

EDITORIAL

World Climate Conference Issue

This special issue of *Quaternary Research* was assembled by the Paleoclimatology Subcommittee of the International Quaternary Union (INQUA) as a contribution to the World Climate Conference, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on February 11–23, 1979. Alan D. Hecht of the Climate Dynamics Program, U.S. National Science Foundation, has served as Guest Editor for the issue, and with John Imbrie of Brown University, summarizes the theme of the issue in an opening editorial. The following papers provide a broad and representative perspective of paleoclimatology on several different time scales. The issue was designed both to give an overview of current research on problems of climatic change and to stimulate research in Quaternary paleoclimatology that will bear on the development of a comprehensive theory of climatic change.

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