

PREFACE

The Proceedings of the International Conference on Climate Change Research: Evaluation and Policy Implications give an excellent impression of both the state of the art of climate change research in general as well as the research projects carried out during the first phase of our National Research Programme on Global Air Pollution and Climate Change (NRP).

A large number of experts gathered in Maastricht, one of the most hospitable cities in our country. During discussions with participants it became clear that the quality of the research presented and the organization of the conference itself were considered to be well above average. For this excellent achievement I would like to commend the Programme Committee, the Organising Committee and above all the Conference Secretariat for a job well done!

The results of the conference laid down in these proceedings, the result of the international expert review brings us to our conclusion: we have to proceed on the road chosen. Also in the second phase of the continued programme (till 2001) we will put a bit of emphasis on careful programming and accurate evaluation and presentation of the research projects. In particular the incorporation of the projects and their results within international joint efforts will be promoted.

Again my appreciation for these proceedings that will attract the attention of a large research (and policy) community, also due to the timely production and distribution by Elsevier Science B.V.

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