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- 15–20 January **AMS Fourth Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography.** Dallas, Texas. Contact: Professor Judith A. Curry, Program in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, Campus Box 311, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309, USA.
- 7–10 March ☞ **Workshop on methods for biological monitoring in the Arctic.** Svanhovd Environmental Centre, Norway. Contact: Directorate for nature management, Tungasletta 2, 7005 Trondheim, Norway.
- 16–18 March **25th Arctic Workshop. Ecological Processes and Climates: Past and Present.** Quebec City, Canada. Contact: P. Kevan, Centre d'etudes nordiques, Pavillon Jean-Charles Bonenfant, Université Laval, Sainte-Foy, Quebec G1K 7P4, Canada. E-mail: cen@cen.ulaval.ca or m.allard@cen.ulaval.ca.
- 3–7 April ☞ **European Geophysical Society XX General Assembly.** Hamburg. Contact: EGS Office, Postfach 49, Max Planck Str. 1, 37189 Kattenburg-Lindau, Germany.
- 3–7 April **The Geological Society of South Africa Centennial Geocongress.** Johannesburg, South Africa. Contact: The Congress Secretariat, Centennial Geocongress, PO Box 36815, Menlo Park, 0101 South Africa.
- 8–19 May ☞ **XIX Antarctic Treaty Meeting.** Seoul, South Korea.
- 22–25 May ☞ **The Fourth Seoul International Symposium on Antarctic Science.** Geology of the South Shetland Islands. Seoul, Korea. Contact: Dr Yeadong Kim, Polar Research Center, Korea Ocean R & D Institute, Ansan, PO Box 29, Seoul, 425–600 Korea.
- 2–14 July **International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics. XXI General Assembly.** Boulder, Colorado, USA. Contact: IUGG XXI General Assembly, c/o American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue NW, Washington D.C., 20009, USA.
- 10–14 July ☞ **2nd International Conference on Pelagic Biogeography.** Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Contact: Instituut voor taxonomisch zoölogie, Zoölogisch Museum. Maunskade 57, Postbus 94766, 1090 GT Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 3–10 August **XIV International Union of Quaternary Research (INQUA).** Berlin, Germany. Contact: Congress Partner GMBH, Emmastr. 220, 28213, Bremen, Germany.
- 14–18 August ☞ **Global Changes and Geography. International Geophysical Union Regional Meeting.** Moscow. Contact: The Secretariat of IGU '95, Staromonetny 29, Moscow 109017, Russia.
- 20–25 August ☞ **International Symposium on Glacial Erosion and Sedimentation.** Reykjavik, Iceland. Contact: The Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER, UK.
- 28–31 August ☞ **Carbon Fluxes and Dynamic Processes in the Southern Ocean: Present and Past.** Brest, France. Contact: F-mail oceansud@univ-brest.fr. Dr J. Le Fèvre, c/o Unité de Recherche "Flux de Matière et Réponses du Vivant", Institut Universitaire Européen de la Mer, Université de Bretagne Occidentale, BP 809, F-29285 Brest, Cedex, France.
- September ☞ **Disturbance and Recovery of Arctic Terrestrial Ecosystems.** Rovaniemi, Finland. Contact: Prof. RMM Crawford, School of Biological Sciences, University of St Andrews, Fife, UK.
- 11–15 September **VII International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences.** Siena, Italy. Contact: Carlo Alberto Ricci, Università di Siena, Dip. Scienze della Terra, Via delle Cerchia 3, 53100 Siena, Italy.
- 25–29 September ☞ **Second European Workshop on Invertebrate Ecophysiology.** České Budejovice, Czech Republic. Contact: Dr M. Hodková, Entomologica Institute AV CR, Branisovská 31, 370 05 České Budejovice, Czech Republic.

- 10–14 October ☛ **5th International Conference on Paleoceanography.** Halifax, Nova Scotia. Contact: Trudy Lewis, Lewis International Inc., ICP-V Richmond Terminal Pier 9, 3295 Barrington Street, Halifax, Canada B3K 5X8.
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- 30 June–5 July ☛ **Fifth Quadrennial Conference of the International Organization of Paleobotany.** Santa Barbara, California. Contact: S.J. Vito, Campus Conference Services, Santa Rosa Hall, University of California at Santa Barbara, California 93106-6120, USA.
- 12–15 August ☛ **International Symposium on Representation of the Cryosphere in Climate and Hydrological Models.** Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Contact: The Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER, UK.
- 14–16 August ☛ **XXIV SCAR Meeting.** Cambridge, UK.
- 2–6 September ☛ **Third International Penguin Conference.** Cape Town, South Africa, 2–6 September 1996. Further information: John Cooper, E-mail jcooper@botzoo.uct.ac.za, African Seabird Group, PO Box 34113, Rhodes Gift 7707, South Africa.

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- 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.

News**Nigel Bonner**

Nigel Bonner died suddenly at home on 27 August 1994. He was well known for his SCAR activities in support of Antarctic conservation, and his contributions over many years to the ecology of marine mammals.

SCAR XXIII

Most of the Working Groups met during the first week of SCAR XXIII in Rome (29 August–9 September). During the same period there were parallel meetings of COMNAP and SCALOP, giving excellent opportunities for interactions between the scientists and the managers. An especially productive element was the workshop on Antarctic astronomy, arranged by STAR Working Group, which attracted over 60 participants from many countries.

During the second week the meeting of delegates elected a new president (Professor A C Rocha-Campos, Brazil) and two new vice-presidents (Prof P G Quilty, Australia & Prof O Orheim, Norway). The meeting agreed to a major change in the format of the tasks for the global change group of specialists (GLOCHANT). This has prioritised the science initiatives, thus reducing their major tasks for the immediate future. In addition the meeting deciding not to proceed at present with the establishment of a special fund for these activities. SCAR XXIV will take place in Cambridge, UK during August 1996.

International database on Antarctic tourism

The International Centre for Antarctic Information and Research (ICAIR) has been working with COMNAP and IAATO for some time to attain international agreement on a standard form for reporting of Antarctic tourism data. It has now been agreed that an international database on Antarctic tourism will be developed and maintained by ICAIR in collaboration with IAATO, with material support being provided by the governments of the United States of America, United Kingdom and New Zealand. Germany, Argentina and The Netherlands are also enthusiastic to support this development.

Science at the Poles Exhibition

A new permanent exhibition, highlighting the similarities and differences in the environment and history of the Arctic and Antarctic, has opened at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge UK. The exhibition, mounted jointly by British Antarctic Survey and the SPRI is designed to increase public awareness of the scientific importance of the polar regions.