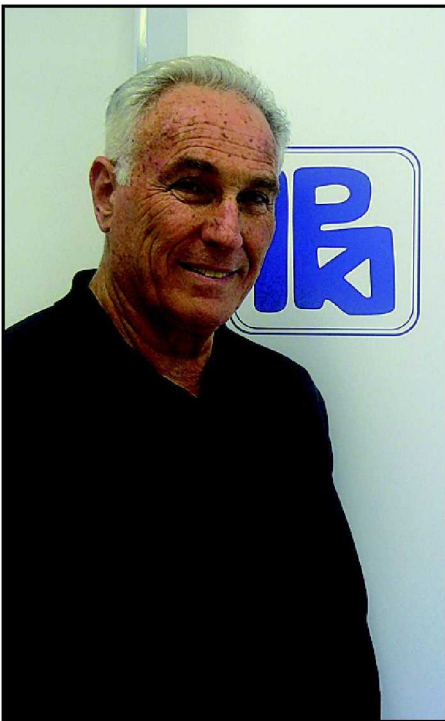




Professor Zev Levin awarded Landau Prize



DR Zev Levin, a Professor affiliated with the Cyprus Institute (www.cyi.ac.cy) was recently awarded the prestigious Landau Prize for his seminal contributions in water research. It is for the recognition for Levin's work of over 35 years on the formation of clouds and precipitation and weather modification research, including the effects of pollution on precipitation. Professor Levin is affiliated with the Energy, Environment and Water Research Centre (EEWRC) of the Cyprus Institute. Levin joined the Centre in January 2009 and helps to co-ordinate the EEWRC metastudy on climate change and in particular the impact of climate change on rainfall which is predicted to be drastically reduced in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East. Levin is also Professor Emeritus at the Tel Aviv University, Israel. He is a world specialist in cloud physics and investigates the role of aerosol particles (eg desert dust) in the formation of clouds and rain. He is an expert in weather modification and advises the World Meteorological Organisation and

national governments concerning the effectiveness of cloud seeding and other methods that have been (un)successfully conceived to stimulate precipitation in regions that suffer from droughts. Evidently, this is a key expertise needed in Cyprus and the region, to assist in understanding the causes and consequences of climate change in view of impending dryness.

The Landau prize was established in Israel in 1970 and is awarded annually, the topics vary every year. The last time the prize for water research was awarded was several years ago.

The Vice Chair of the Cyprus Research Educational Foundation (CREF) Board and Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr Andreas Mouskos, commented that "We are elated by the news. It is a wonderful that the very impressive work of Levin is recognised by this prestigious prize. It is also a reconfirmation that the Cyprus Institute is able to attract in its ranks some of the best faculty and researchers internationally".