

## EDITORIALS

This issue of *JAM* contains a set of papers presented at the Symposium on Air–Sea Interaction and Airmass Modification over the Gulf of Mexico. Although I was responsible for the peer review of these papers, all other aspects of coordinating this set of papers have been efficiently handled by James R. Scoggins. He has made sure that the authors prepared their manuscripts in a timely fashion and that the figures and other requirements were satisfactorily completed. As a result, the review of all manuscripts has been finished less than one year after the symposium.

*Steven R. Hanna*  
Chief Editor

The Symposium on Air–Sea Interaction and Airmass Modification over the Gulf of Mexico was held in Galveston, Texas, on 7–9 January 1991. The selection of topics and speakers was made by a planning committee composed of Stephen K. Rinard, National Weather Service–Southern Region, Fort Worth, Texas; John Lewis, National Severe Storms Laboratory, Norman, Oklahoma; Robert C. Willems, Institute for Naval Oceanography, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi; Worth Nowlin, Texas A&M University; Steven W. Lyons, Texas A&M University and now employed by the National Weather Service–Southern Region, Fort Worth, Texas; Kenneth C. Brundidge, Texas A&M University (secretary and coordinator); and James R. Scoggins, Texas A&M University (chairman).

The purpose of the symposium was to provide a forum for operational and research meteorologists and oceanographers to present results of their most recent research and to discuss the state of knowledge of air–sea interaction and airmass modification with emphasis on the Gulf of Mexico. Four sessions were conducted: 1) measurements, 2) airmass modification, 3) modeling, and 4) forecasting. The papers presented at the symposium as well as in this special issue of *JAM* were arranged in this order with recognition that overlap exists.

Sponsors of the symposium included the 1) Texas Institute of Oceanography, 2) Institute for Naval Oceanography, 3) National Weather Service–Southern Region, and 4) Cooperative Institute for Applied Meteorological Studies (CIAMS), Texas A&M University.

The success of the symposium is due to the hard work of all authors, session chairmen, CIAMS personnel, who provided support services, the planning committee, and especially Dr. Kenneth C. Brundidge, who organized the program, coordinated initial activities with authors, and made all arrangements for the meeting. All participants hope that the symposium and this special issue will serve to advance the state of knowledge for these specialized subjects, and that others will be encouraged to join the effort.

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Organizer of Symposium and Special Issue