

INTRODUCING ADVANCES IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

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Scientific publications as well as personal contacts at scientific meetings always give an impetus to the advancement of science. Since the mid-seventies China has participated in more and more international conferences on atmospheric sciences. Especially in recent years China has actively taken part in such interchanges. Beautiful as they are, the intricate Chinese characters, have given much trouble to our foreign colleagues in keeping abreast of the current developments in our atmospheric sciences. This is because the overwhelming majority of our publications are in Chinese. Although we have journals, such as *Scientia Sinica* and *Science Bulletin*, in which papers are published in English dealing with atmospheric sciences as well as other sciences, yet they are far from being enough for our foreign colleagues to get a general idea of what is going on in the field of atmospheric sciences in China. To help our foreign colleagues get rid of the language difficulty and stimulate our future collaboration and scientific exchange, we have decided to start the publication of the English journal of *Advances in Atmospheric Sciences (AAS)*.

This journal will cover the following aspects in the first few issues.

- (1) Review of the advances of various fields in atmospheric sciences, oceanodynamics and oceanophysics.
- (2) Papers in pure and applied meteorology.
- (3) Papers in oceanodynamics and oceanophysics.
- (4) papers in atmospheric physics and atmospheric chemistry.
- (5) Papers in cloud physics and weather modification.
- (6) Papers in air pollution meteorology, etc.

Since our aim is to introduce the latest developments in atmospheric sciences in China to foreign countries, it is inevitable to collect in the first few issues papers most of which are written by atmospheric scientists in China (including foreign scientists working in China). Nevertheless, papers from our foreign colleagues are also welcomed. We do hope that more and more foreign colleagues will submit papers to this journal, so that a fairly good percentage will be their contributions. We also hope that this journal will eventually become an international journal in the years to come.

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