

Phil Merilees Leaves AES for Director's Post at NCAR

Dr. Philip Merilees who for the past three years has held the position of director general, Atmospheric Research Directorate, at AES Downsview Headquarters, has resigned to become director of the Mesoscale and Microscale Meteorology Division, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado.

Dr. Merilees joined AES in 1977 as chief scientist for the Canadian Climate Centre. Before that he spent about a decade at McGill University's faculty of meteorology, rising to become chairman of the department in 1976. Earlier he had served two years as executive secretary of the Global Atmospheric Research Program (GARP). He also served on numerous national and international committees and was president of the Canadian Meteorological Society in 1974-75.

Dr. Merilees obtained a B.Sc. in Physics from Sir George Williams University, Montreal in 1960, a M.Sc. in Physics from Carleton University (Ottawa) and a Ph.D in Meteorology from McGill in 1966.

A farewell reception was held for Dr. Merilees at AES Downsview on September 2. Jim Young, director of Air Quality Research acted as master of ceremonies. Both he and ADMA Howard Ferguson gave farewell speeches, summing up Dr. Merilees career.

About 80 people attended the reception from many divisions of AES as well as some former employees. Prominent among these was Barney Boville, former director of the Canadian Climate Centre.



Dr. Phil Merilees clears his office drawer on his last day at AES.