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Diary

☞ Further dates for your diary

- 4–9 April **VI Congreso Argentino de Paleontología y Bioestratigrafía.** Trelew, Chubut, Argentina. Contact: Dr N.R. Cúneo, Museo Paleontológico Egidio Feruglio, Av. 9 de Julio 655, (9100) Trelew, Chubut, Argentina.
- 10–15 April **ISOPE-94 Fourth International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference.** Osaka, Japan. Contact the Conference Organizer: ISOPE-94 Osaka TPC, International Society of Offshore & Polar Engineers, PO Box 1107, Golden, Colorado 80402-1107, USA.
- 11–15 April **XVIII Antarctic Treaty Meeting.** Kyoto, Japan.
- 9–12 May ☞ **Tenth Thematic Conference of Geologic Remote Sensing.** San Antonio, Texas USA. Contact: ERIM/Thematic Conferences. PO Box 134001, Ann Arbor, MI 48113-4001, USA.
- 30 May–3 June **SCAR 6th Biology Symposium: Antarctic Communities, Species, Structure & Survival.** Contact: Prof. B. Battaglia, SCAR 6th Biology Symposium, Dipartimento di Biologia, Università degli Studi di Padova, Via Trieste 75, 35121 Padova, Italy.
- 6–17 June ☞ **Physics of Ice-Covered Seas, an Advance Study Institute Summer School,** Savonlinna, Finland. Contact: Matti Leppäranta, Department of Geophysics, PO Box 4 (Fabianinkatu 24A), SF-00014 University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 5–10 June **8th International Symposium on Solar Terrestrial Physics.** Senai, Japan. Contact: H. Oya, Department of Astronomy and Geophysics, Tohoku University, Aoba, Aramaki, Sendai 980, Japan.
- 6–7 June **Weddell Sea Tectonics and Gondwana Break-up.** Cambridge. Contact Gill McDonnell, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET, UK.
- 3–8 July **15th Polar Libraries Colloquy. Bi-polar Information Initiatives: the Needs of Polar Research.** Cambridge. Contact: William Mills, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, CB2 1ER, UK.
- 15–18 August **ICES Symposium: Zooplankton Production Measurement and Role in Global Ecosystems and Biogeochemical Cycles.** Plymouth UK. Contact: Dr R.P. Harris, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Prospect Place, Plymouth PL1 3DH, UK.
- 15–19 August **The Oceanography Society/SCOR/WOCE. The South Atlantic: Present and Past Circulation.** Bremen, Germany. Contact: Dr Barbara Donner, South Atlantic Symposium, Fachbereich 5 der Universität Geowissenschaften, Postfach 33 04 40, W-2800 Bremen 33, Germany.
- 21–27 August **ANTOSTRAT International Symposium on the Antarctic Continental Margin — the Cenozoic Stratigraphic Record of Glaciation, Paleoenvironments, and Sea Level Change.** Siena, Italy. Contact: Dr A. Cooper, US Geological Survey, MS 999, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, USA.
- 29 August–9 September **XXIII SCAR.** Rome. Contact: Organizing Committee, ENEA Progetto Antardide, CRE Casaccia, CP 2400, 00100 Roma A.D., Italy.
- 3–8 September ☞ **16th General Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association,** Pisa, Italy. Contact: Stefano Merlini, Organizing Committee IMA '94. Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra dell'Università, Via S. Maria 53-I-56126 Pisa, Italy.
- 4–9 September **IGU/IPA Periglacial Slope Processes and Deposits, Past and Present.** France. Contact: J-C Ozouf/J-P Lautridou, Centre de Géomorphologie du CNRS, 24 Rue de Tilleuls, F14000 Caen, France.
- 12–16 September **ECOPS European Conference on Grand Challenges in Ocean and Polar Sciences.** Bremen, Germany. Contact: Prof. Dr M Tilzer, Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, ECOPS Conference, Alfred Wegener Institute, P.O. Box 12 01 61, D-27515 Bremerhaven, Germany.
- 19–23 September ☞ **4th Paleobotanical-Palynological Conference,** Heerten, The Netherlands. Contact: Dr GFW Hengreen, c/o Geological Survey of the Netherlands, PO Box 157, 2000 AD Haarlem, The Netherlands.
- 19–21 September **ITC 94. Fourth International Conference on Ice Technology.** Cambridge, UK. Contact: Sue Owen, Wessex Institute of Technology, Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, Southampton SO4 2AA, UK.

- 26–28 September **SNOWSYMP '94. International Symposium on Snow & Related Manifestations.** Manali HP, India. Contact: Lt. Col. S G Nair, HQ Snow & Avalanche Study Establishment, (SASE), Manali, Distt Kullu (HP), India.
- 15–26 October **4th International Congress on Jurassic Stratigraphy and Geology.** Mendoza-Neuquén, Argentina. Contact: Dr A.C. Riccardi, C.C. 886, 1900 La Plata. Argentina.

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- 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.

News

New books

Peter Scott - painter and naturalist. E Huxley. 1993. Faber. ISBN 0 571 16146 4. £17.50. Children always have problems following a famous father. This biographer has followed an excellent biography of Robert Falcon Scott with an equally readable account of his son. With an ambitious mother and remarkable connections in high places Peter Scott had a wealth of opportunities but deliberately avoided competing with his father. This very well-written book shows how he realized his own capabilities and dreams, providing leadership in world conservation and personal achievement in several sports, before taking up Antarctic conservation in his last few years. A fascinating life, but even the biographer doubts that he could really have been as perfect as many of the recollections suggest!

A complete *Taxonomic and Geographic Index* to the book *Antarctic Microbiology*, edited by E.I. Friedmann, has been prepared by Dr Ann B. Thistle. The index lists over 1500 items with several thousands of references to the text. It is available free of charge from Polar Desert Research Center, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306-2043, USA. Fax: 904/644 9829; e-mail: friedm@bio.fsu.edu.

Terra Antarctica

The Italian earth sciences community working in Antarctica is involved in a wide range of national and international programmes. However, since participants are from many different universities, research councils and institutes there is at present no easy way to bring these activities to a focus and provide all the scientists involved with current information on related activities. Carlo A. Ricci intends to provide such a focus with a newsletter - *Terra Antarctica* - published under the auspices of Italian SCAR. It will contain short papers, letters, field data reports, and occasional review articles on all aspects of earth sciences (including geophysics and glaciology). In addition it will provide news from international programmes, and abstracts of papers for forthcoming meetings. The newsletter will be in English and the first issue will appear in Spring 1994. For copies and further information contact Professor C.A. Ricci, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra, Università di Siena, Via delle Cerchia 3, 53100 Siena, Italy. Fax: 39 577 298815, e-mail: ricci@sidst1.cineca.it.

FROST

SCAR's Physics and Chemistry of the Atmosphere group are planning the First Regional Observing Study of the Troposphere (FROST) to assess international capabilities for numerical analyses and meteorological forecasting for the continent. The project is based around three special observing periods (SOPs) scheduled for July 1994, 16 October–15 November 1994 and January 1995. All countries involved in meteorological observing can contribute and have already been sent details of the project. Further details can be obtained from Dr John Turner, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET, UK.

Antarctic Digital Database published on CD-ROM

The publication of this topographic database, by SCAR, represents a major development in Antarctic mapping. The CD carries the first seamless digital map of Antarctica (for land areas south of 60°S), based on source material ranging from 1:200 000 to 1:5 000 000. It can be used to generate customized maps for scientific, operational and educational purposes and to provide the topographic framework for a variety of GIS applications. Copies (at £100 each) can be ordered from SCAR, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER, UK.