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- 14–18 September ☞ **Chapman Conference on Solar and Source of Magnetospheric ULF Waves.** Williamsburg Hilton, Virginia. Contact: Mark Engelbretson, Department of Physics, Angsburg College, Minneapolis, MN 55454, USA.
- 14–18 September **Symposium on snow and snow-related problems.** Naguoka, Japan. Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, U.K.
- 21–25 September **European Workshop on Invertebrate Ecophysiology.** Paimpont, France. Organizer: Philippe Vernon, European Workshop on Invertebrate Ecophysiology, Université de Rennes 1/URA 696 CNRS, Station Biologique de Paimpont, 35380 Paimpont, France.
- 28 September–
2 October **LIRA [Lithospheric Investigations in the Ross Sea] Workshop on Landscape Evolution.** Haarlem, The Netherlands. Contact: Anja Verbers or Dick van der Wateren, Geological Survey of the Netherlands, PO Box 157, NL-2000 AD Haarlem, The Netherlands.
- 19–24 October **GSA Penrose Conference on Precambrian Tectonics and the Dawn of the Phanerozoic.** Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley, California. Contact Ian W. D. Dalziel, Institute for Geophysics, University of Texas at Austin, 8701 Mopac Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, USA.
- 16–20 November ☞ **AGU Chapman Conference on the Upper Mesosphere and Lower Thermosphere.** Asilomar, California. Contact: Roberta Johnson, Department of Atmospheric Oceanic & Space Research Laboratory, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mi 48109, USA.
- 16–20 November ☞ **Antarctic Treaty Meeting.** Venice.
- 30 November–
3 December **Circumpolar Universities Co-operation Conference.** Rovaniemi, Finland. Further details: Outi Snellman, International Relations, University of Lapland, Box 122 SF 96101, Rovaniemi, Finland.
- 9–10 December ☞ **XV Symposium on Polar Biology.** National Institute of Polar Research, Japan. Conveners: Y. Naito & H. Kanda, National Institute of Polar Research, 9–10 Kaga 1-chome, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo 173.

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- 29 March–
2 April **Fourth International Conference on Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography.** Hobart, Australia. Contact: Dr D Karoly, Centre for Dynamical Meteorology, Monash University, Clayton VIC 3168, Australia.
- 4–10 July **Southern Ocean Cephalopods Life Cycles, Populations.** Kings College, Cambridge. Organizer: Dr Paul Rodhouse, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0ET.
- 5–9 July **Sixth International Conference on Permafrost.** Beijing. Contact: Cheng Guodong, Lanzhou Institute of Glaciology and Geochryology, Academia Sinica, Lanzhou, 730 000, China.
- 5–9 July **5th International Conference on Fluvial Sedimentology.** The University of Queensland, Brisbane. Further information from: Continuing Professional Education, The University of Queensland, Queensland 4072, Australia.
- 11–23 July **Sixth Scientific Assembly of the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics.** Pacific Convention Plaza Yokohama, Japan. Contact: Professor T. Asai, IAMAP '93, c/o Sankei Convention, Sankei Building, 10F, 1-7-1, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.
- 8–11 August ☞ **Sixth International Conference on Biological Ice Nucleation.** Laramie, Wyoming. Contact: Professor Gabor Vali, Department of Atmospheric Science, University of Wyoming, P.O. Box 3038, Laramie WY82071.
- 18–21 August ☞ **International Symposium on Radio Propagation.** Beijing, China. Contact: Professor Sha Zon (Z Sha), China Research Institute of Radio Propagation, P.O. Box 138/93 Xinxiang, Henan 453003, China.
- 23–29 August **Third International Conference on Geomorphology,** McMaster University Ontario. Contact: Derek Ford or Brian McCann, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4K1.

- 5–11 September **5th SCAR VISAG Conference on Antarctic Glaciology.** Jesus College, Cambridge, U.K. Contact: Dr L. Morris, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET, U.K.
- 8–10 September **International Glaciological Society International Workshop on Glacier Hydrology.** Jesus College Cambridge. Contact: Dr David N Collins, Department of Geography, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, UK.
- 23–28 October **Growth and Environment, Challenging Extreme Frontiers.** McGill Center for Northern Studies and Research, Montreal. Contact: IDEEA Two, McGill Center for Northern Studies and Research, Burnside Hall Suite, McGill University, 805 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 2K6.

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- 3–8 September **16th General Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association.** Pisa, Italy. Contact: Franco Sartori, D.G.M.P. Via A. Ceci 54, I-56125 Pisa, Italy.

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News

New books

Polar Portraits by A G E Jones (ISBN 0905355 37 7) published by Caedmon of Whitby, 128 Uppang Lane, Whitby YO21 3JJ. Obtainable direct from publisher post free at £25.50 hardback & £14.50 softback. This volume comprises reprints of 40 papers published in 11 different journals over a period of 26 years. All are scholarly pieces based on original source materials and always presenting new insights. They range from biographies of individual captains and explorers to notes on obscure sealing and whaling voyages. Three quarters of the papers are on Antarctic subjects, which clearly provide the greater fascination for Jones. For anyone interested in polar exploration this is a wonderful pot pourri. The publishers are to be congratulated on their initiative in bringing all this material together in one volume at a reasonable price.

The Quiet Land by F Debenham (ISBN 1 85297 0375) published by Bluntisham Books & Erskine Press. £24.95. These are the Antarctic diaries of a junior scientific member of Scott's second expedition. Debenham had a considerable influence on polar affairs in Britain as he became the first Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute and the first Professor of Geography at the University of Cambridge. The book also contains a brief biography of Debenham.

New ship

The R/V *Nathaniel B. Palmer* entered Antarctic Service this year to support the US Antarctic Program. As a multi-purpose ice strengthened ship she will provide berths for 37 scientists, with eight laboratories and two climate-controlled chambers. With space for two helicopters, the ship also has oceanographic, geophysical and biological capabilities. She is capable of breaking 1 m of level ice at 3 knots.

Antarctic Treaty

A Group of Experts on Environmental Monitoring met in Buenos Aires 1–4 June. Twenty one Treaty Parties were represented. Their report, including nine recommendations, will be considered at the ATCM in Venice this autumn.