

## From the Editor

There is considerable international activity in the development of numerical models for the purpose of climate simulation and for forecasting on various timescales. This publication is an attempt to foster an early interchange of information among workers in these areas. The material in the publication is the response to a "call for contributions" sent to approximately 650 scientists worldwide. Contributions obtained in response to this call are included if they are related to the CAS/JSC numerical experimentation programme, if they give new results, and if they are of suitable length and size. Reports that do not meet these criteria, have been previously published, or are purely theoretical may be rejected. Contributors do not routinely receive any correspondence concerning the contributions.

The most appropriate reports give results of new numerical experiments in the form of a succinct explanation accompanied by suitable tables and figures. The contributions are collected into subject groupings as appropriate. The range of subjects is expected to vary with time and depends on the submissions received. The large number of contributions from around the world indicates the wide scope of activities in numerical experimentation, and the valuable addition that this type of report makes to the refereed journals. Comments and suggestions for improvement to the publication are welcome. To facilitate location of specific contributions, they are ordered alphabetically by author in the various subject areas. An overall index by author is also included.

This year we have taken a major step in the progression towards handling this report electronically. Contributions were submitted as an attachment to an e-mail message, or through the web site [www.cmc.ec.gc.ca/rpn/wgne](http://www.cmc.ec.gc.ca/rpn/wgne). A few documents still arrived by mail. Although there were some difficulties with electronic submissions, overall they worked well and enabled production of an electronic version of the report which is available on the web site. About 200 copies have also been printed in black and white and mailed directly from Montreal. Special thanks are expressed to Yves Chartier of RPN for his expert development of the web site and procedures, and a major effort to generate the electronic volume.

This will be my final volume as editor, with the responsibility now transferring to colleague Jean Côté. I am confident that you will give him your continuing cooperation. I want to especially thank Roger Newson for his advice and steady support which have facilitated the preparation of this report for numerous editors over the years.



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