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Diary

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1999

- 10–15 January** ☰ **Fifth Conference on Polar Meteorology and Oceanography**, Dallas, USA. Contact: David A. Robinson, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, USA, Tel: +1 732 445 4741, Fax +1 732 445 006, E-mail: drobins@rci.rutgers.edu
- 12–15 March** **Workshop - Evolutionary Biology of Antarctic Organisms**, Curitiba, Brazil. Contact: Dr Edith Fanta, Universidade Federal do Parana, Departamento de Biologia Celular, CP 19031, 81531-970 Curitiba, PR, Brazil, Tel: +55 41 366 3144, Fax: +55 41 266 2042, E-mail: esfanta@bio.ufpr.br
- 28 Mar–1 April** ☰ **Neotectonic Deformation of the Antarctic Plate**, Strasbourg, France. Session K2 at European Union of Geosciences. Information at <http://eost.u.fr/EUG/mreeting.html>
- 28 April** ☰ **Isotopes in Palaeoclimate Research**, Leicester University, United Kingdom. A forum including Isotopes on Polar ice cores. Contact: Melanie Leng, NERC Isotope Geosciences Laboratory, BGS, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG, E-mail: m.leng@nigl.nerc.ac.uk
- 5–9 July** **SCAR VIII International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences**, Wellington, New Zealand. Contact: Dr Fred Davey, IGNS, PO Box 1320, Wellington, New Zealand, Fax: +64 4 4710977, E-mail: ISAES@gns.cri.nz

2000

- 18-23 June** ☰ **International Glaciological Society Symposium on "Sea Ice and its Interactions with the Ocean, Atmosphere and Biosphere"**, Fairbanks, USA. Contact: Simon Ommanney, Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, E-mail: 100751.1667@compuserve.com

2001

- 27 Aug–1 Sept** **SCAR VIIIth International Biology Symposium**, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Contact: Netherlands Committee for Antarctic Research, Netherlands SCAR Committee, PO Box 93120, 2509 AC The Hague, The Netherlands, E-mail: alw@nwo.nl

News

The SCAR Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica

The *Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica* (CGA) was published in two volumes in March 1998 by the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR). The gazetteer was collated by Italy, on behalf of the SCAR Working Group on Geodesy and Geographic Information, from 21 sources (all the currently available national gazetteers of Antarctica and the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans gazetteer for undersea features). The CGA is now accessible on the World Wide Web at:

http://www.pnra.it/SCAR_GAZE.

The CGA is a comprehensive alphabetical list of 21 552 approved names for 16 563 geographical features located south of latitude 60°S. In addition to the name and geographical co-ordinates of the features, a three-letter code identifies the national supplier of the name to the CGA.

The preparation of the gazetteer has taken six years and the work has shown that there are about 500 instances where features have been given completely different names. It is important to add new names to the CGA as they are approved, to avoid duplication of names in the future. The gazetteer will be up-dated on the web site on a monthly basis, to help with the dissemination of information on new geographical names. Appropriate forms for the supply of new approved names to the CGA can be obtained from:

PNRA - Nomi Geografici/SCAR
c/o ENEA - C.R. CASACCIA, Progetto Antartide
S.P. Anguillarese, 301
00060 - San Maria di Galeria
Roma, Italy
e-mail: antar@casaccia.enea.it

The SCAR Antarctic Digital Database Version 2.0

The *Antarctic Digital Database* (ADD) is a seamless digital topographic map of Antarctica prepared in the UK on behalf of the SCAR Working Group on Geodesy and Geographic Information. Compiled from over 200 medium- and small-scale maps, it was up-dated using satellite imagery to provide the first definitive digital coastline for the entire continent. Version 1.0 was published by SCAR on CD-ROM in 1993.

ADD Version 2.0, released in July 1998, is a new version of the database available as Workstation ARC/INFO coverages. It includes new information for the geographical quadrant of Antarctica between 0° and 90°W, and all spurious data detected in ADD Version 1.0 have been deleted. The data are SCAR copyright and can be accessed only via the World Wide Web at:

http://www.nerc-bas.ac.uk/public/magic/add_home.html.

Users will need to register at the web site to obtain an individual user-ID and a password. There is no charge for registration as a user and the data are available free to research or non-profit organizations. Use of the data for commercial purposes is prohibited without prior authorization from SCAR.

Correction

VAN DEN BROEKE, M.R. 1998. The semi-annual oscillation and Antarctic climate. Part 1: influence on near surface temperatures (1957–79). *Antarctic Science*, **10**, 175–183.

In this paper Fig. 2b and Fig. 6b have been accidentally transposed.