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Diary

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- 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.
- 11–15 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.
- 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.
- 18–22 September ☞ **Third European Symposium on Polar Stratospheric Ozone Research.** Schliersee, Bavaria. Contact: Ozone Secretariat, c/o British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET. Tel: +(0)1223 251632.
- 10–14 October **5th International Conference on Paleocyanography.** 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.
- 6–7 December ☞ **XVIII Symposium on Polar Biology,** Tokyo, Japan. Contact: Secretariat, XVIII Symposium on Polar Biology, National Institute of Polar Research, 9-10, Kaga 1-chome, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo 173, Japan. Tel: +813 3962 4569/4363, Fax: +813 3962 5743, E-mail: iida@nipr.ac.jp.

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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.
- 1997**
- 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.
- 1998**
- 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

Transfer of British Antarctic Survey Faraday Research Station to Ukraine

A formal agreement on the transfer of Faraday Research Station to Ukraine took place at a ceremony in London on 20 July 1995. Training of Ukrainian staff at the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) HQ in Cambridge and at Faraday will precede a short period of joint operation of the station. BAS will leave in February 1996. Long-term geophysical and meteorological data will continue to be supplied to BAS researchers as a key part of the transfer agreement. The Ukraine will operate the station in accordance with the 1991 Environmental Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty.

Plans for new Antarctic Research Station for India

Brigadier S.S. Sharma of the Research & Development Establishment, Government of India is currently seeking information from Antarctic operators on the design and construction of research stations. Environmental and logistics features in keeping with Antarctic Treaty requirements are of particular interest. Relevant advice should be directed to Brigadier Sharma, tel: 212 667881; fax: 212 666583; E-mail: rdee@rde.ernet.in

Antarctic ozone 'hole' still deepening

Ten years after the discovery of the Antarctic ozone 'hole' researchers have found the depletion to be continuing. Springtime values have fallen to less than 40% of those seen in the 1960's. Scientists hope that, as the Montreal Protocol control measures to limit production of ozone destroying chemicals come into effect, improvements will be seen by the middle of the next century.

UN International Ozone day

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 16 September as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. The day aims to raise awareness of the importance of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer. The UN urges all member states to devote the day each year to promote, at national level, the objectives and goals of the Protocol.