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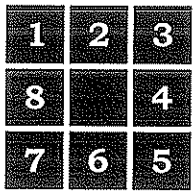

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Foreword

Every conference starts with a dream of bringing together people with common interests. This is certainly the case for us. For at least 100 years, from the early work of Marloth in South Africa around 1905, to the work of Grunow on fog collectors 50 years later, to today, people have worked to better understand how trees and other forms of vegetation collect water from fog. This has naturally led to attempts to build artificial fog collectors in many countries. In recent years, there has been a focus on modeling the water and pollutant deposition from fog to forested and unforested areas. There has also been a realization of the old dream to transport water from foggy mountain ridges to thirsty villages below. Real progress has been made in the last decade and this seems an appropriate time to pause and meet to review the results of our work.

The conference has been fortunate to have a wide range of institutional and corporate sponsors. Without their substantial contributions, it would not be a reality. The names of the sponsors, as well as the agencies endorsing the conference, are listed on the back cover of this Proceedings Volume.

Many individuals have also assisted in successfully fitting together the pieces of the conference. Their help in organizing and conducting it has been invaluable. I would like to offer my personal thanks to all these persons and also to their organizations for making their time available.

The city of Vancouver occupies a special place in the hearts of Canadians. Its setting is spectacular and its climate moderate. It is also situated in a part of Canada where fog deposition to the coastal forests plays an important role in sustaining the ecosystems of the West Coast. We hope that you will take the opportunity to explore the city and also join us on the conference excursion and boat cruise to see something of the sea coast and surrounding mountains.

My wish is that every delegate finds the conference a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Robert S. Schemenauer

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Conference Chair
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