The President's Corner

Dear Readers:

You will see some changes in the UCAR Newsletter, beginning with this issue, that we hope will make it more interesting and useful to all of you. One change is described in the University Relations Committee report, and that is to establish a readers' forum, called "Newsletter Network," in which we'll print letters and ideas from you that are of general interest to other readers. Another change is this column, in which I'll write about matters of interest to UCAR's constituents. I hope you'll give us feedback about the newsletter in general so that we can be as responsive to your needs as possible.

You may have heard about a reorganization under way at UCAR, which the Board of Trustees approved in April. The changes are responsive to the decadal outlook prepared during 1991, called UCAR 2001, which has been printed and will be distributed widely very soon. If any of you want a copy, let me know. UCAR 2001 identifies roles for UCAR in six arenas, the two highest priorities being science and research facilities, with contributing areas being education and training; advocacy, public policy and communication; technology transfer; and research and operational partnerships. The reorganization will enable UCAR to realize the goals and objectives established for the decade.

The first part of the reorganization is to name Bill Bonner as Director of UCAR Programs. Bill's office will have responsibility for the several smaller programs of UCAR (such as Unidata; the Southern Oxidant Study; the Cooperative Program for Operational Meteorology, Education and Training; the Joint Climate Projects/Planning Office; the International TOGA COARE Project Office; the University Navstar Consortium; and the several UCAR visiting scientist-programs). In addition, a new vice president will be recruited, who will have primary responsibility for outreach activities, including those in Washington with Congress and the agencies. This person will also serve as director of the Walter Orr Roberts Institute. This new office will enhance UCAR's role of advocacy and communication on behalf of the broad atmospheric and related sciences community.

I'd be pleased to answer any questions you have about this reorganization, or any other UCAR matters, and look forward to hearing from you.

Rick Anthes

Mailing list update

We're updating the UCAR Newsletter mailing list. If you do not want to continue to receive the newsletter, if your address has changed, or if you are receiving multiple copies (either in bulk or mailed separately) and would like to change the number, please let us know.

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You read about it in the President's Corner. Now here it is. Send us your comments, suggestions, concerns, and gripes. If they appear to be of interest to the rest of the community, we'll print them (with the author identified and a response if one is called for) in this feature. Write to: Richard Anthes, UCAR, P.O. Box 3000, Boulder, CO 80307-3000.
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