

Press Release

Meteomedia triumphant once again at weather forecasting competition of Free University, Berlin

2 meteorologists of the Meteomedia weather service once again top the forecasting competition of the Free University, Berlin.

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This is the second time already that the two meteorologists Georg Haas and Thomas Globig were able to demonstrate the superior quality of their weather prognoses. At the so-called weather tournament they won this year's summer challenge with their Berlin, Leipzig and Innsbruck forecasts. Since the beginning of the weather tournament 9 years ago, Meteomedia meteorologists have regularly been at the head of the pack. This year's spring tournament was won by Donald Bäcker, for example, the meteorologist and moderator on the ARD Morning Show, on German state TV's channel 1.

There have been a total of 17 times when employees of Jörg Kachelmann's weather service – founded in 1991 – were able to top the Innsbruck competition. The team of meteorologists was successful a total of 15 times in Leipzig and Berlin.

The objective of the competition is to forecast the weekend weather for one or more major European city as precisely as possible.

The forecasts have to be submitted every Friday and include the forecast weather data for the two subsequent days.

To be evaluated, the forecasts are compared with the measurement values provided by the weather stations of the respective cities. Using the actual measurement values, the various forecasts and systems can be independently and objectively assessed and compared with one another. In accordance with the four seasons, the competition is held four times a year.

In 2000, an Internet version of the weather tournament was initiated by students at the Berlin Free University's Institute for Meteorology. Since then, the website www.wetterturnier.de has become a platform of European competition for weather services, professional and amateur meteorologists as well as automatic forecasting systems.

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