



## *Introduction*

# “History of geophysical institutes and observatories”

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The establishment of research institutes and places to make precise observations and measurements of natural phenomena may be considered as fundamental for any civilized nation. From the advent of the industrial revolution, it was realized that precise measurements and the understanding of geophysical phenomena were needed in technological and cultural development. Therefore geophysical institutes and observatories have been established in most countries all over the world in order to aid weather and climate forecasting, navigation, communications, etc. Although the existence of geophysical observatories and institutes has much importance for the modern world, their value has been underestimated and few efforts of historic documentation have been attempted.

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