



THE 16th INTERNATIONAL TOVS STUDY CONFERENCE

To whom it may concern,

As co-chairs of the International TOVS Working Group we are writing to record our appreciation for the outstanding services of Acquaviva during the 16th International TOVS Study Conference which was held at Angra dos Reis, Brazil 7-13 May 2008.

Preparations for ITSC-16 began about one year before the meeting. Marcelo Acquaviva visited a number of possible venues with us and helped us select what turned out to be the perfect venue for the meeting. He and Carine Previatti looked after all negotiations with the conference hotel, which were not always easy. During the year of preparation both Marcelo Acquaviva and Carine Previatti worked exceptionally hard for us on all aspects of the planning and coordination of the meeting. ITSC is the foremost international meeting for meteorological sounding of the atmosphere and a great deal depends on its successful outcome. Through their hard work, professional attitude and human touch Acquaviva won our trust and delivered an outstanding event.

As well as delivering the big event they also showed tremendous attention to detail. We could give any number of examples but they ranged from ensuring social activities always worked, sometimes against the odds (other people sometimes let us down slightly, but Acquaviva were always there to solve the problems), transport, dealing with issues with the hotel, simple friendship and a joy of life that set the tone for the whole meeting.

We met them on a purely professional basis but departed from them as friends.

Yours sincerely,
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