

So once again, we are in beautiful Paris for another CI-PIRE project with the University of Paris Descartes. The first week went well, as expected, and we worked quite a few hours on the projects we have planned for this short trip. The weather was great, warm and sunny, until this Saturday afternoon...how typical. Unfortunately, I also started getting a little sick on Friday afternoon.

Regardless of my cold, the first thing on Saturday morning, we decided to make an excursion downtown to see some of the wonderful parks and maybe sweat it out. Well as you can see from the first couple of pictures the sun was shining and it was warm as we began the excursion.



I must say that Paris does have some of the nicest parks I have seen. Anyway, after walking around for a while and, of course stopping in a café for one of those ‘turbo boosting’ espresso coffees, the weather began to change quite rapidly, as did my condition. Runny nose and all I decided that it was best for me to venture back towards the apartment before I got wet from the rapidly approaching storm which can be seen in the next pictures.



Well the sky was really telling the truth here, as it stormed for quite a bit on Saturday afternoon and again through Sunday. Fortunately for me, I was able to get some rest and work on a journal paper we are finishing for yet another project next month. I really thought Florida weather was spontaneous, but I guess we are not alone as the Parisians suffer from the same thing. Not only did the sun vanish like a bad Copperfield trick, but the temperature dropped about 30degrees F. in not more than 4 hours.



Anyway, to wrap up this week's blog, here is a picture of the storminess rolling in over the Eiffel tower and hopefully next week will be again sunny and my illness will have faded. Until then...