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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

The next issue of the CMOS Newsletter 21(6), December 1993, will go to press on November 20th, 1993. Contributions are welcome and should be sent to me at:-

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I prefer receiving contributions submitted on floppy disk in any DOS format (i.e. Word Perfect, flat ASCII, MS Word etc), however, I can now convert Macintosh files to DOS files. DFO contributors can send ASCII files to me over DFOnet to IOSCCS::HJFREE. Anyone with access to Omnet can send ASCII files to me at IOS.BC, attention Howard Freeland. ASCII files can also be sent to me via Internet to HJFREE@IOS.BC.CA. If you want to send graphics, then HPGL files can be sent as ASCII files over the networks, any other format will have to be sent on paper or on a floppy disc. It is recommended that whatever software prepares an HPGL file be configured for the HP7550 printer. If you have the option of selecting pen colours, please don't. If you send a file over the network, send a copy to yourself and examine the transmitted copy to check that it is all there.

Do you have an interesting photograph, say, an interesting meteorological or oceanographic phenomenon? If so, write a caption and send me a high contrast black and white version for publication in the CMOS Newsletter. Savonius Rotor is also looking for assistance from anyone who has an unusual point to make.

Howard J. Freeland, CMOS Newsletter Editor

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## WHAT'S GOING AROUND?

by Savonius Rotor

The attached material first appeared in *The Times* of London, July 23rd, 1993. The comments are directed at the British Meteorological community, but I expect that they will be deemed to be equally applicable in Canada, with minor modifications.

## AND HERE IS THE FORECAST

Meteorological prophecy must remain tribal property

Weather men and women are solemn students of the atmosphere, condemned to be treated as clowns by the public. The Meteorological Office, which yesterday published its annual review, with a cringing 16-point consumers' charter promising to improve its accuracy, is part of the Ministry of Defence. Its officers dislike being called forecasters, because, they declare, their job is to study the weather, not predict it or change it. Its annual report boasts of greatly increased revenue from customers and reduced charges to taxpayers, plus an increase in the accuracy of its prophecy to 85% over 24 hours.

But nobody is going to believe all that. As Cassandra was cursed to prophecy the truth, but to be believed by no one, by their subject weather men are stuck with being celebrity Aunt Sallies in silly pullovers and accents. Weather and the English Language are the only two topics on which everybody in the United Kingdom deems himself (less often herself) an expert. From the oldest proverbs in the language to the searchers at the Met enquiries office for what the weather is going to do, increased to 1,000 calls last month, for the British their weather is the subject of most immediate daily

concern, prophesy-it-yourself pig-headedness, and healthy mistrust of experts.

The television weather forecasts, with their slickly designed but unintelligible graphics, are the most popular but least understood national rituals. One survey has shown that of all television programmes, the weather forecast is the one that viewers have the most difficulty in recapitulating accurately immediately afterwards. Another demonstrates that if the forecaster were to say that the weather would be the same tomorrow as it was today, he or she would be only 10 per cent more inaccurate than the supposedly scientific methods.

Twenty years ago, in the long eye of satellite photography, the Met Office introduced long-range weather forecasts a month ahead. Observation by indignant sufferers of the weather soon demonstrated that these were wrong almost all the time. Consequently, the long-range forecasts were dropped, and the Met Office admitted that it could get weather right only about a day ahead, at the most, with luck.

If the weather men and women were ever to start getting their prophecies right regularly, they would have to become the serious broadcasters. The overpaid and over-exposed news readers, who have become sillier than the British weather, could then replace them as the buffoons in funny pullovers and regional accents.

In most trades, increased cost efficiency and accuracy are considered desirable. Weather forecasting is the exception. Those who want to foresee their weather infallibly should emigrate to the Sahara or the North Pole. One attraction of Britain's offshore island on the wet and windy edge of the Atlantic is that there is at least one irregular natural event that is inscrutable to know-all scientists, but of daily interest to the amateurs. With the weather we are all experts. The Met Office should recognise that its business is folk poetry and provocation, not accuracy. Everybody else does.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### 1994 CSAM TECHNICAL SESSION

The 1994 Canadian Society of Agrometeorology (CSAM) Technical Session will be held at AIC'94 in Regina, Sask. The session is planned for Tues., July 12, 1994. Titles of papers should be submitted, or at least your intentions made known, prior to November 30, 1993. Please submit to:

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## Gordon McBean

### The New President of CMOS



Gordon McBean was elected President of the CMOS at the 27th Annual Congress. Gordon is a Professor of Atmospheric Science and Oceanography and Head of the Department of Oceanography at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. He is a native of Vancouver, Canada and is a graduate of the University of British Columbia, with a B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Physics (1964) and a Ph.D. in Physics and Oceanography (1970), and McGill University with a M.Sc. in Meteorology (1966). During 1966-67, he was a forecaster at the Toronto Weather Office. The period of the 1970's was spent with AES, located in Downsview, where he was Chief of the Boundary Layer Research Division (1972-80) and Acting Director, Air Quality and Inter-Environmental Research Branch (1980). The call of the west coast proved too strong and Gordon moved to the Institute of Ocean Sciences in 1980, as a Senior Scientist with the Canadian Climate Centre, AES. With the establishment of the Atmospheric Science Program at UBC, he moved there in 1988 as Chair of the Atmospheric Science Program of the Departments of Geography and Oceanography. He assumed his present position on July 1, 1992. With a background in both meteorology and oceanography, Gordon is well-suited to be President-CMOS. In addition to these positions, Gordon has been very active in

national and international scientific committees. He is presently: Chairman of the Joint Scientific Committee for the World Climate Research Programme, which is sponsored by the WMO, ICSU and IOC; a Councillor of the American Meteorological Society; a member of the Canadian Climate Program Board, Climate Research Committee, and Global Change Program Research Committee; Chairman of the Canadian GEWEX Scientific Committee and a Member of the Bureau of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics. In his Toronto days, he was Canadian Co-Chairman of the Canada-US Research Group on Long Range Transport of Air Pollutants (Acid Rain). Gordon has been an active CMOS member since its foundation (he attended the first Congress in Ottawa in 1967 and most of ones since). He has been Chair of both the Toronto and Vancouver Island Centres, Co-Editor of *Atmosphere-Ocean*, a Councillor, Chair of the Scientific Program Committees for Toronto and Regina Congresses and member of the several other committees. He was awarded the CMOS' President's Prize in 1975 for his research on the atmospheric boundary layer and the 1989 Patterson Medal and, in 1993, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Also a Fellow of the American and Royal Meteorological Societies, he conducts research on atmosphere-land/ocean interactions, marine storms, heat transfer in the ocean and the atmosphere and has published in various international journals. At UBC, he lectures in both undergraduate and graduate courses and supervises several graduate students.

#### Brief Statement

I am very honoured to be elected the President of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society. I have been an active CMOS member because I think it is an important organization for Canadian science and because I enjoy the friends and colleagues that also participate. The CMOS Congresses are more than good scientific meetings; they are the place where meteorologists and oceanographers and others gather to discuss projects, common problems and have good times over a beer. One role of the Executive is to ensure that the Congresses continue to meet the needs of the members. In my case, I am particularly pleased to have an experienced and strong Council to work with, including David Krauel, as Past-President and Uri Schwarz as Executive Director.

During the coming year, I intend to continue the practices of my predecessors in developing the role of CMOS as an active national society. In these times of environmental-economic conflict, I think it is important that CMOS science be put forward in a way that strengthens our input and increases governmental and public understanding of and support for our work. The theme and public forum planned for the Ottawa Congress offer excellent opportunities in this regard. I also hope, with the approval of the membership, to work towards building the CMOS Bulletin SCMO into an enhanced publication of general interest to all CMOS members, while maintaining *Atmosphere-Ocean* as our scientific journal.

I look forward to a busy and exciting year and hope to meet and work with many of you, for the common good of meteorology and oceanography in Canada.



# Canadian Atlantic Storms Program II - News

**Background:** The second Canadian Atlantic Storms Program (CASP II) is a collaborative investigation by scientists from the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans), the Atmospheric Environment Service (Environment Canada), the National Research Council, and numerous universities, private companies and other government agencies. The primary sponsor for this work was EMR's Panel on Energy Research and Development (PERD). The main goals of the program were 1) to study the structure and evolution of east coast winter storms, and 2) to investigate their influence on the circulation and sea ice properties on the Newfoundland continental shelf and Grand Banks. The oceanographic emphasis on sea ice distinguishes CASP II from its forerunner, CASP, which was conducted on the Scotian Shelf during the winter of 1985-86. The CASP II field experiment was conducted in and around Newfoundland during the winter of 1991-92 and consisted of a two-month meteorological measurement program (15 Jan. to 15 March, 1992) and a suite of oceanographic and sea ice observations gathered between December, 1991 and May, 1992.

The atmospheric component of the CASP II field program consisted of

- a) the examination of the storms with a wide variety of specialized instruments, and
- b) the establishment of a special weather office at the St. John's Airport.

Instrumentation utilized in the experiment included the NRC Convair 580 research aircraft with dropsondes, Doppler radar from the University of Toronto, enhanced soundings over Atlantic Canada, an array of portable weather stations, a multi-channel radiometer, as well as specialized measurements of visibility, precipitation and accretion. A total of 16 storms was sampled and almost 200 h of research flights were made. In general, the instrumentation worked quite well, given the extremely harsh conditions that were experienced during the experiment. A large amount of truly unique information on the nature of winter storms was obtained and is the focus of analysis currently underway. Examples of studies being pursued include: explosive deepening over cold surfaces, detailed nature of surface fronts, effects of precipitation on fronts aloft, interaction between fronts and sea ice, description of all weather conditions associated with frontal passages, polar lows, aircraft and surface icing, sea ice effects on Newfoundland weather, freezing precipitation, and radiational effects of clouds.

The oceanographic component of the CASP II field program consisted of

- a) moored current meter and surface drifter measurements on the northern Grand Bank between December, 1991 and May, 1992;
- b) an oceanographic cruise to the marginal ice zone (MIZ) on the Newfoundland Shelf during March-April, 1992; and
- c) a series of airborne surveys of the planetary boundary layer (PBL) above the MIZ in February-March, 1992.

These activities were coordinated with other concurrent investigations on the Newfoundland Shelf, including circulation studies as part of the Northern Cod Science Program and PERD-sponsored sea-ice drift and thickness measurements. Despite significant data losses due to extreme wave conditions, all the CASP II current meters but one were recovered in May, 1992, and uncontaminated

records are presently being processed. Successful surface drift studies were also carried out in the Hibernia area of the Grand Bank on the May cruise. In addition, five airborne surveys of the planetary boundary layer above the MIZ were conducted between February 7 and March 15, 1992. These flights were to be coordinated with the sea-ice cruise of the CSS Hudson to the same region, but unfortunately the ship was delayed until after the flights had ended. Nevertheless, the oceanographic cruise to the MIZ completed its study of sea-ice properties and drift in conjunction with the Russian research vessel, the Akademik Shouleykin.

**CMOS Congress** A sampling of the preliminary results of the CASP II field experiment and modelling studies was presented at the 27th Annual CMOS Congress held during the second week of June at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Three CASP II sessions covered a full day of the meeting. A total of ten meteorological research papers covered topics ranging from development theory and numerical models for explosive deepening to precipitation studies and fronts to aircraft icing. Two oceanographic contributions described sea ice properties observed on the cruise to the Newfoundland MIZ and flux measurements made during airborne surveys of the PBL over the MIZ. For historical interest, several other papers based on the rich CASP I data set were also presented.

An informal meeting of the attending CASP II investigators was also held at the Congress. The main topics of discussion were future plans for the Program, which are summarized below.

## Future Plans

### 1) BIO Workshop, 25-26 November, 1993

A workshop for all CASP II investigators is planned for 25-26 November 1993 at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, N.S. Aside from research updates, the primary purpose of the meeting is to present the results of analysis and modelling studies for critique in preparation for publishing in *Atmosphere-Ocean*. Notices will be sent to all investigators in September.

### 2) Dedicated Issue of *Atmosphere-Ocean*

A dedicated CASP-II issue of *Atmosphere-Ocean* is planned to highlight the results of CASP II collaborative research. It is hoped that interested contributors will attend the November workshop to present their work and fine tune their analyses so that manuscripts may be submitted to "guest editors" Ron Stewart and Peter Smith by February 1, 1994. Following internal review and coordination and the A-O review process itself, publication is anticipated in March 1995. Stewart and Smith are presently compiling a list of tentative titles for the issue and welcome further contributions.

### 3) Collaborative Paper on IOP 14

It was also suggested at the CMOS Congress that a special paper describing the observations and measurements made during the exceptional IOP 14 storm be prepared as a collaborative effort and presented in some other journal (e.g. *Q. J. Royal Met. Soc.*). We envision an article demonstrating the complex linkages between atmosphere, ocean, and sea ice. Contents would include synoptic observations, cloud characteristics, stratospheric alterations, precipitation distributions, surface fluxes, sea ice response, and model simulations of the event. Interested potential collaborators should contact Ron Stewart.

## World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) News

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### WOCE Line P1W Started

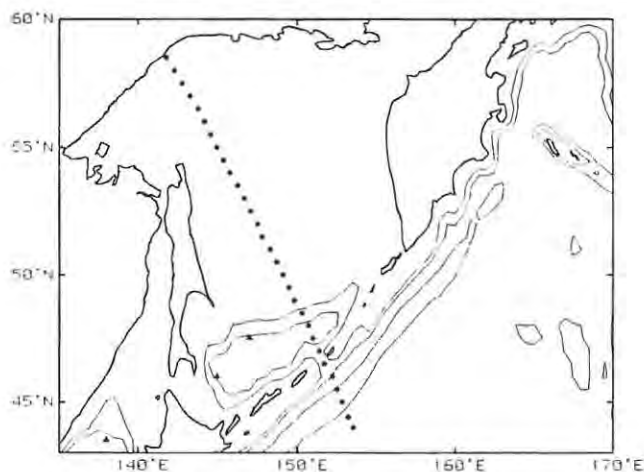


Figure 1: Map of the Sea of Okhotsk showing the 2000m, 3000m and 6000m depth contours. These highlight the location of the Kuril-Kamchatka Trench and the deep Kuril Basin inside the Sea. The sampling line passes through the busy Bussol Strait.

In mid-August 1993 a small group of Canadian scientists from the Institute of Ocean Sciences and from the Dept. of Oceanography, University of British Columbia, flew to Vladivostok to begin a joint Canada/Russia survey through the Sea of Okhotsk. The research vessel Akademik Nesmeyanov left Vladivostok on Sept. 1st and the survey was underway as this note was being written. This will be the first detailed survey in the Sea of Okhotsk in the 20th century and should cast some light on the problem of the frequency of dense water formation episodes in the sub-arctic Pacific. The job of Chief Scientist is being shared between Alexander Bychkov (Pacific Oceanological Inst., Vladivostok) and Frank Whitney (I.O.S., Climate Chemistry).

The P1W survey is just the western leg of WOCE line P1, which will not be completed as originally planned by the WOCE Hydrographic Program. The figure above shows a map of the Sea of Okhotsk and the planned sampling. The triangles denote shake-down stations, the dots indicate stations specific to P1W. Sampling includes temperature and salinity, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, tracers and carbonate chemistry. All samples will occupy the complete water column.

Three satellite tracked drifters were taken on the cruise and are planned for deployment between stations 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 outside the Bussol Strait in the Oyashio Current.

## Global Energy and Water Experiment (GEWEX) News

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### GEWEX UPDATE NSERC Collaborative Special Project and Program (CSPP) proposal submitted.

Canada's contribution to the Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment (GEWEX) is planned as an integration of scientific activities in atmospheric science and hydrology, of university and government researchers, and of funding support from several sources (including Green Plan, government A-base, and NSERC). The program is focussing on the Mackenzie River Basin and the results will be an improved understanding of cold region, high latitude hydrological and meteorological processes and the role that they play in the global climate system.

On July 30, a Collaborative Special Project and Program (CSPP) proposal was submitted to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) requesting funding of the University portion of the Canadian GEWEX program. The CSPP proposal requests approximately \$4 million over a three year period for thirteen projects (involving 28 investigators representing ten universities in five provinces), as well as infrastructure and data management functions. The collaborative project leader is Prof. Gordon McBean from the Univ. of British Columbia. The proposal development began at a planning meeting and university workshop held in October 1992 and the submission of the CSPP proposal culminated approximately 10 months of work by the GEWEX Secretariat, Science Committee, and Management Committee in collaboration with members of the hydrological and meteorological academic communities across Canada.

The Beaufort and Arctic Storms Experiment (BASE), planned for the Inuvik area during the fall of 1994, will have core funding provided by the Canadian Panel on Energy Research and Development (PERD). The Canadian GEWEX Program will add complementary scientific activities to better understand the role of storm-related physical processes in the climate system. By coordinating with BASE, there will be major benefits to both programs and their joint project will constitute the first major intensive field project under the collaborative grant application submitted to NSERC.

The Canadian GEWEX Programme Progress Report for Fiscal Year 1992/93 has recently been published. The report summarizes the progress and preliminary findings for the Green Plan funded projects within the government during 1992/93. A copy of the report can be obtained by writing Terry Krauss, GEWEX Secretariat, 11 Innovation Boulevard, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 3H5. For more information about GEWEX, contact Terry Krauss at Tel. (306) 975-4215 or Fax. (306) 975-5143, or by EMail at [KRAUSS@NHRISV.NHRC.SK.DOE.CA](mailto:KRAUSS@NHRISV.NHRC.SK.DOE.CA).



# SEA ICE MONITORING AND MODELLING SITE (SIMMS)-1993

## Introduction

In the high Arctic, the spring transition season is marked by a sharp increase in cloud cover at a time when incoming solar radiation is increasing and snow-covered sea ice is beginning to melt. This begins a complicated feedback process between surface albedo, cloud cover, and radiative and conductive fluxes near the snow/ice surface which lead into the summer season. The timing of this transition is controlled by changes in solar radiation and the larger scale atmospheric circulation. For the past four spring seasons, the SIMMS field program has been carried out on the sea ice off Resolute Bay, NWT (74° 45'N, 94° 50'W) to monitor this critical transition period. The principal investigators for the SIMMS program are Dr. E. LeDrew at the Earth Observations Laboratory of the Institute for Space and Terrestrial Sciences and Dr. D. Barber, Centre for Earth Observation Systems of the University of Manitoba. On average there are over 20 collaborating investigators from the following agencies: the Atmospheric Environment Service; the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing; the Canadian National Research Council; the Department of Fisheries and Oceans; the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado; and the Graduate School of Ecology at the University of Tennessee. The main objectives of SIMMS are: to collect baseline geophysical data on the snow-covered sea ice surface; relate these to climatic and biological processes which operate through the ocean/ice/atmosphere interface; and develop algorithms by which remote sensing data can be used to estimate geophysical parameters. Over the past four years, the SIMMS program attempts to make detailed measurements over a variety of young ice, first-year ice and multiyear ice surfaces. The spring program concentrates on first year and multi-year ice forms while the fall program concentrates on young ice forms. Both 1990 and 1991 had only a spring program while 1992 and 1993 had a spring and fall program. The program is expected to continue until 1998.

## Spring 1993 Field Setup

The accompanying figure is a satellite image taken by the European Research Satellite's (ERS-1) Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) during February, 1993. The image shows an area off southern Cornwallis Island and the location of the main sites of the SIMMS field experiment. The amount of back scattered microwave radiation in the image shows up as varying grey shades and is caused by different sea ice types and surface sea ice roughnesses. The image shows two approximately circular multiyear ice floes each about 2 to 3 km in diameter. One is next to the ice camp and the other is further west into Resolute Passage. These floes became conveniently frozen into the surrounding first year ice in the passage. This allowed detailed measurements over the multiyear ice during the 1993 spring season. The linear feature running from the tip of Griffith Island to the tip of Cornwallis Island is a complicated shear zone which forms annually in this location between the consolidated landfast ice of Resolute Passage and the still mobile ice in Barrow Strait. Other earlier consolidation lines (ridges) can be seen in Allen Bay between Cape Martyr and Sheringham Point as land fast ice moved out into Allen Bay during early winter.

The SIMMS ice camp was the 1993 headquarters for

operations of the spring field program. Instrumented 10-metre towers were set up on the multi-year ice floe (MYI site) and on a typical smooth first-year ice location (FYI site) one km northeast of the ice camp. Table 1 shows the parameters measured at each 10-metre tower.

The main science activities carried out during SIMMS'93 were:

- 1) Energy and momentum balance measurements carried out at each of the 10-metre towers.
- 2) Snow/sea ice microscale physical and electrical properties and sea ice microstructure measurements program
- 3) Snow microstructure coupled with solar wavelength spectral radiance, reflectance and albedo.
- 4) Multi-frequency polarimetric Convair 580 SAR research.
- 5) Surface albedo and skin temperature measurements carried out along a one kilometre transect during various satellite overpasses.
- 6) Characterization of MYI floe (such as melt ponds and hummocks) using physical measurement and aerial photography.
- 7) Low level temperature, wind, humidity profiles using a tethered balloon.

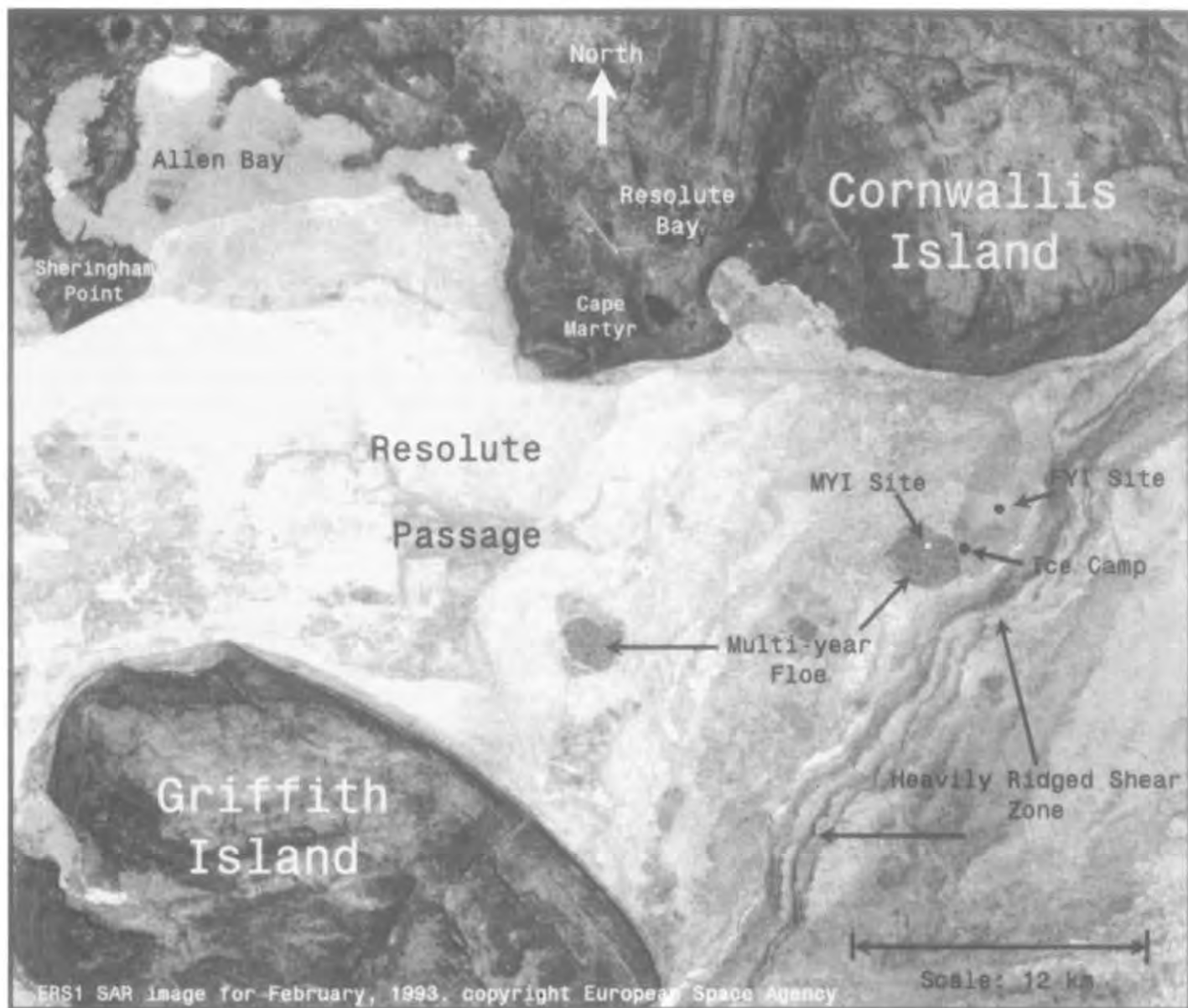
In addition to field work, modelling efforts related to SIMMS include modelling of electromagnetic radiation interaction with snow and sea ice surfaces. This will help provide the link between physical properties and remotely-sensed imagery as well as improve existing sea ice and snow cover algorithms.

The consolidation of a large multiyear floe in Resolute Passage in the spring of 1993 was particularly fortuitous and allowed detailed measurements of the differences in physical properties and conductive and radiative fluxes between first-year and multiyear ice. Since as much as 50% of the sea ice cover over the Arctic Basin is old multi-year ice, SIMMS 1993 spring results will be valuable in improving Global Circulation Modelling of the arctic through improved parameterization of arctic sea ice processes.

Variable	MYI Site	FYI Site
Net Radiation	1	1
Incident Solar Radiation	1	1
Reflected Solar Radiation	2	2
Down-welling Infrared	1	0
Up-welling Infrared	1	1
PAR Transmitted through snow	1	1
Snow temperature	27	22
Ice temperature	18	8
Air temperature	5	4
Dew Point temperature		2
Ocean Temperature		1
Relative Humidity	2	1
Wind Velocity	5	4
Wind Direction	1	1
Turbulence (sonic anemometer)	1	1

Table 1 Variables and number of levels monitored at the FYI and MYI 10-metre tower sites.

# SEA ICE MONITORING AND MODELLING SITE (SIMMS)-1993



## Summary

Over the last 4 years, SIMMS has collected a unique data set of surface geophysical parameters of the snow and ice surface during the spring transition period. Corresponding remotely sensed imagery from airborne and satellite based systems is an important component of this database and will be valuable in calibrating existing as well as upcoming satellite systems such as RADARSAT. The field experiment will also contribute to use of the cryosphere in monitoring climate variability and change. In this capacity SIMMS is an important component of a broader Canadian effort called CRYSYS (Cryospheric system to monitor global change in Canada) which in turn is a component of the Earth Observing System (EOS)/Mission to Planet Earth Program of NASA.

The following are overview papers on SIMMS:

Barber, D., D.G. Flett, R.A. DeAbreu, and E.F. LeDrew, 1992. Spatial and Temporal Variation of Sea Ice Geophysical Properties and Microwave Remote Sensing Observations: The SIMS'90 Experiment, *Arctic*, 45, 3, 233-251.

Barber, D. G., D. Johnson, and E. F. LeDrew, 1991. Measuring Climatic State Variables from SAR Images of Sea Ice: The SIMS SAR Validation in Lancaster Sound, *Arctic*, 44, supp 1, 108-121.

In addition, there will be a collection of SIMMS papers in the fall 1994 issue of the journal *Arctic*. For further information contact Tom Agnew (416-739-4385 (ph); 416-739-4297 (fax); internet tagnew@dow.on.doe.ca.

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# CLIMATE RESEARCH NEWS

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## Canadian Climate Research Network

A total of 56 Letters of Intent were received in response to the "Call" to participate in the Climate Research Network announced in June. This greatly exceeded expectations. The Letters of Intent were reviewed by the Network Scientific Advisory Panel. Based on their recommendations, a limited number of research themes and proponents were chosen to lead the development of each theme. The themes and lead proponents identified (not in any particular order) were:

- Global ocean general circulation modelling (lead proponent to be determined)
- Regional-scale ocean processes and variability (A. Clarke)
- Land surface processes (D. Versegny)
- Clouds, aerosols and radiation (G. Isaac)
- Modelling the middle atmosphere (T. Shepherd)
- Climate variability (J. Derome)
- Arctic climate system (E. LeDrew)
- Paleoclimate modelling (R. Peltier)
- Regional climate modelling (R. Laprise)
- Climate observation and modelling (G. McBean)

The lead proponents have been invited to consult with their colleagues and proceed with developing detailed collaborative research proposals. These will be subject to external peer review before any decisions are made. In some cases this process will require holding focused workshops, supported by DOE/AES.

Replies to all 56 Letters of Intent have been prepared, and should have been received by the time this Newsletter is published. A further Call for Letters of Intent will probably be issued in the summer of 1994. Opportunities to participate in the Network are expected to grow over the next few years as its research activities begin to expand.

Dr. John M.R. Stone  
Director, Climate Research Branch, AES.

## CRYSYS

The EOS/CRYSYS program on the use of the Cryospheric System to Monitor Global Change in Canada has a new Principal Investigator. Dr. Barry Goodison of AES was asked to take over this role from Dr. Rejean Simard of CCRS who guided CRYSYS over the last two years. Barry is currently in the process of updating the active participants within CRYSYS and the science plan in preparation for a NASA review. Mr. Ross Brown, currently located at CMC Dorval, will be assisting Barry with running the CRYSYS Secretariat. The two basic scientific goals for EOS/CRYSYS are (1) to develop capabilities for monitoring and understanding regional and hemispheric variation in cryospheric variables, and (2) to better understand the role of the cryosphere in the climate system. There are currently 15-20 participants in CRYSYS

actively involved in research related to the remote measurement and modelling of the entire range of cryospheric variables (glaciers, ice sheets, lake-ice, permafrost, sea-ice, snow).

Ross Brown, CRYSYS Secretariat, AES

## Workshop on Calving Rate of West Greenland Glaciers in Response to Climate Change

Danish Polar Centre, September 13-15, 1993

As part of a PERD-sponsored project to examine the possible implications of global climate change on sea-ice and iceberg conditions off the east coast of Canada, a workshop was held with invited members of the glaciological community to focus on the question of how calving rates of west Greenland glaciers may respond to a changing climate. These glaciers are the dominant source for the icebergs drifting down the east coast of Canada. The scientific program was organized by Dr. Niels Reeh, while superb facilities and local arrangements were provided by the Danish Polar Centre. The format consisted of a series of invited presentations followed by extensive discussion to identify areas of uncertainty and priorities for further research.

Povl Frich (Danish Meteorological Institute) opened the workshop with some revealing insights into the historical climate record of Greenland. He highlighted the presence of major inhomogeneities related to the use of non-standard measuring devices, changes in instrumentation, and use of different formulae for computing mean daily temperatures. Povl warned that without a concerted effort to clean up the data, it was not clear how climate had changed in Greenland over the last 100 years, and consequently how this might relate to observed changes in glacier calving. He also noted that averaging of data over Greenland could be highly misleading since the eastern and western regions tended to be out of phase with each other. In spite of these difficulties, he noted there was some evidence for a 20th Century warming trend in Greenland which was accompanied by widespread retreat of west Greenland glaciers.

Sven Funder (Danish Geological Museum) provided a synthesis of a variety of paleo data which indicated that the present pattern of ocean circulation around Greenland was established about 10 ka, and that the ice sheet underwent a rapid degradation around this time. Estimates of glacier calving during the period of rapid ice retreat suggest that calving losses were not much greater than those observed today (~ 10% higher). The data indicate that summer temperatures reached a peak about 4-6 ka which was followed by a period of cooling in coastal regions. Intercomparison of terrestrial and oceanic paleo data suggest that changes in ocean circulation are the driving force behind changes in climate, and that the coastal climate is to a large extent de-coupled from the interior climate.

Anker Weidick (Geological Survey of Greenland) provided an overview of historical data on calving rates inferred from the frontal positions of calving glaciers. Scattered data are available in the 1700s but it is not until the middle of the 1800s that more regular data can be found. These data suggest an overall trend toward recession in the southwest, and advance in the southeast. The Jakobshavn Isbrae glacier



## CLIMATE RESEARCH NEWS (cont.)

(one of the most active producers of icebergs) had advanced during the period 1600-1850, but had experienced rapid retreat since. The data also revealed that Greenland glaciers can experience short periods of rapid advance (surge) unrelated to climatic conditions. It was pointed out that data on glacier termini only provide part of the picture since calving rates are also dependent on glacier dynamics.

Niels Reeh (Danish Polar Centre) provided an overview of more recent attempts to estimate Greenland calving fluxes from aerial photography and mass balance computations. The observed data are very limited in terms of temporal and spatial coverage. Mass balance estimates were observed to be in general agreement with the relative magnitude of observed calving fluxes in all regions of Greenland, except the northern area where the mass balance overpredicted the observed calving flux by about a factor of 4. This discrepancy was considered to be due to northern glaciers having a positive mass balance, a result which highlighted the weakness of the equilibrium assumption employed in the mass balance approach. Analysis of observed calving speed data revealed a positive linear relationship with calving front thickness and water depth which seemed to be equally valid for floating and grounded glaciers. It was not clear what the physical basis for these relationships was.

Charles Warren (University of Edinburgh) pointed out that calving glaciers were energetic, dynamic systems which exhibited the pulsing behaviour typical of all dynamic systems. Calving glaciers did not appear to be sensitive to climatic variables, but non-climatic factors, such as topography, exerted strong controls. This explained why there were few consistent relationships to characterize calving glaciers e.g. no observed relationships with latitude, elevation, or with width. However, some intriguing differences were noted between lake and tidewater glaciers (lake glaciers produce fewer, larger icebergs) and between land and tidewater glaciers (most land glaciers had retreated this century while many tidewater glaciers had advanced). Further data were presented on the calving rate versus water depth relationship which suggested this could be sub-divided into three groupings of decreasing sensitivity to changes in water depth: temperate-tidewater, polar-tidewater and lake glaciers. The physical basis for this subdivision was not obvious. It was concluded that it was highly unlikely that a single empirical calving relationship could be used to characterize west Greenland calving glaciers.

Martin Funk (Versuchsanstalt für Wasserbau, Switzerland) provided preliminary results of a 3-D dynamic model for Jakobshavn Isbrae. The model was able to correctly replicate the warming that took place within the ice stream from "strain heating" as the ice channel narrowed and deepened toward the calving front. The warming was associated with increased ice flow which has a direct impact on calving rates. The ability to correctly model such processes was considered essential for determining the future behaviour of calving glaciers.

Terry Hughes (University of Maine) examined the theoretical basis for developing a model of ice calving dynamics. He noted that the calving process was a study in material dynamics, and that the ice streams responsible for calving have relatively short time-scales which are relevant to the time-frame of greenhouse gas-induced climate change. It

was shown that variable stresses within an ice stream provide increasing potential for unbalanced blocks of ice as they move toward the glacier snout. However, this process is sensitive to the upstream crevasse formation process which is not well understood.

Trond Laumann (Norwegian Water resources and Energy Administration) reported on the changed calving rates observed at Austdalsbreen glacier when the terminus lake was raised ~ 50 m for hydroelectric power generation. The surface velocity near the front of the glacier almost doubled from 25 to 47 m/a, and the observed increase in calving rate over the first three years was found to be in reasonable agreement with empirical relationships for lake-calving glaciers. The increase in velocity was considered to be due to increased sliding. It was noted that climate warming could produce a similar response through increased meltwater.

Mark Meier (Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research) presented an overview of the increase in ice velocity and calving accompanying the recent rapid retreat of the Columbia Glacier off its terminal sill. The calving rate was observed to increase with increasing water depth but the sensitivity was higher than polar tidewater glaciers. A number of calving parameterizations were evaluated. These were found to be of limited use as they had been developed for specific data sets and lacked universality. A crude relationship observed between strain rate and calving rate was considered promising because unlike water depth relationships, it had a physical basis. The implications of what had been observed at the Columbia Glacier for global warming suggested that increased melt would lead to increased sliding and iceberg production. However, Mark pointed out that this was not the whole picture as there were a number of possible feedback mechanisms involved. Mark has a DOE-funded project to examine some of these feedback mechanisms for Greenland Glaciers. This project will help address a critical issue of whether grounded and floating glaciers respond differently to warming. Another important point was that increased calving rates do not necessarily translate to increased numbers of floating icebergs. In the case of the Columbia Glacier, the calved ice remained trapped between the glacier terminus and the sill.

The workshop concluded with discussions regarding the feasibility of developing future scenarios of iceberg production from Greenland. Niels Reeh showed that scenarios based on steady state assumptions indicate a reduction in calf ice production over time, but that the rate of reduction was directly related to glacier response time e.g. for a response time ~10 years, the reduction would not be that significant over a time-scale of 50-100 years. However, the workshop participants felt that while such estimates were probably reasonable over the long term ("melting will win the war in the long run"), calving is a local mechanism and as such, is highly dependent on local factors. There was a consensus that thinning of calving glaciers (from increased ablation) would lead to increased velocity and greater discharge of icebergs. However, the total volume of ice discharged may not change unless an effect from increased accumulation kicks in. Without this, it was considered likely that increased calving rates would result in rapid retreat of a glacier, and an eventual reduction in calving. It was noted on numerous occasions that there were really too many significant

## CLIMATE RESEARCH NEWS (cont.)

knowledge gaps at present to be able to say with any confidence how calving rates would respond. These included:

- insufficient under-ice topographic data to know how topographic forcing may affect glacier response in the future;
- insufficient knowledge of the sensitivity of the mass balance of Greenland glaciers to climate changes;
- lack of ice velocity data to help understand the mechanisms responsible for seasonal and interannual variability;
- lack of data (ice temperature, strain, velocity, surface elevations) for running and verifying dynamic models;
- lack of knowledge of possible feedback mechanisms between ice stream dynamics and calving;
- a lack of physical understanding of the calving process.

The consensus of the workshop was that further research into glacier calving was timely, and of a high priority considering the importance of this process in climate change issues such as sea-level rise. The glaciological community was urged to get more involved in glacier calving studies, and in particular, to undertake detailed case studies to help address the above-noted knowledge and data gaps. A detailed workshop report containing the presentations of all participants, an overview of the current state of understanding of glacier calving, and recommendations for future research, is being produced by the Danish Polar Centre and will be available within the next 6 months.

In addition to the invited speakers, Ute Hersfeld (Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research), David Fisher (Geological Survey of Canada), and Antony Higgins (Geological Survey of Greenland) also provided valuable contributions to the workshop discussions.

Ross Brown, Climate Adaptation Branch, AES

### CMOS TOUR SPEAKER

As in past years, CMOS is arranging a tour speaker to the 12 centres. This year we are most fortunate to have Dr. Andrew Staniforth of Recherche en Prévision Numérique (DOE/AES) who will be speaking on Numerical Modelling of the Atmosphere.

The content of the presentation is not yet finalised but will likely encompass past, present and future modelling at the Canadian Meteorology Centre (CMC); including models implemented on the new NEC Supercomputer.

Dr. Staniforth was the principle architect of CMC's operational short range weather model; one of the best models of its type in the world. Andrew's work as an operational forecaster, research scientist and supercomputer manager puts him in an authoritative position to make this tour. He is a dynamic speaker in both English and French and will have effective presentation graphics.

Timing details of the tour are being arranged at this time, but as in previous years will span January to April.

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# **CMOS CONGRESS 1994 in Ottawa**

## **SPECIAL SESSION: METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH TO MEET CANADA'S AVIATION NEEDS IN THE 21st CENTURY**

A special session on aviation meteorological research will be held June 1st. The session will be for the presentation and discussion of meteorological research activities for future aviation weather data acquisition, analysis, processing and dissemination concepts, with particular emphasis on the unique needs of the aviation system user in Canada.

### OPERATIONAL GOALS

The aviation weather service safety goal is to systematically reduce the number of aircraft accidents and incidents that have a weather related cause factor. The efficiency goal is to minimize weather related diversions and to facilitate maximum air traffic flow by providing clear, accurate and timely weather information to aviation users.

### RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE

A fundamental aviation weather product change is on the planning horizon. This next generation of information products could, for the first time, facilitate a complete, intuitive user understanding of the prevailing and forecast state of the atmosphere by depicting it in time-based cubic ("four dimensional") and cross-sectional formats in combination with air traffic management information. In particular, specific cross-sectional forecast products that address such aviation forecast requirements as thunderstorm initiation, areas of convective hazard, icing and in-flight turbulence are candidates for development. These sophisticated products will be derived from an aviation gridded forecast system model.

This gridded atmospheric model will be fed from a sophisticated, high density network of data acquisition devices, including airborne and satellite sensors, systematically distributed to service the forecast requirements of high aircraft traffic areas. It follows that the interdependent data acquisition, forecast production and dissemination processes will have to undergo some fundamental changes to enable them to deliver such intuitively clear weather information to the aviation user community. These changes will be driven by a major research and development effort.

The challenge in this research and development effort will be to provide a consolidation of the increased amounts of data into a cohesive product that is immediately understandable by air traffic controllers and pilots.

### FRAMEWORK FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

A significant R&D effort will be required to advance from the current discrete text-based, coarse resolution products to intelligently integrated, graphically-based high resolution products. To accomplish this, meteorological research activities will be focussed in four main areas:

- new detection, data acquisition and data transmission technologies, to service unique aviation user requirements in a timely manner;
- integration of data through the use of intelligent processing techniques;
- improved numerical model products tailored to the needs of the aviation user; and
- improved forecasting methodologies using integrated information from sensors and numerical models.

For further information on the special session, contact John Carr, Transport Canada Aviation, (613) 991-9974, FAX: (613) 998-7416.

# CONGRÈS SCMO 1994 à Ottawa

## SÉANCE SPÉCIALE: RECHERCHE MÉTÉOROLOGIQUE POUR RÉPONDRE AUX BESOINS DE L'AVIATION DU CANADA AU VINGT-ET-UNIÈME SIÈCLE

Une séance spéciale sur la recherche météorologique aura lieu le 1 juin 1994. La séance spéciale aura pour but de présenter des activités de recherche météorologique ayant trait aux concepts futurs dans les domaines de l'acquisition, l'analyse, le traitement et la dissémination de données, avec emphase mise sur les besoins uniques des utilisateurs du système aéronautique au Canada.

### LES BUTS OPÉRATIONNELS

Sur le plan de la sécurité, le but du service météorologique à l'aéronautique est de systématiquement réduire le nombre d'accidents et d'incidents d'aéronefs ayant une contribution provenant des conditions météorologiques. Quant à l'efficacité, le but est de minimiser les déroutements associés aux conditions météorologiques et de faciliter un débit maximum de la circulation aérienne en fournissant de l'information météorologique claire, précise et ponctuelle aux usagers de l'aviation.

### LE DÉFI DE LA RECHERCHE ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT

Les produits météorologiques pour l'aviation sont en voie de subir des changements fondamentaux. En effet, la prochaine génération de produits d'information météorologique pourrait, pour la première fois, permettre à l'utilisateur d'avoir une compréhension complète et intuitive des états actuel et prévu de l'atmosphère en les dépeignant dans des espaces quadridimensionnels (volume et temps) ou par coupes transversales. Ces représentations des états actuel et prévus de l'atmosphère seraient combinées à l'information de gestion du débit de la circulation aérienne. Certaines candidates au développement seraient par exemple les coupes transversales prévues du déclenchement du temps orageux, des dangers associés à la convection, du givrage ainsi que de la turbulence; toutes ces coupes étant bien associées aux besoins de l'aéronautique. Ces produits sophistiqués proviendront d'un modèle de prévision aéronautique aux points de grille.

Ce modèle atmosphérique aux points de grille sera alimenté par un réseau dense et sophistiqué de dispositifs d'acquisition de données, incluant des systèmes de détection à bord d'aéronefs et de satellites, distribués de façon à remplir les besoins en prévision des zones de circulation aérienne de haute densité. Il s'en suit que les processus interdépendants que sont l'acquisition de données, la production de prévisions et la dissémination de produits, devront subir des changements fondamentaux si l'on veut un jour être en mesure de fournir de l'information météorologique intuitivement claire à la communauté des usagers de l'aéronautique. De pareils changements proviendront nécessairement d'un vaste ensemble d'activités de recherche et de développement.

Le défi d'un tel ensemble d'activités de recherche et de développement sera de permettre la consolidation de grandes quantités continuellement croissantes de données en un produit cohésif pouvant être directement compris par les contrôleurs aériens et les pilotes d'aéronefs.

### LE CADRE DE LA RECHERCHE ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT

Un vaste ensemble d'activités de recherche et développement sera requis pour passer des produits littéraux discrets à faible résolution produits de nos jours, à des produits graphiques intégrés de haute résolution. Afin d'accomplir ce passage, les activités de recherche météorologique devront s'effectuer sur quatre fronts principaux:

- les nouvelles technologies de détection ainsi que d'acquisition et de transmission de données, afin de répondre de façon ponctuelle aux exigences uniques des usagers de l'aéronautique;
- l'intégration de données à l'aide de techniques "intelligentes" de traitement de données;
- l'amélioration des produits de modèles numériques qui seront façonnés aux besoins des usagers de l'aéronautique; et
- l'amélioration des méthodologies de prévision qui utiliseront l'information intégrée provenant de détecteurs et de modèles numériques.

Pour obtenir plus d'information concernant la séance spéciale, prière de contacter John Carr, à Transports Canada Aviation, au (613) 991-9974, faxsimilé: (613) 998-7416.

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## 1994 CMOS PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society's annual call for nominations for their Prizes and Awards Program is now under way.

All members are encouraged to consider nominating individuals of the meteorological or oceanographic community who have made significant contributions to one of both of these fields.

This awards program provides an important opportunity for scientists to recognize their peers. It also provides an opportunity for media recognition to be given to the sciences of oceanography and meteorology as well as to the Canadian scientists who are actively in the forefront of their fields.

Each category has different and specific nomination criteria which must be met before any nomination can be considered. There is a deadline of **Wednesday December 22, 1993** for nominations to be received by the Secretary of the Prizes and Awards Committee.

The award categories are: (see attachment for further details)

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## BOURSES DE LA SCMO 1994

Les nominations pour le programme de Prix et Bourses de la Société canadienne de météorologie et d'océanographie sont maintenant acceptées.

Tous les membres sont invités à proposer la candidature d'individus de la communauté météorologique ou océanographique ayant apporté une contribution significative dans l'un ou les deux de ces domaines.

Le programme de prix procure une excellente opportunité aux scientifiques de reconnaître leurs pairs. Cela permet également aux sciences de l'océanographie et de la météorologie, ainsi qu'aux scientifiques canadiens au premier rang de leur domaine d'expertise, d'être reconnus par les médias.

Chaque catégorie a des critères spécifiques et différents, lesquels doivent être respectés, avant qu'une nomination soit considérée. La date limite pour la réception des nominations par le secrétaire du Comité des prix et bourses, est **mercredi le 22 décembre, 1993.**

Les catégories de prix sont (pour de plus amples informations consultez les pages ci-jointes):

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## CANADIAN METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANOGRAPHIC SOCIETY Prizes and Awards Criteria

The criteria listed below are extracted from the bylaws of the Society. Note the conditions for submitting nominations on the following pages.

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May be awarded each year to a member or members of CMOS for a recent paper, book or contribution of special merit in the field of either meteorology or oceanography. The paper or work;

1. **MUST** have been accepted for publication in Atmosphere-Ocean, Climate Bulletin or another referred journal, or;

2. **MUST** have been presented to the Society membership at a national or local meeting.

### b) THE DR. ANDREW THOMSON PRIZE IN APPLIED METEOROLOGY

May be awarded for an outstanding contribution in the field of applied meteorology. The nominee **MUST** be a member of the Society.

### c) GRADUATE STUDENT PRIZES

May be awarded for contributions of special merit in meteorology and/or oceanography by graduate students.

### d) THE RUBE HORSTEIN PRIZE IN OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY

May be awarded to an individual for providing outstanding operational meteorological service in its broadest sense, but excluding the publication of research papers as a factor, unless that research is already incorporated as an aid in the day-by-day performance of operational duties. The work for which the prize is granted may be cumulative over a period of years or may be a single notable achievement.

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May be awarded for a significant contribution to the application of oceanography in Canada. The nominee **MUST** be a member of the Society.

### f) THE J. P. TULLY MEDAL IN OCEANOGRAPHY

May be awarded to a person whose scientific contributions have had a significant impact on Canadian Oceanography.

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May be awarded to individuals or groups who have in the previous year, made some outstanding contribution in helping to alleviate pollution problems, in promoting environmental improvements, or in developing environmental ethics.

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Only Canadian weather products will be considered. Any regular on-going weather program series may be submitted for consideration in the Citation review process. Nominations can be made for high standard of performance over a period of time or the media outlets response for a particular event.

## SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE MÉTÉOROLOGIE ET D'Océanographie Critères d'éligibilité des prix et bourses

Les critères d'éligibilité énumérés ci-dessous originent des règles établies par la société. Veuillez prendre note des conditions de mise en candidature dans les pages qui suivent.

### a) PRIX DU PRÉSIDENT

Peut être décerné chaque année à un ou plusieurs membres de la SCMO pour une publication récente, un livre ou une contribution importante dans les domaines de la météorologie et de l'océanographie. L'article ou le travail;

1. doit avoir été accepté pour publication dans Atmosphère-Océan, Bulletin de Climatologie ou un autre journal arbitré, ou;

2. doit avoir été présenté aux membres de la société lors d'une assemblée nationale ou locale.

### b) PRIX DR ANDREW THOMSON EN MÉTÉOROLOGIE APPLIQUÉE

Peut être décerné pour une contribution remarquable en météorologie appliquée. La personne nommée doit être membre de la société.

### c) PRIX ÉTUDIANT GRADUÉ

Peut être décerné à un étudiant gradué ayant apporté une contribution notable en météorologie et/ou en océanographie.

### d) PRIX RUBE HORNSTEIN EN MÉTÉOROLOGIE OPÉRATIONNELLE

Peut être décerné à une personne ayant procuré un service exceptionnel dans son sens le plus large. Par contre la publication des papiers de recherche sera exclue, à moins que cette recherche soit déjà incorporée comme aide quotidienne dans le travail opérationnel. Le travail pour lequel le prix est accordé peut être cumulatif sur une période de plusieurs années, ou peut être un seul accomplissement remarquable.

### e) PRIX EN Océanographie Appliquée

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### f) MÉDAILLE J. P. TULLY EN Océanographie

Peut être décerné à une personne dont les contributions scientifiques ont eu un impact significatif en océanographie au Canada.

### g) CITATIONS ENVIRONNEMENTALES

Peuvent être décernées à des individus ou groupes ayant, dans l'année précédente, apporté une contribution importante aux problèmes de la pollution, en promouvant une meilleure qualité environnementale ou en développant un code d'éthique environnemental.

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## CMOS Prizes (cont.)

Normally submissions include audio tapes of three consecutive radio broadcasts or VHS recordings of three consecutive telecasts along with the date and time of the programs, the name of the presenter, station, city, etc. However written justification will also be accepted and reviewed as submitted. Nominations must be made by either Centres or individual members. Nominations will be judged on the quality of informative, educational value, appeal to the audiences, a high level of technical and professional presentation, etc. Written submissions must address these same points.

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Nominations for each of these categories will normally be made by the editors of Atmosphere-Ocean.

#### PLEASE NOTE

1. The deadline for submission is rigidly observed due to other Committee deadlines and the high volume of copying required. Complete submissions must be in the hands of the Secretary by that date.

Allow sufficient time for mail or courier. If desired, the Secretary of the Prizes and Awards Committee has access to fax (403) 468-7950.

2. Some prizes categories specify that a nominee must be a member of CMOS. Nominees in these categories who are not members of CMOS on the date which nominations close will be disqualified and their nomination submissions will not be considered. Membership status will be confirmed by phone through the office of the Executive Director of CMOS.

3. Receipt of submissions by the Secretary will not be acknowledged unless requested. Acknowledgement when requested, will be by telephone.

4. The current title, full address and phone number of the nominee must accompany the submission.

5. Nominees from previous years, who have not received awards may be renominated. All criteria provided above apply to re-nominations. All renominations must be complete with justification since nomination material is not retained from year to year.

## Bourses de la SCMO (cont.)

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## Canada-Wide Science Fair



The CMOS Special Award at the Canada-Wide Science Fair (Ottawa, Ont., May 1993) was awarded to Edward Weatherly and Leah Livingston of Provost Public School, Provost, Alberta, for their innovative project entitled *Up, Up and Away!* For their efforts they received a cheque in the amount of \$250. The following is abstracted from their project highlight sheet:

The purpose of this project was to construct an inexpensive ground-based, remote-sensing instrument that will measure total atmospheric ozone and ultra-violet radiation at the same time. We believe that there should be a direct relationship between the values of total atmospheric ozone and UV-B radiation. Since the ozone layer is the Earth's "skin block", it should have an impact on the amount of radiation that reaches the Earth's surface.

Our instrumentation consists of several stations: computer terminal (IBM PC), spectrophotometer, radiometer and data processing network. An aluminum tripod was developed to support the weatherproof PVC housing of our instrumentation that reads combined values. This tripod is controlled by a computer program that is integrated to a tracking device that moves the instrument to trace the movement of the sun. An optical filter system is contained in a tube that obtains light from the sun which is massaged by several interference filters and optical devices. It is reflected through a diffraction grating that breaks up the filtered electromagnetic energy into its respective wavelengths. The light then passes through a

shutter that systematically opens a slit that allows one of our five control wavelengths to be measured by the photo-detector that is carried by a stepping motor across the optical plane. The electrical output by the photo-detector is read by a voltmeter that relays this current to a data input port in the computer. A radiometer is also carried on the stepping motor; reading UV-B radiation throughout the day from the sun. Data from the spectrophotometer and radiometer are relayed to the computer to be read and analyzed with a home-made computer program.

We found that there is a direct relationship between readings of combined and indirect radiation. When comparing our ozone and radiation measurements to values read by manufactured instruments in our area, trends are apparent. The manufactured instrumentation used in our research and preliminary experimentation has a much higher accuracy in measuring total ozone than does our device, but our readings are comparable. In both cases, the more ozone present in the atmospheric column, the less radiation reaches the Earth. Our research is but a small step in understanding our upper atmosphere; determining how ozone and other variables affect life on Earth.

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The following new members were approved at the CMOS Executive meeting 7th June, 1993:

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