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## **PREFACE**

This *Proceedings* represents the presentations made by attendees at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Advanced Research Workshop on Scientific Uncertainty and Its Influence on the Public Communication Process held in Paris, France in September, 1994. It is hoped that readers of this book will gain insight into the difficulties encountered in dealing with scientific uncertainty issues and public concerns.

The Editors would like to thank the NATO Science Committee for funding this Advanced Research Workshop on a topic that has become increasingly important throughout the world in the last few years. This Advanced Research Forum was an international forum of experts from Western, Central, and Eastern Europe and the USA who discussed in-depth the multidimensional of scientific uncertainty and its influence on the conception, design, and transmission of public communication. This workshop and *Proceedings* will significant impact on improving the effectiveness of science based communication to the public and the field of risk communication in general.

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