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- 11–16 June **ISOPE-95. The Fifth International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference.** The Hague, the Netherlands. Contact: The Technical Programme Committee, ISOPE, PO Box 1107, Golden, Colorado 80402-1107, USA.
- 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. Mauritskade 57, Postbus 94766, 1090 GT Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 17–21 July **6th International Conference on Coelenterate Biology (ICCB).** Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Contact: Instituut voor taxonomisch zoölogie, Zoölogisch Museum. Mauritskade 57, Postbus 94766, 1090 GT Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 2–4 August **7th International Conference of Biological Ice Nucleation.** Plymouth, UK. Contact: Dr Mick Fuller, Seale-Hayne Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Land Use, University of Plymouth, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 6NQ. Tel: (44) 626 35610, Fax: (44) 626 325605.
- 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.
- 19 August–
1 September **International Field Conference and Symposium. Petrology and Metallogeny of Volcanic and Intrusive Rocks of the Midcontinent Rift System.** Duluth, MN, USA. Contact: Continuing Education & Extension, University of Minnesota - Duluth, 10 University Drive, 316 DAdB, Duluth, MN 55812-2496. Tel: (1) 218 726 6819, Fax: (1) 218 726 6336.
- 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.
- 22–25 August ☞ **International Conference on Past, Present and Future Climate,** Helsinki, Finland. Contact: Ms Pirkko Heikinheimo, Academy of Finland, PO Box 57, FIN-00551 Helsinki, E-mail: pirkko.heikinheimo@aka.fi
- 27 August–
2 September **Third Hutton Symposium on the Origin of Granites and Related Rocks.** University of Maryland at College Park, MD, USA. Contact: Department of Geology, University of Maryland at College Park, College Park, MD 20742. e-mail: hutton@earthsun.umd.edu.
- 28–31 August **Carbon Fluxes and Dynamic Processes in the Southern Ocean: Present and Past.** Brest, France. Contact; E-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.
- 4–8 September ☞ **Third International Conference on Modelling of Global Climate Change and Variability, Hamburg, Germany.** Contact: Dr Lydia Dumenil, Max-Planck-Institut für Meteorologie, Bundesstraße 55, D-20146 Hamburg, Germany.
- 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.** Sienna, Italy. Contact: Carlo Alberto Ricci, Università di Siena, Dip. Scienze della Terra, Via delle Cerchia 3, 53100 Siena, Italy.

- 11–15 September **Second European Workshop on Invertebrate Ecophysiology.** Ceské Budejovice, Czech Republic. Contact: Dr M. Hodková, Entomologica Institute AV CR, Branisovská 31, 370 05 Ceské Budejovice, Czech Republic.
- 18–20 September **EISMINT International Symposium on Ice-Sheet Modelling,** Strasbourg, France. Contact: C.S.M. Doake, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0ET, UK.
- 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.
- 21–27 October **Global Change Forum,** Beijing, China. Contact: IGBP Secretariat, Box 50005, S-104 05 Stockholm, Sweden. E-mail: sec@igbp.kva.se

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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.
- 28 July–2 August **2nd World Fisheries Congress.** Brisbane, Australia. Contact: National Organizing Committee of 2nd World Fisheries Congress, PO Box 1280 Milton, Queensland, Australia 4064.
- August **8th International Cold Regions Engineering Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska.** Contact: Larry Bennett, School of Engineering, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775, USA.
- 4–14 August **30th International Geological Congress, Beijing, China.** Contact: Professor Zhao Xun, 30th International Geological Congress, PO Box 823, Beijing 100037, China.
- 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.
- 27–31 August **IX International Symposium on the Physics and Chemistry of Ice.** Hanover, NH, USA. Contact: PCI-96, Professor Victor F. Petrenko, Thayer School of Engineering, 8000 Cummings Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 03755-8000 USA.
- 28 August–
5 September **XXV General Assembly of the International Union of Radioscience (URSI).** Lille Grand Palais, Lille, France. Contact: AG URSI, Secrétariat Pr. P. Degauque, Université de Lille 1, F-59655 Villeneuve d'Ascq Cedex, France. Tel: (33) 20 33 72 06, Fax: (33) 20 33 72 07, E-mail: agursi@univ-lille1.fr.
- 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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- 14–16 July **Symposium on the Antarctic and Global Change,** University of Tasmania Hobart. Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, CB2 1ER, UK.

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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.
- 1–5 September **SCAR Seventh Biology Symposium,** Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact: Dr Dlive Howard-Williams, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd, Christchurch, New Zealand.

News

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Closure of Campbell Island facilities

New Zealand MetService announced the withdrawal of its five staff currently working there next spring. After more than 50 years subantarctic Campbell Island would again be deserted, with only an automatic weather station remaining.

Switzerland in the Antarctic

New Zealand and Switzerland recently signed an agreement on closer scientific links in Antarctica. Joint scientific projects in the Ross Sea region would now be possible, particularly those involving research on the impact of human activities on the Antarctic environment.

New Zealand review of Government science funding

A New Zealand review of Government science funding has recommended a shift away from traditional scientific research that bolsters the economy to social and environmental research. The government initiated draft report, *Establishing Priorities for the Public Good Science Fund*, says science projects that support the environment, society and 'infrastructure' should get greater priority during the next five years. Areas recommended for more research funding include environments, climate and atmosphere and the Antarctic.

Fossil glyptodont from Seymour Island

The Cenozoic strata of Seymour Island continue to yield new palaeontological discoveries. Judd Case, of St Mary's College of California, and co-workers from the US Antarctic Program, have recovered fragments of a glyptodon, an extinct, giant armadillo-like mammal. The remains, from Eocene sands are reported to be those of a species unusually large for the time and to resemble others found in Patagonia.

Break-up of Larsen Ice Shelf

The recent break up of northern Larsen Ice Shelf, by disintegration and the calving of a giant iceberg, has been widely reported in the world press by Argentine and British scientists. The changes are depicted on *Handy Atlas* Map No. 12 on page 180.