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This book focuses on atmospheric processes which directly effect human environments within the lowest 100-1000 meters of the atmosphere over regions of only a few kilometers in extent. The book is the English translation of the second edition of the German book "Applied Meteorology – Micrometeorological Methods". It presents, with selected examples, the basics of micrometeorology applied to disciplines such as biometeorology, agrometeorology, hydrometeorology, technical meteorology, environmental meteorology, and biogeoscience. The important issues discussed in this book are the transport processes and fluxes between the atmosphere and the underlying surface. Vegetated and heterogeneous surfaces are special subjects. The author covers the areas of theory, measuring techniques, experimental methods and modeling in all the ways that can be used independently in teaching, research or practical applications.

About the Author

Thomas Foken was born in 1949 in Zwickau, Germany. He studied meteorology in Berlin, and received his Ph.D. in 1978 in Leipzig. His research topic was marine micrometeorology. He received his second doctor's degree in 1990 in Berlin. From 1981 to 1997 he was the Head of Laboratories of the Meteorological Service of the GDR (after 1990 the German Meteorological Service) at the Meteorological Observatories in Potsdam and Lindenberg. In 1997, Dr. Foken became Professor of Micrometeorology at the University of Bayreuth. He has taught courses on micrometeorology and geocology in Berlin, Potsdam and Bayreuth; he has published numerous scientific papers, and also participated in national and international experiments and research projects.

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