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- 19–24 April **IAIA '98. The 18th Annual Meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment**, Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact IAIA Executive Office, NDSU-IBID, Hastings Hall, PO Box 5256, Fargo, ND 58105-5256, USA. Fax: +1 701 231 1007, E-mail: rhamm@ndsuxext.nodak.edu (Note E-mail is the preferred method of contact)
- 14–19 May **"Belgica" Centennial Symposium**. Brussels, Belgium. Contact: Dr C. de Broyer, Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, rue Vautier 29, B-1000 Bruxelles, Belgium. Tel: 32 2 627 42 77, Fax: +32 2 627 42 77, E-mail: debroyer@kbirinsnb.be
- 24–29 May **ISOPE-98: 8th International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference**, Montreal, Canada. Contact: Jin S. Chung, ISOPE, PO Box 1107, Golden, CO 80402-1107, USA. Tel: +1 303 273 3673, Fax: +1 303 420 3760.
- 25 May–5 June **XXII Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting**, Tromso, Norway.
- 22–26 June **Fifth Circumpolar Remote Sensing Symposium**. University of Dundee, Scotland. Contact: Sheila Newcombe, DCCZR, Dept of APEME, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN, Scotland. Tel: +44 1382 344933, Fax: +44 1382 34515, E-mail: s.k.newcombe@dundee.ac.uk
- 23–27 June **Seventh International Conference on Permafrost**. Yellowknife, MWT, Canada. Contact: J.A. Heginbottom, Terrain Sciences Division, Geological Survey of Canada, 601 Booth Street, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0E8.
- 28 June–5 July **Gondwana–10. Event Stratigraphy of Gondwana**. University of Cape Town, South Africa. Contact: Organising Committee, Gondwana–10, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Cape Town, Private Bag, Rondebosch 7700, South Africa. Internet: <http://www.uct.ac.za/depts/cigc>, Tel: +27 21 650 3171, Fax: +27 21 650 3167, E-mail: gondwana@geology.uct.ac.za
- 6–10 July **The Mary Wade Symposium. 14th Australian Geological Convention**. Townsville, Australia. Contact: Dr Alex Cook, Queensland Museum, PO Box 3300, South Brisbane, QLD 4101 Australia. E-mail: a.cook@mailbox.uq.oz.au
- 20–31 July **SCAR**, Concepcion, Chile.
- 29–31 July **Oil Spill 98. Oil & Hydrocarbon Spills, Modelling, Analysis & Control**. Southampton, UK. Contact: Liz Kerr, Conference Secretariat, Oil Spill 98, Wessex Institute of Technology, Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7AA, UK. Tel: +44 1703 293223. Fax: +44 1703 292853, E-mail: liz@wessex.ac.uk
- 17–20 August **International Symposium on Glaciers and the Glaciated Landscape**, Kiruna, Sweden. Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Lensfield Rd, Cambridge CB2 1ER, UK. Tel: +44 1223 355 974, Fax: +44 1223 336 543, E-mail: 100751.1667@compuserve.com
- 24–28 August **International Symposium on Polar Aspects of Global Change**, Tromso, Norway. Contact: International Symposium on Polar Aspects of Global Change, c/o Norsk Polarinstitut, N-9005 Tromso, Norway. E-mail: jaklin@tromso.npolar.no
- 31 Aug–3 Sept ☞ **International Symposium on Operational Weather Forecasting in the Antarctic**, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Contact: Hugh Hutchinson, Bureau of Meteorology, GPO Box 727G, Hobart, TAS 7001, Australia. Fax: +61 3 6221 2003, E-mail: h.hutchinson@bom.gov.au
- 31 Aug–4 Sept **SCAR Seventh Biology Symposium**, Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact: VII SCAR Biology Symposium, Centre for Continuing Studies, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch, New Zealand. Tel: +64 3 3642645, Fax: +64 3 3642057, E-mail: scarbio@cont.canterbury.ac.nz

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- 5–9 September **Sixth International Symposium on Antarctic Glaciology (ISAG-6)**, Lanzhou, China. Contact: Secretary General of ISAG-6, Laboratory of Ice Core and Cold Regions Environment, Lanzhou Institute of Glaciology and Geocryology, CAS, Lanzhou 730000, China. Fax: +86 931 888 5241, E-mail: icecore@ns.lzb.ac.cn
- 20–25 September **17th Polar Library Colloquy**, Reykjavik, Iceland. Contact: Eirikur Einarsson, Marine Research Institute, PO Box 1390, 121 Reykjavik, Iceland. Tel: +354 552 0240, Fax: +354 562 3790, E-mail: eirikur@hafro.is
- 5–9 October **International Conference on Snow Hydrology: The Integration of Physical, Chemical and Biological Systems**, Hanover, USA. Contact: J. Hardy, USACRREL, 72 Lyme Rd, Hanover, NH 03755-1290, USA. Fax: +1 603 646 4397, E-mail: jhardy@crrel.usace.army.mil

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- 5–9 July **SCAR VIII International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences**, Wellington, New Zealand. First circular available January 1998. Contact: Dr Fred Davey, IGNS, PO Box 1320, Wellington, New Zealand, Fax: +64 4 4710977, E-mail: ISAES@gns.cri.nz

News

Japan ratifies Antarctic Environmental Protocol.

Japan ratified the International Protocol on the Environmental Protection of the Antarctic on 15 December 1997, the last of the 26 nations that adopted the protocol in 1991 to do so. With this final ratification the Protocol took effect on 14 January. Japan has now enacted the domestic legislation needed to ensure that the Protocol applied to all Japanese citizens. It appears that such legislation is still lacking in some other countries who ratified the Protocol earlier.

New Director for British Antarctic Survey

Professor Christopher Rapley became the new Director of BAS on 7 January 1998. Previously Professor of Remote Sensing Science at Mullard Space Laboratories of University College, London, he was most recently employed as Executive Director of the International Geosphere Biosphere Program. His first degree in Physics was from Oxford, followed by an MSc in Radioastronomy from Manchester and finally a PhD in X-ray Astronomy from University College, London.