EDITORIAL

In order to deal more expeditiously with the large number of manuscripts submitted to the journal, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Christopher N. K. Mooers as an additional Editor. New manuscripts may be submitted directly to any one of the Editors, but their review will be facilitated if papers are directed as follows: midlatitude and high-latitude oceanography to Dr. Gent; tropical oceanography and small-scale physics of the ocean to Dr. Katz; coastal oceanography and tidal phenomena to Dr. Mooers. In an administrative move, one of the Editors will henceforth be designated as Chief Editor but in practice each Editor will continue to function independently with manuscripts as delineated above.

Editorial policy will remain the same. We will publish all papers that peer reviewers (generally two) agree describe new results or ideas in the field of physical oceanography in a precise and understandable fashion. The field is defined as research related to the physics of the ocean and of the processes operating at its boundaries. Authors of papers dealing primarily with technical developments are encouraged to submit to the AMS Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology. Papers that deal only with methodology, though relevant to physical oceanography, are also best submitted elsewhere. Methodology and technology reach across disciplines but this journal is limited to their application in the advancement of our understanding of the oceans. Studies in rivers, lakes, laboratory tanks, and of fluid dynamics itself, will also be reviewed on the basis of their relevance to the oceans.

Last year the Journal completed 20 years of publication and the present editors think it appropriate at this time to thank, on behalf of our community, the labor and achievement of the past editors. Thank you!


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