Building blocks than on integrated structure and predictions. The afternoons will be devoted to open poster sessions and workshops on special themes. The day concludes with an afternoon keynote address. Scientists and graduate students are invited to attend this conference, submit posters, and sign up for workshops.

Major issues in climate research to be addressed during morning lectures are divided into the following four themes: radiative forcing of climate, boundary layers in climate modeling, climate variability on a decadal to century timescale, and sea level change. Open poster sessions and specialized workshops will take place in the afternoons. Participants are encouraged to present posters. Poster abstracts (200–400 words) should be submitted no later than 31 March 2001. Guidelines for preparation of abstracts as well as general conference information can be found on the Web site: http://www.phys.uu.nl/~wwwimau/cc2001.html. Abstracts should be submitted via e-mail to cc2002@phys.uu.nl.

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National Academy of Sciences Holding Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment

The National Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment, organized by the National Council for Science and the Environment, will be held at the National Academy of Sciences, in Washington, D.C., 7–8 December 2000. This annual gathering will feature and discuss reports including the Environmental Science and Engineering for the Twenty-First Century; Grand Challenges in Environmental Science; and Our Common Journey: A Transition Toward Sustainability. This conference is for those interested in how the National Science Foundation would budget the additional $1 billion for environmental research, education, and assessment that has been proposed. For more information contact the National Council for Science and the Environment, 1725 K Street NW, Suite 212, Washington, DC 20006-1401; telephone: 202-530-5810; fax: 202-628-4311; e-mail: cnie@cnie.org.

World Weather Research Programme’s International Conference on Quantitative Precipitation Forecasting Hosted by University of Reading

The International Conference on Quantitative Precipitation Forecasting (QPF) is being cosponsored by WMO’s World Weather Research Programme (WWRP) and the Royal Meteorological Society. The conference is being hosted by the University of Reading in the United Kingdom from 2 to 6 September 2002.

The conference will cover a wide range of issues relating to QPF, from the measurement and forecasting of precipitation to the application and benefits of quantitative information of precipitation fields and will conclude by identifying gaps in current knowledge with key future areas of work. Abstract submissions are welcome under the following topic headings:

- socio-economic impacts and environmental stresses of precipitation events;
- precipitation measurement, estimation, and associated issues from observing systems;
- nowcasting, including deterministic, conceptual, and probabilistic methods;
- NWP-based forecasting methods, including precipitation assimilation, resolution issues, postprocessing and ensemble methodologies;
- prediction techniques and predictability of extended range and seasonal forecasting; and
- applications of QPF and demonstration of potential benefits to a range user communities.

Further information and details can be obtained from http://www.royal-met-soc.org.uk/ or through contacting execsec@royal-met-soc.org.uk.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 March 2002. Abstracts can be submitted online through the conference Web site, where details of submission guidelines can also be found. Authors should identify their preference for oral or poster presentation and in which session they would prefer to be included. Abstracts will be published in a conference preprint volume.