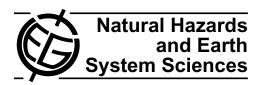
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Preface

Advances in Mediterranean meteorology

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Guest Editors

This special volume of Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences binds together selected papers presented at the 10th Plinius Conference on Mediterranean Storms that was held at the University of Cyprus, from 22 to 24 September 2008. The papers cover a broad spectrum of scientific aspects of natural hazards associated with storms in the Mediterranean basin, thus providing a comprehensive overview of the numerous physical processes involved. We hope that the volume will be inspirational to meteorologists and climatologists who are interested in the understanding of

the mechanisms underlying extreme weather and will contribute to further research and better knowledge of such natural phenomena. We wish to thank the authors for their contributions and for their active participation in the publication process. We express our appreciation to the reviewers who have patiently interacted with the Guest Editors. The dedicated scrutiny of all the papers by the Supervising Editor Alberto Mugnai is gracefully acknowledged. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the staff at Copernicus Publications for their collaboration.