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NCAR FOUNDER RECEIVES UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT AWARD

BOULDER--Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, founding director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, recently received an International Environment Leadership Medal from the United Nations for his role in the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment, which led to environmental programs or impact studies in more than 80 nations.

Roberts was one of 18 individual recipients and 6 organizations that were honored at the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C., to "recognize some of those who, during the last decade, have made a distinguished contribution to the cause of the environment in the varied areas of human enterprise."

He was among a group of representatives of 113 nations and organizations that met in Stockholm, Sweden, in June 1972, to convene the first world conference on the human environment under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly. After 12 days of deliberation, Roberts and his fellow delegates adopted a 109-point action plan and a Declaration on the Human Environment.

Other recipients of the Environmental Leadership Medal included Senator Clairborne Pell; former New York Senator James L. Buckley; former Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, President of the Wilderness Society; former Governor of Oregon Tom McCall; Russell Train, President of World Wildlife Fund/U.S.; John Oakes, retired senior editor of The New York Times; and Joanne Omang, environmental and national affairs reporter for the Washington Post.

Roberts is currently president emeritus of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), which operates the National Center for Atmospheric Research under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

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