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## **Bio**

Yochanan Kushnir has served as a research scientist and research professor at the Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) since the fall of 1989. He retired recently and holds a "special research scientist" at the institute. Kushnir has a BSc in physics from the Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), an MSc in Atmospheric Sciences from Tel Aviv University and a PhD in Atmospheric Science from Oregon State University. Trained initially as a weather forecaster in Israel, Kushnir began to study the phenomena and mechanisms of climate variability and change on a broad range of time and space scales during his PhD years and has continued since. His studies and publications address analysis and interpretation of past, present and future climate, particularly in and around the North Atlantic and in the Mediterranean Basin, as reflected in modern instrumental observations, paleoclimate proxies and output from global climate models.