

Physical and Engineering Science in Health Care

With the support of the International Council for Science (ICSU), the **International Union for Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine** has produced a 10-page brochure entitled *Physical and Engineering Science in Health Care*. The brochure describes, in readily understandable language, the essential role that medical physicists and biomedical engineers play in delivering modern, effective

health care. As the brochure details, these dedicated health professionals work in fields such as medical imaging, physiological measurement, or radiation protection—at hospitals, research laboratories, industrial concerns, academic institutions, and governmental organizations. This brochure is a contribution toward the public understanding of science as it relates to healthcare and also toward sustainable development because it can help encourage departments of health to appoint sufficient qualified and trained professionals in these fields.



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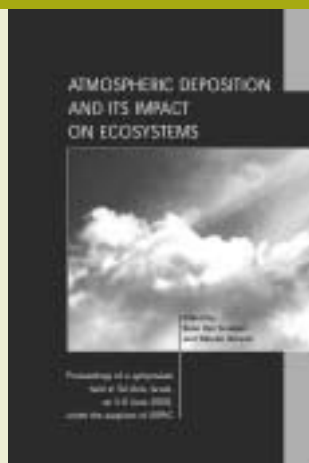
Atmospheric Deposition and Its Impact on Ecosystems

R. Van Grieken and Y. Shavah, eds.
Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium, 2002

Atmospheric deposition may play a major role in ecosystem dynamics, particularly in oligotrophic oceanic seas, terrestrial ecosystems, and inland freshwater bodies.

The growing threats from atmospheric deposition and the increasing needs to expand our knowledge were behind the convening of the International Symposium on Atmospheric Deposition and Its Impact on Ecosystems, which was held in Tel Aviv, Israel, from 5–6 June 2000.

Papers were presented on wet and dry atmospheric deposition; long- and short-range transport,



ozone depletion, trace metals, and organic pollutants; nitrogen and sulphur compounds; and atmospheric dust.

Papers presented at the symposium have been compiled for publication in a special 170-page proceedings. Interested scientists can request a copy, free of charge.

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