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Benton Appointed to UCAR Position

Boulder, Colorado---Dr. Edward (Ned) Benton has accepted an appointment as the Special Assistant for University Relations with the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR). UCAR is a consortium of 44 universities in the United States and Canada which operates the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

Benton came to UCAR from the University of Colorado Department of Astro-Geophysics, where he served as chairman from 1969 to 1974. The University of Colorado, a member of UCAR, has given Benton a two-year leave of absence from the faculty to allow him to assume his new position.

His primary responsibility will be to stimulate joint research efforts between scientists at NCAR and university scientists, an area which he finds both interesting and challenging. "Cooperative research efforts bring more skills to bear on critical problems in the atmospheric sciences," Benton explains. "And, I believe that in the atmospheric sciences particularly, there is a very close relationship between what is usually called 'basic research' and the solution to problems of national importance."

Benton's first year plans include visits to as many of the 44 UCAR member universities as possible to learn of programs under way and potential areas of collaboration. He will be in close communication with all member universities and hopes to serve as an ombudsman for the university scientists while at NCAR. Additional duties will include providing informed policy advice to the president of UCAR.

Benton earned his PhD from Harvard University in 1961, and worked as a scientist at NCAR in the Laboratory of Atmospheric Sciences. He also served as assistant director of NCAR's Advanced Study Program from 1967 to 1961. His major research interests are applied mathematics and fluid dynamics and he has taught in those areas at the University of Colorado for the past ten years. He is currently working on developing mathematical models of the earth's internally

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generated magnetic field.

Benton is a member of the American Geophysical Union, the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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