



Preface

In the autumn of 2006 the main organizational structure of KNMI was changed. In the new structure, KNMI's activities are divided into three departments: Weather Service, Climate and Seismology, and Information and Observation Services and Technology. The results presented in this Biennial Report represent the research activities that are carried out in these three departments.

The need for changing the main structure was determined mainly by changes in the environment of KNMI. The new structure allows for an improved product steering, an enhanced provision of service and a larger innovative capacity, and it realizes a reduction in staff. The three departments each have their own research and development sections.

For me personally, the KNMI '06 climate scenarios for The Netherlands form the highlight of KNMI's research in this period as they will serve as the national standard in adaptation policies for the coming years and are already widely used. The KNMI'06 climate scenarios are a product in which a variety of KNMI research activities are integrated. For this reason, they are presented in the first chapter of this report as a kind of synthesis of and guidance to the other chapters.

In addition to the climate scenarios, there are many other prominent results in this report on weather, climate, seismology and observational technology. Together they give a broad impression of KNMI's research activities in 2005 and 2006. I wish you pleasant reading and thank all KNMI colleagues who contributed to our research products.

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