

Mr. David Grimes, president of WMO,
Mr. Michael Jarraud, Secretary-General of WMO,
Mrs. Genevieve Guiard-Gerbier,
Excellences and members of the WMO Executive Council,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, John Wolbeck and I are here on behalf of the other 149 authors to share this exciting moment with you for our paper award. First, on behalf of all authors, my thanks to Mr. President, Mr. Secretary-General, and the Executive Council's Selection Committee for selecting our paper for such a prestigious international award. Second, I would like to thank Daniel Ricciuto (second author) for his excellent cooperation with me that led to this paper being published. Next, I want to thank Runze Li who contributed a more defensible statistical method for the data analysis. Additionally, I want to thank John Wolbeck who developed a grouping index based on Runze Li's probability calculation. Also, I want to thank Xiyan Xu for her excellent data processing and thanks to Mats Nilsson for his critical comments.

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- (1) Motivation**
- (2) Conclusions**
- (3) Implication.**

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