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Bretherton Named UCAR President

Boulder, Colorado---Dr. Francis P. Bretherton, Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, has been named President of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR).

UCAR is a nonprofit consortium of 39 U. S. and Canadian universities that operates the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) here under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation. Bretherton succeeds Dr. Walter Orr Roberts as president and chief executive officer of the Boulder-based consortium.

Announcing Bretherton's appointment, the Chairman of the UCAR Board of Trustees, Dr. Thomas F. Malone of Butler University, said:

Dr. Bretherton will bring to UCAR and NCAR strong scientific leadership and talent. He is clearly one of the most productive and competent scientists in the field of atmospheric science. The Board of Trustees is very pleased that he will take on the task of leading UCAR and NCAR in the challenging times ahead.

Dr. Roberts, who announced several months ago that he planned to retire from his UCAR administrative responsibilities within a year, said:

Francis Bretherton will give UCAR wise and imaginative leadership, and I'm delighted he's coming to Boulder. In my role as past president, I will work with him in whatever he finds helpful. I am also looking forward to the chance to spend additional time in furthering international scientific cooperation and on my own scientific research.

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In discussions with the UCAR Trustees, Bretherton commented that:

NCAR is an excellent institution with vast potential for scientific accomplishment. I can see great opportunities at UCAR and NCAR for me to contribute to valuable programs in which I have a strong personal and scientific interest.

Born in Oxford, England, in 1935, Bretherton holds B. A., M. A., and Ph.D. degrees from Cambridge University. He has published numerous scientific papers on atmospheric and oceanic dynamics and other subjects. He has received many scientific awards and honors, among them the Buchan Prize of the Royal Meteorological Society, the Meisinger Award of the American Meteorological Society, and the Research Award of the World Meteorological Organization.

Bretherton expects to move his family to Boulder at the end of the current school year. For the next several months, he plans to divide his time between UCAR and The Johns Hopkins University, while he finishes up academic and other commitments to the university.

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