDMEKO !!**

*TEMPERATURE  
+ IMEKO*



*TEMPMEKO*

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*Humidity and  
Moisture...*

*The interest of  
TEMPMEKO attendees  
in humidity and  
moisture has been  
traced to the past,  
as follows...*

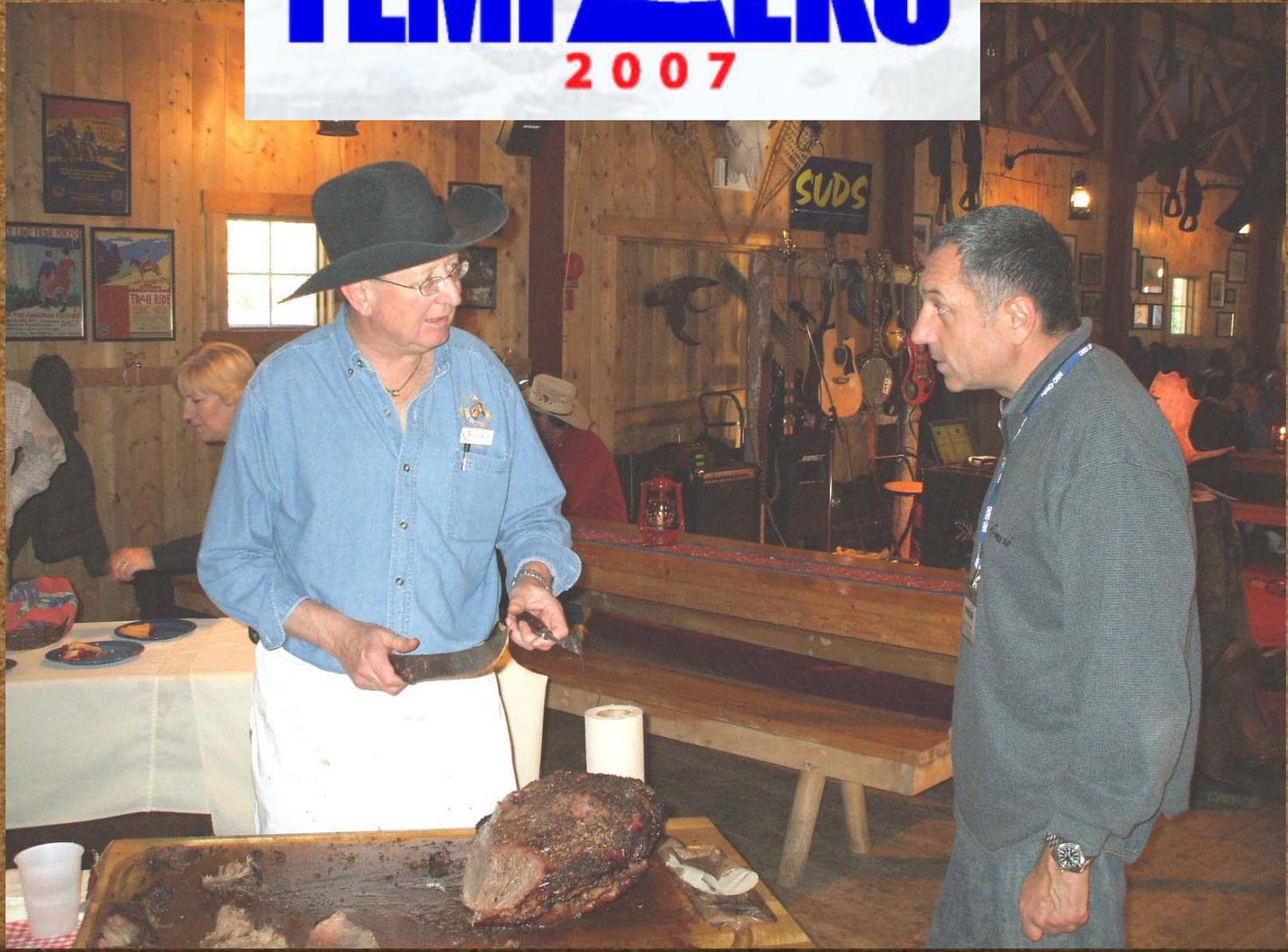
# TEMPMEKO 2004



*A subset of TEMPMEKO  
2004 attendees doing  
...experimental checks  
of temperature,  
humidity and  
moisture of local food  
(and wines)...*

# TEMPA EKO

2007



*A TC12 Officer  
discussing  
temperature, humidity  
and moisture of...  
Canadian beef*

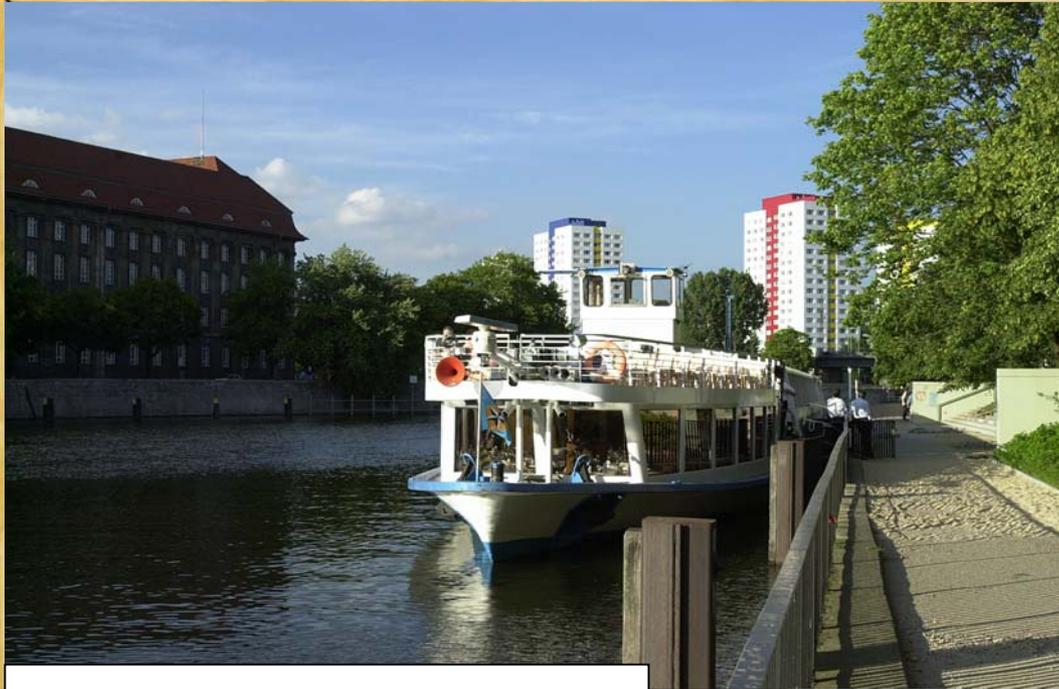
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*Interest in  
Climate...*

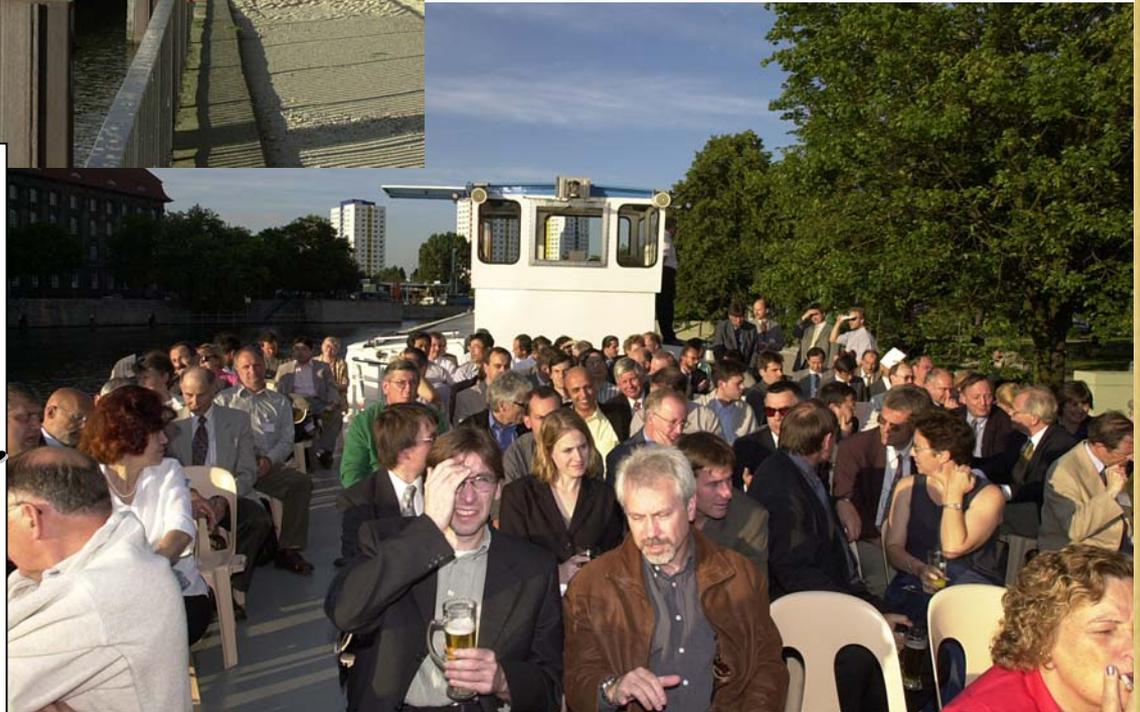
*The interest in climate matters of TEMPMEKO attendees can be grouped in two different phases:*

*a) the “tourist” phase*

*b) the “experimental” phase*



*Tourist phase:  
a gentle trip  
down the river  
Spree...*



TEMPMEKO  2004



*Tourist phase:  
a rougher sea trip  
to reach  
Dubrovnik...*



*Experimental  
phase:*

*a) before the  
Symposium:  
a serious  
and rough  
course was  
held....*



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SLOVENIJA & ISHM



*Experimental phase:*

*b) after the course... a subset of attendees sacrificing themselves to evaluate climate conditions at the conference site...*



*Mine is  
bigger...*

*(and there are  
measurements to prove it)*



*The largest ice point  
of the world...*



*Checking the ice point  
temperature... with a foot  
thermometer!!*



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2007



**TEMPAAEKO**  
2007

*Ice point  
temperature  
OK... take  
action!!*



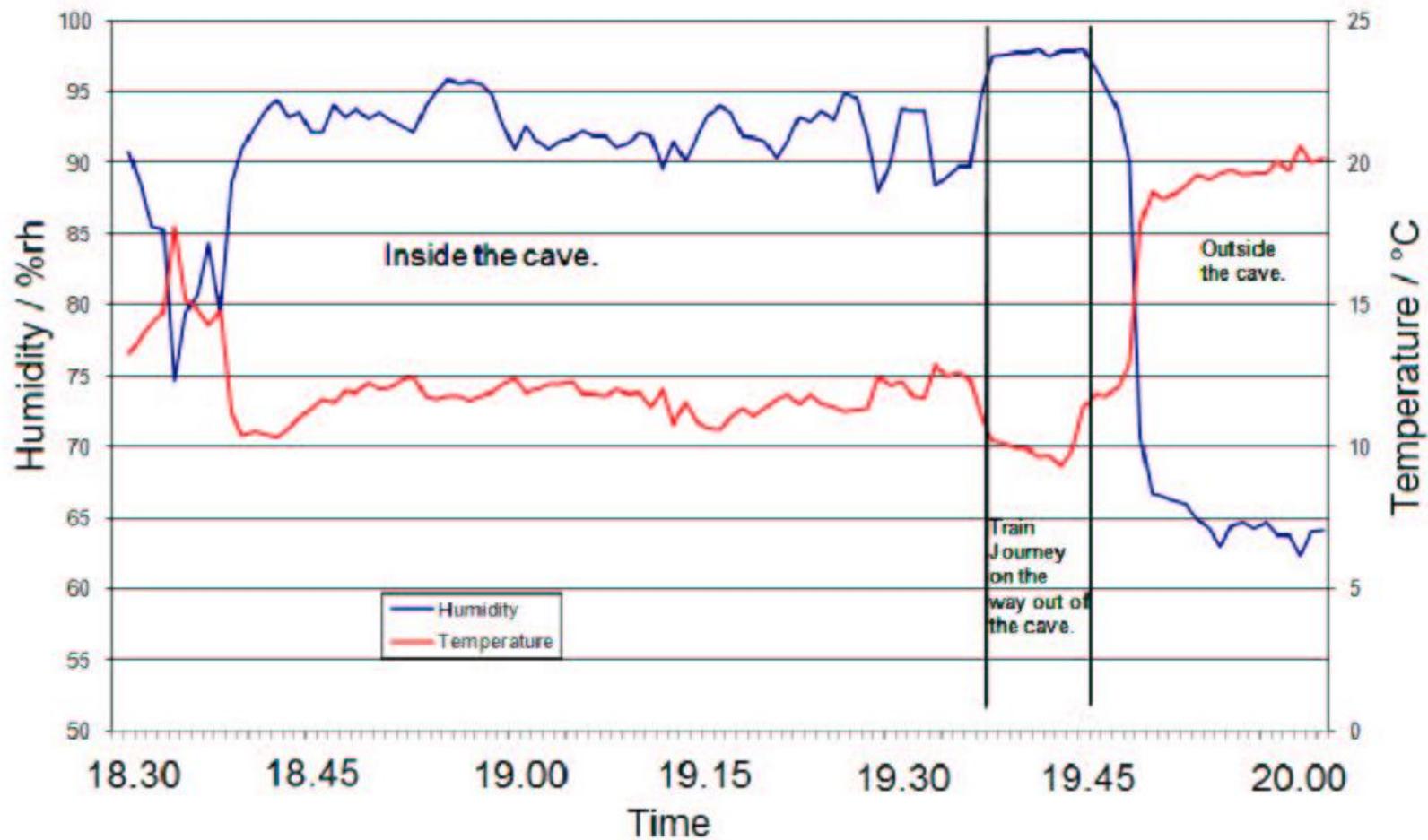
*Not to be outdone, the  
cultural visit of the  
next event took place  
... in the largest  
climatic chamber of  
the world!!*

**TEMPMEKO** 2010  
SLOVENIA & ISHM  
ZGOLENI V  
SLOVENIJA



*... and, courtesy of one  
sponsor, there are  
appropriate humidity  
and temperature  
measurements that  
prove it!!*

Postojna Cave 02.06.10



*Conclusions...*

*We provide many side activities during TEMPMEKOs, but... skip the conference sessions at your own risk!!*



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*Farewell.. and  
thank you*