

John Maybank (1930 - 2009) was one of the original founding members of the Canadian Meteorological Society (before it became CMOS) a long-term member of the forerunner of CMOS, the Canadian Branch of the Royal Meteorological Society (RMS), and a member of its Executive. He also helped found the Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU).



John volunteered his talents and service to CMS/CMOS in many capacities apart from his terms as Vice-President and President in 1980-1981. He was also instrumental in the initiation of the CMOS Accredited Consultant program in 1986 becoming one of the five initial recipients of that Status; was book review editor for the CMOS Bulletin SCMO for several years during the 1990s; a regular attendee at most annual Congresses well past retirement, and was well-known for his many fruitful discussions and debates at AGMs.

John commenced his career as a scientific officer for the Suffield Experimental Station in Alberta in 1954-56. His Ph.D in 1959 was under the famous cloud physicist B.J. Mason, at the University of London, his thesis title being "Mechanisms of Ice Crystal Production in the Atmosphere". He returned to his Suffield position in 1959, then joined the Saskatchewan Research Council in 1961 where he carried out research on aerosols, specifically work on the formation, downwind movement, and evaporation of small droplets in the atmosphere. His publications comprise approximately 100 papers in areas of cloud physics, ice nucleation, weather modification, agriculture, pesticide spray drift, grain dust, air pollution, and hydroclimatology, including about 40 refereed journal and conference articles.

John Maybank passed away at his home in Brockville, Ontario on 28 October 2009.

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