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- 24–26 June ☞ **Changing Glaciers: Revisiting Themes and Field Sites of Classical Glaciology.** Sognefjord, Norway. Contact: Elisabeth Isaksson, Norwegian Polar Institute, P.O. Box 5072, Majorstua, N-0301 Oslo, Norway. Tel: 47 2295 9500, Fax: 47 2285 9501, E-mail: elli@npolar.no
- 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.
- 1–4 July **Polar Desert Ecosystems.** University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact: Polar Desert Symposium, NIWA, Box 8602, Riccarton, Christchurch, New Zealand. Tel: (64)3 348 8987, Fax: (64)3 348 5548 E-mail: carol@chch.niwa.cri.nz
- 14–19 July **VI International Symposium on Cold Hardiness in Animals and Plants.** Copenhagen. Contact: H. Ramløv, Chemical Institute Lab. 111, H.C. Ørsted Institute, Universitetsparken 5, DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø, Denmark. E-mail: hans@kiku.dk
- 26–26 July **IGCP Project 315. The Seventh International Symposium on Rapakivi Granites and Related Rocks.** Helsinki, Finland. Contact: I. Happala and O.T. Rämö, Department of Geology, P.O. Box 11, FIN-00014, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 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.
- 5–16 August **XXIV SCAR Meeting.** Cambridge, UK. Contact: Mr P. Irving, Conference Contact, 42 Devonshire Road, Cambridge, UK. Tel (44)1223 311946/323437.
- 12–15 ☞ **In-situ Imaging Methods in Antarctic Ecology.** Bremerhaven, Germany. Contact: Dr Julian Gutt, Alfred Wegener Institute, Columbusstrasse, D-27568 Bremerhaven, Germany. Tel: 49 471 4831 333, Fax: 49 471 4831 149, E-mail: JGutt@awi-bremerhaven.de
- 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, African Seabird Group, PO Box 34113, Rhodes Gift 7707, South Africa. E-mail: jcooper@botzoo.uct.ac.za

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- 19–24 January **IAVCEL. General Assembly.** Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Contact: COTISA, Providencia 334-309, Col. del Valle, CP 03100, Mexico, DF. Fax: (5) 687-98-92, E-mail: ourdes@igiris.igeograf.unam.mx
- 25–30 May **ISOPE96. Seventh International Offshore and Polar Engineering Conference.** Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact: ISOPE97 Honolulu TPC, P.O. Box 1107 Golden, Colorado 80402-1107, USA. Tel: (1) 303 273 3673, Fax: (1) 303 420 3760
- 26–30 May **IGS Symposium on Snow and Avalanches.** Mont Blanc, Chamonix.
- 10–12 June **International Symposium on Physics, Chemistry, and Ecology of Seasonally Frozen Soils.** Fairbanks, Alaska. Contact: Dr J.K. Radke, National Soil Tilth Lab, USDA. Tel: (1) 515 294 0213, E-mail jkradke@iastate.edu or Dr B.S. Sharratt, North Central Soil Conservation Research Lab, USDA. Tel: (1) 612 589 3411, E-mail: bsharratt@mail.mrsars.usda.gov
- 13–18 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.
- 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
- 1–5 September **SCAR Seventh Biology Symposium,** Christchurch, New Zealand. Contact: Dr Clive Howard-Williams, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd, Christchurch, New Zealand.

News

New Antarctic Institute

A new Antarctic Institute is to manage New Zealand's activities on the continent. The institute will bring together the functions of the Ross Dependency Research Committee and the New Zealand Antarctic Programme, which at present operates under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). The institute will be a crown entity, based at the International Antarctic Centre in Christchurch.

Prince Edward Islands

The South African Government has declared the islands a Special Nature Reserve. A management plan has been prepared for the islands and a management committee appointed under the chairmanship of Professor Steven Chown.