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Current position

Professor of Ocean Physics, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP), University of Cambridge, Wilberforce Road, Cambridge CB3 0WA.

Concurrently: Professeur Associé Recherche, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, based at Laboratoire d'Océanographie de Villefranche (adjunct position).

Born 14 May 1948. ~~REDACTED~~

Education

- 1966-69 Churchill College, Cambridge. College Scholar. 1969 **BA** in Natural Sciences (Physics). 1972 **MA** (Cantab).
- 1970-74 Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge. **PhD** awarded April 1974. Thesis "The effect of a sea ice cover on ocean surface waves".
- 1994 **ScD** (Cantab) awarded for published work.

Appointments

- 1969 Sept - 1970 Oct. Research scientist, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, Canada. Assistant to Senior Scientist on "Hudson-70" Expedition, an 11-month oceanographic cruise which accomplished the first circumnavigation of the Americas, by way of Antarctica, Chilean fjords, south and north Pacific, Northwest Passage.
- 1974 Apr -1975 Dec. Postdoctoral fellow of National Research Council of Canada at Institute of Ocean Sciences, Victoria, B.C., Canada, working on sea ice structure and dynamics in the Beaufort Sea and oil spill impacts.
- 1976 Jan - 2002 Dec. Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge. Initially Senior Research Associate (Principal Investigator for Office of Naval Research); 1981-7 Assistant Director of Research; 1987-1992 **Director**; 1992-2001 **Reader in Polar Studies**; 2001-2 **Professor of Ocean Physics**. 2003 Jan. Transferred Chair to DAMTP.
- 1980-1990 Senior Research Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge
- 2013- Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge.

Visiting professorships:-

- 1980-81. Office of Naval Research **Chair of Arctic Marine Science**, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.
- 1987-88. **Cecil and Ida Green Scholar** at Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, **Scripps Institution of Oceanography**, La Jolla (further visits 1989-92 working with acoustic tomography group of Walter Munk); and **Walker-Ames Professor**, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 1995. **Invited Visiting Professor**, **Arctic Environmental Research Centre**, National Institute of Polar Research, Tokyo, Japan.
- 1996. **British Council - Monbusho Visiting Professor** at Graduate University of Advanced Studies, Tokyo, Japan, based at National Institute of Polar Research. Revisited 2000 and 2001 under **Royal Society grant** to develop Anglo-Japanese joint programme in Arctic research.
- 2002. Visiting scholar, Laboratoire d'Océanographie de Villefranche (LOV), France. From 2007 Professeur Associé Recherche, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, based at LOV.

2003-4 Professorial Fellow, Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Oban, Scotland.

Honours

- 1977 **W.S. Bruce Prize**, Royal Society of Edinburgh, "for oceanographic investigations and for studies of pack ice behaviour near Spitsbergen, the North Pole and off East Greenland".
- 1983 Elected **Fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America** "in recognition of significant contributions to the knowledge of the polar and sub-polar regions".
- 1987 **The Polar Medal** (H.M. The Queen) with Arctic and Antarctic clasps.
- 1990 **Italgas Prize** for Research and Innovation in Environmental Sciences, Turin.
- 2006 Elected **Foreign Member of Finnish Academy of Science and Letters** (Academia Scientiarum Fennica).
- 2008 Listed as no. 5 among "Britain's top 100 environmentalists" by "Independent on Sunday" (Oct 12 2008).
- 2008 Recognised by IPCC "for contributing to the work of the Nobel Peace Prize".

Committees

- Member of US National Academy of Sciences Panel on Responding to Oil Spills in Arctic Marine Environments, 2012-13, report being completed for Dec 2013.
- Member of Scientific Committee, **European Environment Agency**, Copenhagen, 2004-12.
- Review Editor for Chapter 1, 5th Assessment Report (AR5), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2012-3.
- Member of Committee for electing annual ENI Prizes, Rome.
- Member of Scientific Commission for the Holy Shroud, Diocese of Turin, for determining new experimental programme.
- Co-ordinator of several EU projects, including ECOPS (European Co-operation on Ocean and Polar Science) 1991-3; ESOP (European Subpolar Ocean Programme) 1993-6; INTERICE 1998-2008 (consortium of European laboratories using ice tank at Hamburg for sea ice physics experiments); CONVECTION (Greenland Sea convection) 2000-4; GreenICE (Greenland Arctic Shelf Ice and Climate Experiment) 2003-7; on steering committee of DAMOCLES (EU FP6, 2006-2010) and ACCESS (Arctic climate, economy and society) 2011-4. Co-coordinator of new EU project ICE-ARC, on impacts of Arctic summer sea ice retreat, 2014-8. Principal Investigator for ONR Arctic Program 1976-1997, 2011-6 (new programme on wave interaction with ice).
- Formerly: President, IAPSO (International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean) Commission on Sea Ice; Co-ordinator, International Programme for Antarctic Buoys (IPAB), World Climate Res. Prog.; member of Scientific Steering Comm., ASPECT (Antarctic Sea-ice properties and climate); UK delegate, Arctic Ocean Sciences Board; member of NERC Peer Review College.

Societies

Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society (**FRGS**); American Geophysical Union; European Geosciences Union; International Glaciological Society; Society for Underwater Technology; Intl. Assoc. Hydrological Sciences; Remote Sensing Soc.; Challenger Society for Marine Science; The Oceanography Society; Society for Scientific Exploration; Arctic

Club; Antarctic Club; The Explorers' Club (New York); BIO-Oceans Association (Dartmouth NS); Cambridge Rotary Club.

PhD theses supervised: 21 (Squire, Langhorne, Kristensen, Bratchie, Crocker, O'Farrell, Rottier, Gray, Sheard, Brandon, Low, Tadross, Huddleston, Cottier, Brigham, Jonsdottir, Aksenov, Flocco, Von Eye, Fletcher, Wagner).

Editorships Editorial Board, "Cold Regions Science and Technology" (Elsevier); "Journal of Oceanography Research and Data" (LOV); "Underwater Technology" (Society for Underwater Technology). Associate Editor, "Oceanography" (The Oceanography Soc., Washington D.C.). Formerly Associate Editor, "Journal of Physical Oceanography."

Research experience

Organiser and leader of internationally respected research group since 1976, working on the physical oceanography of the polar seas and the physics of sea ice and icebergs. 45 field projects carried out in Arctic and Antarctic seas, involving work from ships, submarines, AUVs, aircraft and ice camps, including large-scale collaboration among ships, aircraft and ice-based groups. Projects have included major studies of waves in ice and marginal ice zone processes (MIZEX Science plan leader, 1983-7, new ONR-MIZ programme 2011-); 6 RN submarine voyages under Arctic Ocean 1971-2007 (most recently aboard HMS "Tireless" 2007 which included the first use of a multibeam sonar from a submarine to obtain 3D ice imagery); sidescan and multibeam sonar profiling from under-ice AUVs including Autosub off NE Greenland and Gavia and WHOI AUVs (4 campaigns 2004-12); studies of strain and deformation fields in sea ice (FRAM1-3, SIMI projects for ONR; Weddell Sea work for NERC); measurement of mass balance on melting floes in Fram Strait (Sept 2009); modelling work on under-ice tomography (Scripps); convective chimney mapping in Greenland Sea (first multiyear winter and summer tracking; polar eddies (first section); iceberg dynamics and flexure (1980 with "Endurance", then 2012 with BBC shown as "Operation Iceberg", BBC2 Nov 2012).

In recent years I have co-ordinated a sequence of EU research projects (as well as being a partner in many others). Those that I have led are: ECOPS (European Co-operation on Ocean and Polar Science) 1991-3, involving deployment of upward sonar moorings in East Greenland Current; ESOP (European Subarctic Ocean Programme 1993-6 (22 partners), a comprehensive study of the physics, chemistry and biology of the central Greenland Sea gyre and its convective systems; INTERICE, 1998-2003 (consortium of laboratories using ice tank at Hamburg for sea ice physics experiment); CONVECTION, 2000-3 (12 partners), a study of the physics of chimney convection in the Greenland Sea and its relation to ice formation; and GreenICE (Greenland Arctic Shelf Ice and Climate Programme) 2003-6 (6 partners) which involved setting up an ice camp north of Ellesmere Island in 2004 for ice physics and seabed sediment coring studies. At present I am workpackage leader and steering committee member of the ACCESS project (Arctic climate, economy and society, 28 partners), a successor of DAMOCLES (45 partners), and am co-coordinator of a newly funded EU project in Horizon 2020 called ICE-ARC (Arctic ice changes and their economic impact).

Conference organization (a few examples):-

Co-organizer, "The Arctic and Environmental Change", Royal Society Discussion Meeting, Oct 12-13 1994.

Member of Organizing Committee and Convenor of Polar Session, Oceanology International '94, Brighton, April 1994, and Oceanology International '96, March 1996.

Member of Scientific Committee, IAPSO Advanced Study Institute on the Physics of Ice-Covered Seas, Savonlinna, Finland, June 6-17 1994.

Conference Director, ITC'94 (Fourth International Conference on Ice Technology), Southampton, Sept 1994; Member of Scientific Committee, POAC-99, Helsinki (Int. Conf. on Port & Ocean Engng. under Arctic Condns).

Convenor, Sea Ice Dynamics Session, Nordic Seas Symposium, Hamburg, 7-9 Mar 1995.

Member of Organizing Committee, ISOPE '95 (International Society of Offshore and Polar Engineers), The Hague, May 1995, and ISOPE'96, Los Angeles, May 1996.

Convenor of session P13 on ice-ocean dynamics, IUGG-99 (International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics), Birmingham, July 1999. Convenor: Climate of the Polar Regions session EGS Assembly 2001-4, Nice, 2005-111 Vienna. Typically 120-150 attendees.

Co-organiser of Hudson-70 40th anniversary event, Bedford Institute of Oceanography Dartmouth, Oct 2010; received prize for Hudson-70 at BIO 50th Anniversary 2012.

Co-organiser, International Advanced Workshop on Oil Spills in Sea Ice – Past, Present and Future, Zavatti Polar Institute, Fermo, Italy, September 2011. Guest editor of special volume of “Cold Regions Sci. Technol.” based on workshop papers.

Teaching

- **Cambridge University** Part III Mathematics (MMaths): taught 4th year course on polar oceans and climate change, annually 2008-date. Part II (3rd year) Geography: lecture course on sea ice, icebergs and polar oceanography, 1982-2003. Textbook based on course, “Ice in the Ocean”, published 2000. Seminars to MPhil in Polar Studies, SPRI, 1976-date.
- **Université Pierre et Marie Curie**, Paris. Cours de thèse (examined course for graduate students) on polar oceanography, 2005-9.
- Frequent invited lectures at summer schools, conferences etc. Examples: Orkney International Science Festival, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013; Wadati Conferences on Climate Change in the Polar Regions, Fairbanks 1994, Tsukuba 1995 and 2001; Okhotsk Sea and Sea Ice Symposium, Mombetsu, 1997, 1998 (keynote address), 2001; International Conferences on the Oceanography of the Ross Sea, Antarctica, Lerici, 1997 and Ischia, 2001; ACSYS Sea Ice Thickness Workshops, 1997, 2003; Gordon Research Conference on Sea Ice Biology, 1999; World Economic Forum, New York, 2002; AGU Fall Meeting 2007; MIT Global Change Fora, Rome 2009, Brussels 2011; NERC Spring Schools; Ice Technology (Ice Tech), Banff 2008, Anchorage, 2010; ISAR-1 (Tokyo, International Symposium on Arctic Research) 2008; ISAR-2 (Tokyo) 2010 – invited lecture in presence of HIH Princess Takamado, managing editor for conference proceedings in journal “Polar Science”; ISAR-3 Tokyo 2013.
- Contributor to Open University Foundation Course in Oceanography.
- Examiner for 11 PhD theses in UK, France, Finland, Norway, Sweden, most recently Finland June 2013.

Named lectures (some examples)

W.S. Bruce Lecture, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1980
 Walker-Ames Lecture, University of Washington, 1988
 Italgas Prize Lecture, University of Turin, 1990
 Finnish Academy Acceptance Lecture, 2007

Royal Institution Friday Night Discourse, March 7 2008, on “The Polar Oceans and Climate Change”.

Publications. 4 books authored, 7 books edited or coedited, 280 other publications.

Public interactions

Frequent contributions on Arctic climate change to TV, radio, press in several countries, including BBC2 “Newsnight” special edition Sept 2012. Most recent public interactions followed Nature piece on cost of Arctic methane emissions July 2013 [ref. 20], which resulted in 600 media reports worldwide.

Briefings to All Party Parliamentary Committee on Climate Change 2007-13, following earlier briefings to Prime Minister (Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher) 1990,

Briefings to Environmental Audit Committee, House of Commons, Feb 2012.

Trustee, Meridian Project, London (modelling of climate change impacts).