

Editorial

The Symposium on the Economic and Social Value of Weather and Climate Information was held in San Diego in January 1981 as part of the 61st Annual Meeting of the Society. Dr. Alan H. Murphy, Chairman of the Symposium Committee, put forward the concept of collecting those papers presented during the Symposium and attempting to publish them in the *Journal of Applied Meteorology*. As Chief Editor, I enthusiastically supported this idea since the scope of the *Journal* will be broadened by 1983 with additional emphasis on the interdisciplinary aspects of climate. Additionally, I feel that this aspect of weather and climate has been given only light treatment in the past, in spite of the fact that the economic value of weather and climate information has been implicit in many areas of government and society at large.

Owing to the complexity of the problems involved, it was very difficult for the Chief Editor to find reviewers for the various manuscripts that eventually were submitted for consideration. Of the 27 papers presented during the Symposium, 12 appear in this issue. We are very pleased that the authors have elected to present their material in this collection and we hope that such important aspects of applied meteorology and climate will continue to appear in the *Journal* as a major part of each volume.

In spite of the somewhat difficult task of trying to meet deadlines while interacting with the many authors, I am very grateful to those who cooperated in this venture and especially to Dr. Alan H. Murphy for having suggested such a special issue of the *Journal*.

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