

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 welcomed. 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's report contains as an annex the report made to WGNE by Philippe Bougeault on verification. To reflect on the many submissions on short-range ensemble forecasting, they have been placed under regional model development. We have also consolidated the electronic production of this report. Most contributions were submitted through the web site www.cmc.ec.gc.ca/rpn/wgne, few still as an attachment to an e-mail message. Overall the electronic submissions worked well, thanks to Yves Chartier and Inès Ng Kam Chan, and made possible the production of this report on the web site. About 200 copies have also been printed in black and white and mailed directly from Montreal.

As mentioned in this year's call letter, I have become editor following Harold Ritchie who has occupied this position for the last four years. I thank Hal for his period of service marked by the initiation of the electronic publication. I look forward to your continued support.



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