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Program

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D. A. Caughey (Cornell University). Implicit multi-grid computation of unsteady flows with applications to aeroelasticity.


J. Fernando (Arizona State University). Mixing and Dispersion in Complex Terrain Airsheds.


J. C. R. Hunt (Cambridge University, England). Vortical layers and shear sheltering in environmental flows.


A. Kribus (Weizmann Institute, Israel). Radiative transport in complex anisotropic media.

S. Lele (Stanford University). Wake-Vortex Pollution.


A. Mahalov (Arizona State University). Theoretical and Numerical Issues of Pancake Dynamics and Turbulence in the Middle Atmosphere

P. Marcus (University of California at Berkeley). Turbulent Bursts in Couette--taylor and other Flows.

J. McWilliams (University of California at Los Angeles). Surface wave effects on ocean currents [and atmospheric winds].


I. M. Moroz (Oxford University, England). Bifurcations and synchronicity in low order models of the Faraday disk dynamo


A. Szeri (University of California at Berkeley). Surfactant scavenging by microbubble clouds: consequences for capillary wave damping.

Z. Warhaft and X. Shen (Cornell University). Is small scale turbulence isotropic?

C. H. K. Williamson (Cornell University). Wing wake vortices and temporal vortex pair instabilities.

Publication

An agreement was reached with Professor Beiglboeck of Springer Verlag, Heidelberg, to publish the proceedings of the Symposium in a hard-cover volume in the new Series M: Monographs, under Lecture Notes in Physics. Lumley has undertaken to have the Symposium papers anonymously refereed (by two referees each). Springer reserves the right to reject any paper that does not meet their standards.

The refereeing is complete. All papers were accepted, and revised papers have been received from all but two of the participants. One of these has been delayed by ill health. We are applying as much pressure as possible to the other, and if he does not provide us with a revised manuscript soon, we will proceed without him.

During the Symposium, questions and comments from the audience, and the responses of the speakers, were recorded using the microphones available at each guest place. We intended to transcribe and edit this recorded commentary, for publication in the symposium volume.

In the event, the commentary was rather fragmentary and unenlightening. The recording was difficult to understand. We are still making an attempt to transcribe and edit it. However, we may abandon this effort if the quality of the result cannot be made consistent with the whole. The ultimate limitation is the quality of the commentary, which left a great deal to be desired.
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