

**Table 4.4** Estimate of alpine climate for the next ten to twenty years based on the linear extrapolation of synoptical trends during 1945-91.

	Temperature	Precipitation
<b>Winter</b>	Warmer in the mountains	Relatively dry
<b>Spring</b>	Cooler in the southern and warmer in the northern Alpine valleys	Wet in the southern Alps
<b>Summer</b>	Average	Average
<b>Autumn</b>	A little warmer, especially in the southern Alps	Rather wet in the northeastern Alps