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- 19–24 April ☞ **IAIA '98. The 18th Annual Meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment**, Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact IAIA Executive Office, NDSU-IBID, Hastings Hall, PO Box 5256, Fargo, ND 58105-5256, USA. Fax: +1 701 231 1007, E-mail: rhamm@ndsuxext.nodak.edu (Note E-mail is the preferred method of contact)
- 14–19 May "Belgica" Centennial Symposium. Brussels, Belgium. Contact: Dr C. de Broyer, Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, rue Vautier 29, B-1000 Bruxelles, Belgium. Tel: 32 2 627 42 77, Fax: +32 2 627 42 77, E-mail: debroyer@kbinirsnb.be
- 24–29 May ☞ **ISOPE-98: 8th International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference**, Montreal, Canada. Contact: Jin S. Chung, ISOPE, PO Box 1107, Golden, CO 80402-1107, USA. Tel: +1 303 273 3673, Fax: +1 303 420 3760.
- 25 May–5 June ☞ **XXII Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting**, Tromso, Norway.
- 8–11 June ☞ **9th Global Warming International Conference and Expo**, Hong Kong. Contact: The GW9 International Program Committee, c/o GWIC, PO Box 5275, Woodridge, IL 60517-0275, USA. Fax +1 603 910 1561
- 22–26 June **Fifth Circumpolar Remote Sensing Symposium**. University of Dundee, Scotland. Contact: Sheila Newcombe, DCCZR, Dept of APEME, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN, Scotland. Tel: +44 1382 344933, Fax: +44 1382 34515, E-mail: s.k.newcombe@dundee.ac.uk
- 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.
- 28 June–5 July **Gondwana-10. Event Stratigraphy of Gondwana**. University of Cape Town, South Africa. Contact: Organising Committee, Gondwana-10, Department of Geological Sciences, University of Cape Town, Private Bag, Rondebosch 7700, South Africa. Internet: <http://www.uct.ac.za/depts/cigc>, Tel: +27 21 650 3171, Fax: +27 21 650 3167, E-mail: gondwana@geology.uct.ac.za
- 6–10 July **The Mary Wade Symposium. 14th Australian Geological Convention**. Townsville, Australia. Contact: Dr Alex Cook, Queensland Museum, PO Box 3300, South Brisbane, QLD 4101 Australia. E-mail: a.cook@mailbox.uq.oz.au
- 17–20 August **International Symposium on Glaciers and the Glaciated Landscape**, Kiruna, Sweden. Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Lensfield Rd, Cambridge CB2 1ER, UK. Tel: +44 1223 355 974, Fax: +44 1223 336 543, E-mail: 100751.1667@compuserve.com
- 24–28 August **International Symposium on Polar Aspects of Global Change**, Tromso, Norway. Contact: International Symposium on Polar Aspects of Global Change, c/o Norsk Polarinstitutt, N-9005 Tromso, Norway. E-mail: jaklin@tromso.npolar.no
- 29–31 July ☞ **Oil Spill 98. Oil & Hydrocarbon Spills, Modelling, Analysis & Control**. Southampton, UK. Contact: Liz Kerr, Conference Secretariat, Oil Spill 98, Wessex Institute of Technology, Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7AA, UK. Tel: +44 1703 293223. Fax: + 44 1703 292853, E-mail: liz@wessex.ac.uk
- 31 Aug–4 Sept **SCAR Seventh Biology Symposium**, Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact: VII SCAR Biology Symposium, Centre for Continuing Studies, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch, New Zealand. Tel: +64 3 3642645, Fax: +64 3 3642057, E-mail: scarbio@cont.canterbury.ac.nz

- 5–9 September **Sixth International Symposium on Antarctic Glaciology (ISAG-6)**, Lanzhou, China. Contact: Secretary General of ISAG-6, Laboratory of Ice Core and Cold Regions Environment, Lanzhou Institute of Glaciology and Geocryology, CAS, Lanzhou 730000, China. Fax: +86 931 888 5241, E-mail: icecore@ns.lzb.ac.cn
- 5–9 October **International Conference on Snow Hydrology: The Integration of Physical, Chemical and Biological Systems**, Hanover, USA. Contact: J. Hardy, USACRREL, 72 Lyme Rd, Hanover, NH 03755-1290, USA. Fax: +1 603 646 4397, E-mail: jhardy@crrel.usace.army.mil
- 20–25 September **17th Polar Library Colloquy**, Reykjavik, Iceland. Contact: Palina Hedinsdottir, Icelandic Museum of Natural History, PO Box 5320, 125 Reykjavik, Iceland. Tel: +354 562 9822, Fax: +354 562 0815, E-mail: palina@nattfs.is

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- 5–9 July **SCAR VIII International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences**, Wellington, New Zealand. First circular available January 1998. Contact: Dr Fred Davey, IGNS, PO Box 1320, Wellington, New Zealand, Fax: +64 4 4710977, E-mail: ISAES@gns.cri.nz

News

The International Saint Francis Prize for the Environment

This prize was initiated in 1993, promoted by the Franciscan Centre of Environmental Studies in Rome and under the patronage of the President and Prime Minister of Italy as well as the European Union Commissioner for the Environment. It is awarded to persons or institutions that have provided an outstanding contribution to the improvement, protection or conservation of the environment, with particular emphasis on multidisciplinary activities.

British Antarctic Survey were awarded the prize for science, in Rome on the 26 October - the first time it has been given to an organisation - for their research into processes of global importance and their contribution to the protection, conservation and management of the Antarctic environment.

Changes at Office of Polar Programs

Dr John B. Hunt, appointed as the acting Director of the Office of Polar Programs, took up the office on 8 September 1997. He was previously the acting Assistant Director for mathematical and physical sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF). Before joining NSF in 1983 he was Professor of Chemistry at Catholic University, where he had served as a faculty member since 1962. On 15 September 1997 MaryEllen Cameron joined the Office of Polar Programs as Acting Executive Officer. Her position will incorporate most of the duties formerly associated with the position of Deputy Director. Erik Chiang has now returned to his previous position of Head of Operations.

Russia's Antarctic stations

It has been reported from Moscow that Russia is planning to close its main Antarctic base and cut personnel at other bases to save money and streamline its polar research program. Vyacheslav Martyanov, deputy head of the Antarctic division of Russia's Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute said that the Molodyozhnaya Station in Eastern Antarctica will be closed within two or three years. Progress Station will become Russia's main base on the continent. Bellinghousen station will be left with a minimum workforce and the crew at Mirny Station, which has an observatory, will be halved. Vostok Station, near the magnetic pole and known for its super-deep borehole, will be maintained as an international research base.