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Rasmuson Library Receives \$70,700 National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to Fund PolarPac Project

Sharon West and Paul McCarthy of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska have been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in the amount of \$70,700. The funding was given to West and McCarthy to continue the development of PolarPac, a CD-ROM product which includes monographs, serials and articles about the Arctic and Antarctic regions. This newest funding will permit the inclusion of holdings from the Indian and Northern Affairs Library in Ottawa, Canada and the Scott Polar Regions Institute Library in Cambridge, England.

The records from the Scott Polar Regions Institute present an interesting opportunity to convert classification numbers used for subject access at SPRI to controlled language subject terms. West and WLN, the producer of PolarPac, are working together to develop a software program which will convert UDC (Universal Decimal Classification) numbers to Library of Congress Subject Headings.

The SPRI records will also be converted to the LC MARC format. Developing the ability to convert UDC numbers to Library of Congress Subject Headings will enable WLN to add more records from non-U.S. libraries to the PolarPac database.

It is also anticipated that the periodical analytic and monograph records of the Lapponica database will also be included in this edition of PolarPac. The Lapponica database is produced by and at the Rovaniemi Public Library in Rovaniemi, Finland and contains about 16,000 records relating to the Sami (Lapp) peoples of the Nordic countries.

Records from previous participants will be updated, including the records from the Bibliography of Alaska and Polar Regions. PolarPac3 is slated to be released in June, 1993. Libraries wishing to add their holdings to PolarPac3 should contact Lynn Lichtenberger, WLN, P.O. Box 3888, Lacey, WA 98503 (1-800-DIALWLN) or Sharon West, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775 (1-907-474-6692).

Environment and Natural Resources Institute

The newly established University of Alaska Anchorage's (UAA) Environment and Natural Resources Institute (ENRI) is an integral unit of UAA's School of Public Affairs and is the natural science component of the school's public policy focus. ENRI is an outgrowth of the Arctic Environmental

Information and Data Center (AEIDC), which was established in 1972 as a central source of Alaska natural resource and environmental knowledge. Over the years the state's needs for environmental information and analysis have expanded in scope and direction beyond that envisaged

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The Inuvik Research Centre—Research in the Western Arctic

The Inuvik Research Centre is one of three research facilities in the Northwest Territories recently transferred from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories.

The Centre is ideally located to support researchers working in the Western Arctic and northern Yukon. To date, over 1,300 research projects (1,100 of which have results published), involving more than 700 researchers from universities, governments and industry and their students, have used the facilities and equipment at the Centre. Research topics include a wide variety of subjects in both the physical and social sciences.

Any scientist or researcher working in the Western Arctic or northern Yukon is eligible to use the Research Centre. All researchers must obtain a Northwest Territories Scientific Research License. Application forms are available from the Science Institute of the N.W.T. in Yellowknife at no cost to researchers.

For further information on the Inuvik Research Centre, please contact: *Research Centre Manager, Inuvik Research Centre, Science Institute of the N.W.T., P.O. Box 1430, Inuvik, NWT, X0E 0T0, Canada, Phone: (403) 979-3838, Fax: (403) 979-3570; OR Director, Scientific Services, Science Institute of the N.W.T., 4th Floor, Scotia Centre, P.O. Box 1617, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2P2, Canada, Phone: (403) 873-7592, Fax: (403) 873-0227*

14th Polar Libraries Colloquy

Business Meeting, Thursday, May 7, 1992

Chaired by Martha Andrews

Summary prepared by Martha Andrews

Colloquy publications and communications

Proceedings of the 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy. Lynn Lay asked for all papers to reach her before July 1, for publication by October 1, 1992.

Polar Libraries Bulletin update by editors Nancy Lesh and Kay Shelton. Kay Shelton asked for all items for PLB no. 42 to be sent to her or Nancy Lesh by June 30, 1992. The colloquy approved a vote of thanks to the Alaska State Library for its support of the bulletin since its inception in 1971. A letter acknowledging this support will be written by William Mills.

Polar and Cold Regions Library Resources: A Directory. Update. Ann Brennan reminded the group that the last edition of this directory was in 1985. She offered, with Martha Andrews, to produce an updated directory for the 15th Polar Libraries Colloquy. No objections were raised.

Union List of Polar Libraries Serials-hardcopy from WLN? Sharon West counted those persons interested in obtaining a hardcopy of this list; she will report via PLB on the availability and cost.

Polar.lit electronic bulletin board. The polar.lit bulletin board on Omnet will continue; colloquy participants were prevailed upon to start contributing more often. A discussion of placing the board simultaneously on the Internet resulted in Rasmuson Library taking the responsibility of making this possible. Janice Beattie offered to forward the specifications by which the IAMSILIC group has done this with their bulletin board.

Colloquy archives status

Eugene West offered to take responsibility for the Colloquy archives at Rasmuson Library. He will review their existing status and solicit all previous colloquy chairs to submit the archives from the 14 colloquies. Contributions are also welcome from any individual wishing

to send them, with documentation.

"Committee for formal organization"

Phil Cronenwett, committee chair, submitted a draft for consideration. A lengthy discussion ensued, resulting in several changes in wording. "Polar Libraries Colloquy Guiding Principles" were endorsed by a majority vote of colloquy participants present. This document is published following these minutes.

Recommendations from Participants

William Mills presented a proposal following up on the approved "Guiding Principles". After an amendment by Nita Cooke was voted down, the following proposal was approved by majority vote of colloquy participants present:

Proposed: That members of the Polar Libraries Colloquy accept in principle the need to adopt formal structures to assist common action on initiatives raised during or between colloquies by colloquy members; and that, a working party be established to propose appropriate structures at the 15th Polar Libraries Colloquy.

A "working party" was formed consisting of the following persons: William Mills, *ex officio*, Janice Meadows, Ross Goodwin, Kay Shelton, Lisa Kurppa and Martha Andrews. This group will report at the 15th Polar Libraries Colloquy.

Martha Andrews displayed a copy of "A proposed plan of action for participants

of the Polar Libraries Colloquy", endorsed at the 12th Northern Libraries Colloquy. She requested modifications and reaffirmation of this vision. After word changes, the vision was approved to read as follows:

A Proposed Plan of Action

VISION: To provide polar information users easy and effective access to all polar-related bibliographic data bases, expand data base coverage to subject or geographic areas not adequately covered, minimize the need for duplicate effort and develop dependable links to other international institutions that provide bibliographic data bases in order to expand access and ease of use.

15th Polar Libraries Colloquy

William Mills and Christine Phillips jointly presented a letter from Dr. D.J. Drewry, Director of the British Antarctic Survey, and Dr. P. Wadhams, Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute. This letter invites the Colloquy to the 15th Polar Libraries Colloquy in Cambridge, England, in 1994. The colloquy accepted this invitation with pleasure.

Thanks to organizers of the 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy. On behalf of the colloquy participants, Nicholas Flanders thanked the local organizing committee. Nita Cooke presented gifts to Lynn Lay for the committee, for herself, and for the Goldthwait Polar Library. Lynn Lay, Program Director for the 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy, accepted the kudos, extended thanks to the Program Planning Committee, and thanked everyone present for participating.

Polar Libraries Bulletin

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Formerly entitled *Northern Libraries Bulletin*, this *Bulletin* reflects the name change of the Northern Libraries Colloquy to Polar Libraries Colloquy which was approved at the June 1988 biennial meeting.

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Polar Libraries Colloquy Guiding Principles

Founded in 1971 as the Northern Libraries Colloquy, the Polar Libraries Colloquy is a forum for individuals and institutions to discuss issues and ideas relating to the collection, preservation and dissemination of polar information.

I. The name of this organization shall be the Polar Libraries Colloquy.

II. Membership in the Colloquy shall be open to any individual or institution evidencing an abiding interest in the collection, preservation and dissemination of polar information.

III. The Colloquy shall appoint a Chair who shall be the representative from the institution hosting the forthcoming or current Colloquy. It is the responsibility of the Chair to call, organize and host the Colloquy at her or his institution. The Chair shall remain in office through the end of the Colloquy proceedings, at which point the new Chair shall take office.

IV. The Colloquy shall meet biennially at a place to be determined by the members.

V. An institution or site wishing to host the Colloquy should inform the Chair at least sixty days prior to the current Colloquy. If more than one site or institution offers an invitation, the Chair shall inform each institution of the potential conflict. The evaluation of the site of the Colloquy shall be considered by a committee composed of the current Chair and Chairs of three preceding Colloquies. The tradition of alternating between Europe and North America shall be considered in site selection with due

consideration given to other areas as evidence of interest becomes apparent.

The committee evaluating the site shall consider the following guidelines. The potential host institution should have:

- A demonstrated, on-going commitment to the aims of the Colloquy.
- The ability to provide a suitable venue including appropriate accommodations and meeting facilities and relevant and interesting sites to visit.
- A significant polar collection.
- A record of successfully hosting international conferences.
- A letter of invitation from the governor of the institution.
- Evidence of institutional commitment, both financial and physical.
- A suitable topic for the Colloquy; and
- A commitment to publish the proceedings.

Consideration shall be given to appropriate sites that have not yet hosted the Colloquy.

The committee shall evaluate the potential sites and recommend to the Colloquy one site that the committee believes to be most appropriate. The Colloquy will, at its current meeting, consider the recommendation.

VI. A member, either individually or representing an institution, wishing to present business before the Colloquy at its business meeting shall provide that information in writing to the Chair thirty days prior to the Colloquy so that it can be distributed to Colloquy attendees prior to the business meeting.

Alaska State Library publishes finding aid

The Snow Family Papers is now available from the Alaska State Library. The inventory describes the manuscript and photograph collections, totaling 32 boxes and over 600 photographs, of George T. and Anna Snow and their two children, Crystal Snow Jenne and Montgomery Snow.

The family came to Juneau, Alaska, from California to perform with their theatre troupe in 1887. As he had in California, George caught gold fever and went to the Klondike in 1888 and a second time in 1892. Two years later, he hiked the Chilkoot trail again, taking his family and troupe with him. He built an opera house in Circle City and joined the Klondike Gold Rush. Several years later, for health reasons, he returned to Juneau, then Seattle. He helped organize the Yukon Order of Pioneers and became their historian. The papers contain club correspondence, membership, clipping, and reports he collected from other miners and pioneers who were in the Klondike between 1871 and 1897, before the Gold Rush.

The Papers also include Anna Snow's records as a founding member of the Ladies of the Golden North, the auxiliary of the Alaska-Yukon Pioneers (a later offshoot of the Y.O.O.P.) as well as records from other clubs in Juneau. Her correspondence is extensive.

Crystal Snow Jenne stayed in Juneau, married, and had three children. She served in the Alaska Territorial House of Representatives for two terms, beginning in 1940, and subsequently was Juneau's post master. Her papers include extensive correspondence, legislative and political files.

The Papers also include handwritten play scripts, accompanying musical scores, theatre reviews, and newspaper clippings covering performances.

The publication is available for \$5.00 from the Alaska State Library, Historical Collections, P.O. Box 110571, Juneau, AK 99811-0571.

Alaska receives NEH Grant for Newspaper Project

The Alaska State Library's Historical Collections recently received a \$200,000 grant to pursue cataloging of newspaper titles held in Alaska libraries from the National Endowment for the Humanities. As part of the United States Newspaper Program, Alaska's two-year project will create an online bibliography and union

list of newspapers held in Alaska. The records will be placed on both OCLC and WLN and will eventually be published in a union list. The Alaska State Library will direct the project, and will be assisted statewide by the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Jerry Brown—Years of Service to Polar Programs

By Martha Andrews, INSTAAR, University of Colorado, Boulder

In August, 1991, Dr. Jerry Brown retired as Head, Arctic Staff, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation.

Jerry has been actively involved in the networking of polar regions information, and most of you have met him at the last several Polar Libraries Colloquies. We hope that he will continue this involvement, as he has been pivotal in promoting the interests of the polar information resources community nationally and internationally.

Jerry Brown, from 1961-1985, carried out research in the soils sciences at the U. S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) in Hanover, NH. His major areas of scientific pursuit were the study of permafrost and its effects, and the study of cold dominated ecosystems in an integrated fashion. For both of these interests, the state of Alaska provided sites for his field work.

The earliest publication of his which I could find on the Arctic & Antarctic Regions CD-ROM was entitled "Ice-wedge chemistry and related frozen ground processes, Barrow, Alaska." This paper was given at the (1st) Permafrost International Conference in 1963. Jerry's interest in permafrost, and in gathering its scientists together at an international level, allowed him, as Chairman of the National Research Council, Polar Research Board, Committee on Permafrost, to lead the U.S. Permafrost Delegation Visit to the People's Republic of China 15-31 July 1984! For the fourth and fifth (and also the forthcoming 6th) International Permafrost Conferences, Jerry provided encouragement for the publication of permafrost bibliographies, compiled by Ann Brennan, as *Glaciological Data Reports* GD-14 and 21. Permafrost has continued to be a major interest of Jerry's and he is currently Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the International Permafrost Association, publishers of the newsletter "Frozen Ground."

By 1970, Jerry's other major scientific interest was in evidence in his (and G.C. West's) publication called "Tundra Biome Research in Alaska: The Structure and Function of Cold-dominated Ecosystems." The Tundra Biome Program of the U.S. International Biological Program, of which Jerry was Director from 1970-1975, had gotten underway in the vicinity of Barrow, AK in response to the drilling of oil at Prudhoe Bay. This program continued well into the 1980's and in 1983 Jerry, along with Nancy Liston and others, published a "U.S. Tundra Biome Publica-

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tion List." As usual, Jerry was interested in gathering and integrating information as well as people and scientific projects. While at CRREL, Jerry was a member of the library committee, and a consistent supporter of the Cold Regions Bibliography Project, in frequent contact with Nancy Liston and Geza Thuronyi.

In late 1985, Jerry left his position as Chief Earth Sciences Division, (1977-

1985) to become Head, Arctic Staff, Division of Polar Programs at NSF. By that time the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 had become law, and he was working on the Arctic Research and Policy Plan (published in 1987) mandated by that law. He was instrumental in seeing that due consideration was given to the importance of collecting and disseminating information resulting from arctic research. During his five year tenure at NSF, three major projects concerning polar regions information and its networking were funded. The first was for Dave Hickok, Barbara Sokolov and Rita Dursi to produce "A National Arctic Information Network" plan. The second resulted in the "Twelfth Northern Libraries Colloquy, June 5-8 1988" with myself and Ann Brennan in charge. The third is in the final report stages and was for the "Implementation of a U.S. Polar Bibliographical Network" by Paul McCarthy et al. Concurrently, Jerry was personally performing the role of "networker" for polar regions information. At the 11th Northern Libraries Colloquy in 1986, he collaborated with Geza Thuronyi on a paper entitled "The Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 and its Significance for the Library and Information Community." At that colloquy, with his encouragement, Ann Brennan and I invited the 12th colloquy to meet in 1988 in Boulder, CO. Thus, the colloquy returned to the US for the first time in twelve years. As stated above, NSF funded this meeting, and Jerry Brown was a keynote speaker on "U.S. Arctic Information and Data Activities and the Global Connection." In 1990 at Rovaniemi and in 1992 at Columbus, Jerry was a colloquy participant, always putting people and ideas together to further international cooperation in exchange of polar information.

In my opinion, and that of many others, Jerry's greatest contribution to the polar information community has been his ability to connect people and ideas with each other, meanwhile keeping these people and ideas focused on the notion of international cooperation. As near as I can tell, he has a unique talent in this area, and I hope he continues to encourage and support the networking efforts of the polar libraries community.

Polar News Notes

■ Center for Arctic Studies

The Library for the Center of Arctic Studies, Paris, has been transferred to the central Library of the Museum of Natural History in Paris. Further correspondence should be directed to: **Sylvie Devers, Librarian, Fonds polaire Jean Malaurie, Bibliothèque centrale du Museum, 38 rue Geoffroy-Saint-Hilaire, 75005 PARIS (FRANCE), phone: (1) 40 79 36 47, Fax: 40 79 36 56.**

■ Canadian Polar Information System Update

Canadian Polar Information System (CPIS) design work is continuing in fiscal year 1992-93, but at a somewhat slower pace than last year because of budget cuts at the Canadian Polar Commission.

A study to choose bibliographic formats for the system has recently been completed, and the Canadian Circumpolar Library and the Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS) are now working on formats for the four non-bibliographic CPIS information types. ASTIS is continuing its work on the CPIS subject and geographic thesauri. All of these tasks are scheduled for completion by March 1993. Plans for the new fiscal year beginning April 1993 await decisions on the availability of funding.

A consultant is currently conducting a survey of Canadian government departments and universities to try to estimate the potential market for CPIS. The results, expected later this fall, will play an important part in the Polar Commission's decision on when and where to seek operating funding for the system.

■ 15th Polar Libraries Colloquy

All those who were fortunate to attend the 14th Polar Colloquy will know what a productive and enjoyable meeting this proved to be and how well organized

by Lynn Lay and her colleagues at the Byrd Polar Research Center. The next colloquy will be held in Cambridge, UK, where it will be hosted jointly by the British Antarctic Survey and the Scott Polar Research Institute (University of Cambridge). The purpose of this note is to keep you up-to-date with arrangements for the 15th Colloquy.

The Local Organizing Committee has selected Girton College as the venue and the Colloquy will be held there between Sunday the third and Friday the eighth of July, 1994. Girton was the first women's college of Cambridge University, and offers an attractive atmosphere redolent of the late nineteenth century. (Those who think you might prefer a more mediaeval location should bear in mind that the oldest Cambridge colleges offer facilities which are mediaeval in all too many respects!) Whilst Girton will provide the main venue, much time will also be spent at the host organizations. Opportunities will also be provided for exploring Cambridge itself.

The theme of the 15th Colloquy will be *Bi-Polar Information Initiatives: The Needs of Polar Research*. Papers will be welcomed concerning polar information initiatives of all kinds, particularly those of application to both polar regions. The subsidiary theme will be the role played by information in polar research. Sessions will be process- rather than geographically- oriented. Thus, unlike at previous colloquies, there will be no sessions devoted specifically to the Antarctic. We believe that information issues and techniques relevant to one polar region are also likely to be relevant to the other. This is intended to be a truly POLAR colloquy. Details of sessions have yet to be decided, but one will be devoted to Archives (a great success at the 14th Colloquy). Also, poster contributions on any relevant subject will be strongly encouraged. There will be a day out at Greenwich, site of the National Maritime Museum, Naval College, Cutty Sark, Greenwich Observatory, etc.

You may feel this is rather early to be

invited to think about your potential contribution at the Colloquy, but time will pass quickly. The first call for papers will be sent out quite soon. So now is the time for your research! If you have any suggestions for the Colloquy, or any questions, please contact either Christine Phillips (BAS) or myself, William Mills (SPRI) at the following addresses:

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William Mills, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER, Tel: +44-223-3336557, Fax: +44-223-3336549.

■ Yellowknife Public Library

Ellen Murdoch is now at the Yellowknife Public Library. She replaced Barbara Jo May, who became the head of Southgate branch of the Edmonton Public Library System in Alberta.

Yellowknife Public Library houses a Northern Collection covering a vast range of subjects. This collection is for research and in-house use only, and also has materials in the official languages of the Northwest Territories.

■ UAF Geophysical Institute Library renamed

The University of Alaska, Fairbanks Geophysical Institute Library has had a name change! Its new name is the Keith B. Mathew Library, Geophysical Institute. The dedication of the library was Sept. 4, 1992. Dr. Mathew attended the ceremonies. He was a past professor of physics and Director of the Geophysical Institute and Vice Chancellor for Research at UAF. This was an appropriate recognition for his foresight and commitment to the Institute and its library. It has been nice to have such an enthusiastic library supporter.

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■ Byrd Polar Research Center mourns deaths of Goldthwait, Rudolph

The Byrd Polar Research Center at The Ohio State University is saddened to report the deaths of two of their past directors and staunch supporters of the Goldthwait Polar Library. Dr. Richard P. Goldthwait suffered a cerebral stroke while collecting water samples near his home in New England. He died on July 7, 1992. Dr. Goldthwait was the founder of the Institute of Polar Studies and its first director. The Goldthwait Polar Library is named in his honor, as his personal collection of books, reprints and journals were donated by him to form the nucleus of the library.

Dr. Emanuel D. Rudolph died on June 22, 1992 as a result of head injuries suffered in a traffic accident. Dr. Rudolph was the third director of the Institute of Polar Studies and an emeritus professor of plant biology at The Ohio State University. He was an avid book collector and long time friend of the libraries. His exceptional personal collection of polar books has been given to the Goldthwait Polar Library.

The Center had a rededication of the Goldthwait Polar Library in its new facility during the 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy; we were extremely fortunate that both Doc. G and Rudy were able to attend. We will miss their constant support and guidance.

■ The Byrd Center Archival Program receives grant

The Byrd Center Archival Program has received a Title II-C grant from the Department of Education to make accessible to researchers the papers of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Richard Hite has been hired as the Project Archivist. The papers will be arranged into series that facilitate access and a finding aid (register) will be developed. Microfiche copies of the register will be distributed to researchers. Catalog records in the standard MARC format will be created and input into the OCLC system.

■ Science Centre of the Arctic Centre

The Science Centre of the Arctic Centre in Rovaniemi, Finland will be open for the public on December 6th, 1992. The official opening ceremonies will be held on December 2nd, 1992. The new Science Centre is an interesting place to meet with lots to see and do.

The Data and Information Service Unit of the Arctic Centre has started to record the Directory of Polar and Cold Regions Library Resources into database as recommended during the 14th PLC. We have scanned the information to the database from the 1985 edition of the directory. This version will be updated: Soon all libraries included in the directory will get a print of their own library story to check if the information is valid. We have plans to add the directory to Finnish and Russian libraries/information services. The directory will be ready in 1994 for online use. If you find some libraries in your country missing in the directory, please inform me: Liisa Kurppa, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Data and Information Services Unit, P.O. Box 122, 96101 Rovaniemi, Finland, Fax: +358-60-324 777, e-mail: lkurppa@roisrv.uova.fi, Phone: +358-60-324 775.

■ New Software Ordered for Cold Regions Bibliographies

I am pleased to report that the Cold Regions Bibliography Project at LOC has ordered new system software to house the database and produce the CRREL and Antarctic bibliographies. A contract was awarded in September to Cuadra Associates for a customized version of their STAR database management system. This software will convert the present database to run on a Sun SparcServer minicomputer to provide online access, and will provide camera-ready copy for producing the printed volumes. LOC has several STAR systems in operation, and it has proved to be a powerful and versatile design. Staff training on STAR will begin shortly, and an acceptance test program will commence which should take several months.

The project staff is meanwhile being provided with state-of-the art PC workstations and printers, which is resulting in

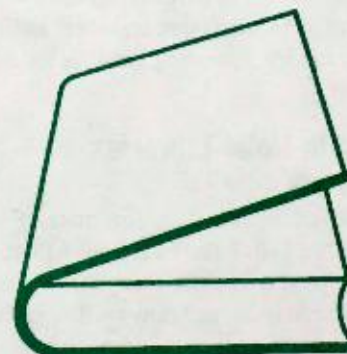
rapidly increasing productivity. We expect the citation entry rate to double within a year.

Concurrent with this effort, we are trying to gain better control of journal input to the database, since journals account for more than half of all entries. A recent count shows that more than 1,600 journal entries have been cited in the last several years, and this number continues to grow: LOC now lists over 60,000 S&T journal titles, and receives some 3,000 new titles annually. When we sorted the journal titles by citation frequency, we found that the median frequency is only about 10; i.e., half of all journals cited have ten or fewer entries in the database. This indicates the very diffuse nature of journal information on cold regions. It is probably correct to say that this information is basically open ended, and not systematically retrievable.

We should be getting some help on gray literature from two databases recently added to LOC's CD-ROM network: SIGLE for Western Europe, and MICROLOG for Canadian gray material. A spot check of both these files shows that they have a large number of pertinent entries not appearing in the Cold Regions database.—*Stuart Hibben*

■ ICASS II

The second International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS II) will take place in Rovaniemi and Kautokeino (Norway) and will be jointly organized by the Arctic Centre and the Nordic Sami Institute. As decided by the council of IASSA, the meeting will take place in the summer of 1995 and is expected to be attended by at least the same number of participants (about 250) as ICASS I.—*Arctic Centre Bulletin, No. 5, November 1992*



Thanks!

Thanks to Lynn Lay and the organizing committees for a truly fine 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy! Participants enjoyed sunny weather and a full schedule of events, with still enough time to explore the Columbus area, sample the restaurants, shop, see AmeriFlora 92, renew friendships, and begin new ones!

The Colloquy *Proceedings* have been published and are now being distributed to

participants; these reflect the daily sessions. The minutes of the business meeting are included in this issue of the Bulletin. That was the business side! Other important events included the reception at COSI and the excellent exhibit "Antarctica: a Family Expedition to the South Pole," the tour of OCLC (Online Computer Library Center—the major U.S. bibliographic database with 24.8 million

records), and the closing reception at the Goldthwait Polar Library.

Putting together a Colloquy is an immense amount of work, and the smooth stimulating flow of the days were due to Lynn and her staff. The 14th Colloquy was enjoyed by all and an excellent success. Thanks, Lynn!

—Colloquy Participants

Participants at 14th Polar Libraries Colloquy enjoy a moment in the Columbus, Ohio, sunshine.



Photo by Tapio Salo

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when AEIDC was founded, and ENRI has been created to meet the challenge brought by this change. ENRI's functions still encompass the original public information programs of AEIDC and those of the Alaska State Climate Center. Applied environmental and natural resources research studies and related education programs aimed at UAA's student body and the general public are given new emphasis in ENRI.

ENRI builds on AEIDC's tradition of involvement with natural resource management issues in Alaska and other high latitude regions and carries with it AEIDC's reputation for presenting factual information without advocacy. ENRI will continue to present complex scientific information in comprehensible formats to diverse audiences ranging from federal and state officials, Native leaders, and executives of international corporations to

scientists, rural residents, school teachers and journalists. It will also foster AEIDC's award-winning abilities for producing technical reports, atlases, bibliographies, maps, films and videotapes relating to Alaska's natural resources and peoples that have garnered over 20 state, national and international awards.

ENRI's chief goal is to become involved in and to support the decision-making and policy formulation processes from the time when proposed actions concerning natural resources and environmental issues are still in the conceptualization stage. The Institute's research approach is holistic and interdisciplinary, bringing to bear all inputs needed for fully informed decision making. This leads ENRI's scientists to work closely with others in the School of Public Affairs, particularly those of the Institute of Social and Economic Research. Working together, emphasis is

placed on developing innovative methods to assess environmental risks and consequences and to project ecological interactions and tradeoffs involved in alternative resource uses. Natural science knowledge and data are gathered, synthesized and used to examine these issues and determine alternative public policy choices. ENRI coordinates its research and service activities with public and private agencies whose actions directly affect natural resources or the environment; informs the public and decision makers of the environmental and ecological consequences and uncertainties of policy choices regarding natural resources; and provides environmental and natural resources education to meet the needs of the general public and the decision makers of tomorrow.

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New Home for Danish Polar Center

On the 5th of January the Danish Polar Center expects to move into new premises, in an old Greenlandic warehouse restored for our purposes and now as good as new. We will be sharing the house with Institute of Eskimology of the University of Copenhagen and Arctic Institute.

The library will be on the ground floor and will give us much better conditions than we are used to. Shortly after moving in, we start merging our collection with the ones of Arctic Institute and the Institute of Eskimology at the University of Copenhagen. Each of them have their own homegrown classification system, but we have decided to use UDC in the merged library.

The house is situated in an area of Copenhagen harbor which has been known for centuries as the Greenland Trade Pier. In fact, the room where we keep the less used material was the storing room for whale oil and had an unmistakable smell of blubber, until a new concrete floor was laid out and the walls had a thorough washing and a thick layer of paint. So far the smell hasn't returned, but I wonder if we really have succeeded in overcoming this less pleasant evidence of history.

Our new address after January 1st, 1993 will be: Danish Polar Center, Strandgade 100 H DK-1401 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

Arctic College Purchases Polar Library

YELLOWKNIFE- (September 15, 1989) Arctic College has purchased one of Canada's largest privately owned polar libraries from the Hocheige Research Institute of Montreal. The collection will more than double the size of the Nunatta campus library in Iqaluit and benefit college students and others doing northern research.

There are over 7,000 items in the collection including books, journals, research papers and theses crucial for research in historical, political, cultural and socio-economic northern topics.

The library was compiled by Dr. Alan Cooke, an historical geographer and friend of Arctic explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson. Dr. Cooke began compiling the library after he joined Dartmouth College in 1953. He earned his PhD from the University of Cambridge's Scott Polar Research Institute and continued his life-long interest in northern issues by compiling numerous bibliographies. In 1983 he and two others formed the Hochelaga Institute but when Dr. Cooke died in 1989 the institute closed soon after. It was his wish that the library remain together and be available to northerners.

"For years library materials on the north have been stored outside of the N.W.T.. With the acquisition of this collection, Northerners will now have greater access to information about the north," said Arctic College President Mark Cleveland.

The collection is being shipped to Iqaluit in over 450 boxes and is scheduled to arrive in mid-October. The material will be available for viewing by next summer. Contact: Terry Jorden, Arctic College, Yellowknife, (403) 920-6357 or Don Couch, Nunatta Campus, Iqaluit, (819) 979-4051

People in the News

■ **Martha Andrews** spent 10 weeks, from Nov '92 to Jan '93 at the **Scott Polar Research Institute** working on a project funded by the Council on Library Resources.

The title is "**Distributing Responsibilities for accessioning and indexing Polar Regions Information.**" Martha says: "This work follows up on course on what so many of us have been doing and talking over at Colloquy for many years, and specifically follows up on the NSF grants we (Sokolov, McCarthy, Andrews, Brennan and Lay) have obtained over the past 5 years. William Mills is working along the same lines as he did for his 14th Colloquy paper, so we will have a lot to talk over! I will present preliminary results at the Circumpolar Universities Conference in Rovaniemi in Dec. I also have \$\$ in the grant to say something at the Arctic Science Conference in 1994."

■ **Martha Shepard**, of the Alaska Resources Library in Anchorage, is working in Kuwait for nine months through an American Library Association fellowship program with the U.S. Information Agency. She is at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), helping them rebuild their library which was destroyed in the war. She reports that she is really enjoying learning about the totally different culture and lifestyle. She will return to Anchorage in June 1993. Her address is: USIS, American Embassy, Kuwait, Unit 69000, Box 12 APO AE 09880.

■ **Fusako Matsusato**, librarian at the National Institute of Polar Research in Tokyo, reports that the Institute Library is publishing a *Bulletin* quarterly (volume 1 was Jan 1991). The library also has a *Catalog of Scientific Periodicals of the National Institute of Polar Research* (published 1991), which she will send to whomever would like a copy. The address to request it is: National Institute of Polar Research, 9-10, Kaga I-Chome, Itabashi-Ku Tokyo 173, Japan.

Alaskan Postcards

Directory of Alaska Postcards, 1897-1940 by inveterate postcard collector John Grainger, will be hot off the press by the end of October 1992. Heavily illustrated and paperbound, it is a listing of printed postcard publishers, includes lists of captions and a coding for scarcity. Great for the collector, useful to the library interested in Alaska's printed ephemera. Order from John Grainger, P.O. Box 5326, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

New Publications

■ **Nunavut Atlas**, edited by Riewe, R. Available from CCI. The circumpolar research series, No. 2, jointly published by the Canadian Circumpolar Institute and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut; ISBN 0-919058-80-9; ISSN 0838-133X; 2

■ **Recovering Rights: Bowhead Whales and Inuvialuit Subsistence in the Western Canadian Arctic**, M.M.R. Freeman, E.E. Wein and D.E. Keith, 1992. ISBN 0-9919058-79-5; ISSN 0068-0303-31

■ **Human Ecology: Issues in the North**, Riewe, R. and Oakes, J., 1992. Occasional Publication No. 30, Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI) and Faculty of Home Economics, University of Alberta, Edmonton. Available from the Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI), Book Distribution, G-213 Biological Sciences Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E9, Tel: (403) 492-4512, Fax: (403) 492-1153, ISBN 0-88864-775-1, ISSN 0068-0303-30.

■ **Aleut Evacuation: The Untold War Story** Is available on VHS video cassette. It describes the evacuation of the Aleuts from the Aleutian Islands during World War II.

For your personal copy, send a check or money order for \$19.95 to: The Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, 401 East Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, AK 99503.

■ **The Aurora Color Television Project at the Geophysical Institute** offers a new videotape entitled, *The Aurora Explained*. It not only has new and beautiful auroral images, but is set to music by Yonni Fischer, a local musician. The 20 most asked questions about the aurora are answered by the Geophysical Institute's auroral scientists. The videotape is a 30-minute presentation. "The Aurora Explained" videotape and "The Aurora Watchers Handbook" are available as a set. The Handbook is 262 pp., 6x9 color photos, b&w photos, illus., maps. Paperback. Please order the set directly from the University of Alaska Press, 1st Fl. Gruening, Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775, (907) 474-6389.

■ The Alaska and Polar Regions Department is pleased to announce the release of *Opening Up the Country*. This 30-minute documentary is a joint production of the Rasmuson Library and KUAC-TV, written and produced by Dan O'Neill with Tim Olson as associate producer/

director. It is hard to imagine a more colorful chapter in Alaska history than the story of transportation: Dog teams, steamboats, bush planes, the steamers on the Inside Passage and the pioneer railroad and highway systems. *Opening Up the Country* tells this story with historical photographs, rare archival film and conversations with pioneers. The film is hosted by scholar and long-time Alaskan, Dr. George Rogers. Available from the Alaska and Polar Regions Department at Rasmuson Library and the University of Alaska Press, \$20.00.

■ **Historical Post Cards On Sale**. Twenty historical photos from the Archives' famous collections are now available as postcards. Here one finds "Klondike Kate", a woman beach mining at Nome, the Fairbanks Fire of 1906, Chilkoot Pass in 1898, the Tanana Chiefs in 1915, the Fairbanks-Valdez Stage and many other historical scenes. The post cards sell for \$.50 each, or the set for \$10.00. Contact: Alaska and Polar Regions Department, Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 310 Tanana Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775.

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ENRI's staff includes scientists in the atmospheric, physical, oceanographic, anthropological and biological fields, as well as information specialists and graphic and cartographic artists. The Alaska State Climatologist is also a member of ENRI's staff. With extensive Alaska experience covering decades of change in the state, this group of highly talented people has undertaken research projects relating to such diverse topics as hydroelectric, maritime and resource development; land management and natural resource policies; practicality of federal mining regulations in Alaska; effects of quotas on traditional bowhead and beluga whaling; archeology; fisheries management; aquatic ecology; water quality; and community and regional planning.

ENRI will continue to maintain Alaska environmental and resource materials and data files in-house and specialize in referral to other sources of needed information. In-house holdings and specialized collections feature northern-related technical reports and

other materials that are unpublished, out-of-print, or difficult to obtain. They currently consist of 11,500 government publications and microforms, 8,800 bound volumes and 65 periodical and newsletter titles. ENRI is a depository for reports from the Arctic Petroleum Operators' Association, Alaska Oil and Gas Association and the Alaska Department of Transportation's Research Division.

It maintains special collections including the ARCO arctic environmental reports, annual reports for Alaska's 13 Native regional corporations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's data base on the Endicott Causeway in Prudhoe Bay, Corrosion Book Collection of the Alaska Section of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers and Alaska Oil Spill Commission Collection. The Alaska Climate Center maintains historic data files on the state's climatology and meteorology including wind, snowpack and solar radiation records.

ENRI houses liaison offices of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission and the

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Alaska region, and the Institute is 1 of 12 designated NOAA Computer Mapping and Analysis System (CMAS) stations in the United States. It is located in downtown Anchorage at 707 A Street and can be reached by telephone at (907) 279-4523 or by fax at (907) 276-6847. ENRI is open to the public year-round; hours are Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 12 noon and from 1 to 5 P.M. ENRI's holdings are available to the public for in-house use and check-out within the Anchorage Bowl area, and microfiche copies of uncopyrighted items can be purchased for a handling fee of \$4.50 per volume. Visitors and inquiries are always welcome, and staff are available for short- and long-term contractual services.

If you would like to be added to AEIDC's mailing list for information about its holdings and in-house reports, drop a line to: AEIDC, ENRI, UAA, 707 'A' St., Anchorage, AK 99501, U.S.A.

Report from the Anchorage Museum of History and Art

by Diane Brenner

Gifts from the great land: Alaskan treasures from the National Museum of Finland, an exhibition of artifacts returned to Finland by Russian American governor A.A. Etholen, has completed its run at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art. It will be shown during the early winter months at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, and will finish its tour at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau the summer of 1993. The impressive 336p. catalog entitled *The Etholen Collection* is filled with color images of artifacts of the Tlingit, Tanana, Koniag and Aleut, and is available for purchase at the impressive cost of \$96 from the Anchorage Museum Shop.

In the development stage is an exhibition of contemporary crafts entitled

Arts from the Arctic, with a tentative due date of summer 1993. The purpose is to highlight the highest quality arts and crafts being produced by the indigenous people of the Arctic regions of Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Sami Scandinavia and Russia. A multi-national board of curators is gathering pieces to be shown in five separate exhibitions throughout the north. The objects will be for sale.

On the 1994 horizon are plans for a commemoration of George Vancouver's voyage into Alaskan waters with a series of lectures, a symposium and a traveling exhibition of materials relating to Vancouver from the Vancouver Maritime Museum. Committees in Juneau and Anchorage are developing programming and educational materials.

Database Site Sought

The Hubert Wenger Anthropological Eskimo Database project is seeking recommendations for locations to place its CD-ROM database. With over 100 titles, the Wenger Database contains the text and illustrations from many rare and out-of-print sources on the initial contacts of Eskimos with non-Eskimos.

Copies will be available to researchers, teachers and students. To receive a copy the potential users must have 1. An IBM compatible PC, XT, or AT personal computer, 2. DOS 3.1 or higher, 3. A monitor and adaptor card for VGA graphics and 4. A compact disk reader installed as a logical drive on the personal computer. Requests should be made to: Marvin Falk, UAF Rasmuson Library, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1005, Phone: (907) 474-6595, Fax: (907) 474-6841



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