



# Polar Libraries

## BULLETIN

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### 15th Polar Libraries Colloquy Planned for July 3-8 in Cambridge, England

The 15th Polar Library Colloquy will be held on July 3-8, 1994 at Girton College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England. The Colloquy will focus on three broad areas of Arctic, Antarctic, and bi-polar information, including: 1.) Initiatives: new developments in polar information and its applications; 2.) Bi-polar developments: what are the opportunities and needs for exchange of information and technology and for joint projects between the Arctic and Antarctic libraries; and 3.) Information needs of polar research.

Colloquy hosts are the Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI), University of Cambridge and by the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), Natural Environment Research Council. The tentative schedule is as follows:

3 July Reception with drinks and buffet  
Welcome, Historic Cambridge;  
illustrated lecture

4 July Papers & Posters (all day)  
Independence Day Celebrations  
(US delegates)  
Circumpolar Auction  
5 July Papers and Poster (a.m.)  
SPRI tour  
Films from DAB and SPRI  
archives  
6 July Day trip (Greenwich Maritime  
Museum?)  
7 July Papers and Posters  
Business Meeting  
8 July Papers session at BAS  
Lunch and Tour at BAS

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### *Polar Librarians Subscribe to New Electronic Mail Service based in Calgary*

Polar librarians, those involved with polar databases or polar information services, and those involved with the Polar Libraries Colloquy have a new electronic mailing list/discussion group at their disposal. Called Pollib-1, this new listserv was set up in January 1994 at the University of Calgary, and reaches subscribers via the Internet and other interconnected network systems.

The listserv takes any messages sent to it and distributes the message to all of the subscribers of the listserv. In this way it can serve as a means of notifying polar librarians of your news, of offering something you have available, of asking for help from other polar librarians, or of beginning a discussion on some topic of general interest.

It is anticipated that Pollib-1 will consist of a fairly small group of partici-

### Circumpolar Fund-Raiser

Wouldn't it be great to have more PLC attendees like Yuan Yuanrong of the Lanzhou (China) Institute of Glaciology and Geocryology who joined us at our 1988 Colloquy in Boulder, Colorado? Could we financially assist attendees from other polar regions who might not otherwise attend? Wouldn't it also be educational (and fun) to see and learn about representative gifts from the home regions and cultures represented by the PLC?

With volunteers I will organize a fundraiser of donated items from PLC attendees for silent and/or outcry auction during the 1994 Cambridge Colloquy. Individuals and even libraries might bring donations: handicrafts, library duplicates, regional artwork, maps, souvenirs, etc.

The items will be auctioned during the Colloquy with the proceeds financing a future Colloquy attendee or other worthy purpose determined by the local arrangements committee. If you and your library would like to participate, please bring your items along to Cambridge.

If you would assist with the fundraiser, please let me know. Ron Inouye, Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, E-Mail: FNRKI@Alaska 907/474-5354 or 907/474-6841 (Fax)

pants and that it will be comparatively narrowly focused. (Polar-1 is available to serve the broader community of those generally involved or interested in polar

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## William O. Field Collection at Rasmuson Library

The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library recently accessioned the papers of Dr. William Osgood Field, who is best known for his studies of glaciers in Glacier Bay and Prince William Sound. His papers are one of the most, if not the most, comprehensive collections of material relating to the glaciers of Alaska.

William Osgood Field made his first trip to Glacier Bay in the company of two companions in the summer of 1926. In 1931 he began studying the glaciers of Prince William Sound, following up on studies which had been initiated by the Harriman Alaska Expedition of 1899. Dr. Field became a research associate on the staff of the American Geographical Society in 1940, and was head of the Department of Exploration and Research until his retirement in 1969. At the AGS he helped initiate and direct glaciological projects, including the Juneau Icefield Research Project and studies of the fluctuations of some 200 glaciers in Alaska, the Southern Indes, Greenland, and Western Canada. In 1957 and 1958, during the International Geophysical Year, he served as Chairman of the Glaciology Panel of the United States National Committee. During this period he directed the organization of the World Data Center for Glaciology which has since been transferred to the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at the University of Colorado. Although officially retired in 1969, he continued to serve at the AGS as editor and writer of a compendium of glaciers entitled *Mountain Glaciers of the Northern Hemisphere* which was published by CRREL in 1975.

The collection consists of over 300 containers, which hold a treasure trove of information on glaciology, especially of Alaska. Fifty-one boxes and one four-drawer file cabinet came out of his Film Vault. Included in this material are motion picture film, negatives of all sizes (35mm to 8x10), prints, transparencies, glass plate negatives, and hand-colored lantern slides. Some of these images date back to the late 19th century.

Within the remaining 263 boxes, which include four five-drawer map cases full of

maps, are the data from the many systematic observations of the glaciers of Alaska, the Canadian Rockies, and Antarctica. Because of the thoroughness of Dr. Field's research, there are copies of most of the published material on the glaciers, in several languages as well as English. An example of his work which is represented in this collection is an excerpt from the American Geographical Society's annual report to its members for 1974. "...During the summer

of 1974 (late June to early August) observations of glacier variations were continued along the southern coast of Alaska...More than 2,500 photographs were taken, and surveys were carried out at nine localities. A total of 103 large and small glaciers were observed..." Because of his expertise, he was appointed to several national and international committees conducting research into cold regions.

—David Hales

### E-Mail, continued

issues.) For this reason, Pollib-1 is a private listserv. No one can join without being accepted by us (the managers of the listserv), and only subscribers can obtain the list of members and their e-mail addresses.

As of February 10, there were 52 subscribers to Pollib-1. We have subscribed many individuals for whom we had e-mail addresses, but there are many polar libraries whose electronic addresses we do not have. We would like to add them to the listserv. If you fit in the group we are trying to reach, please consider joining us in Pollib-1. (You can unsubscribe at any time if you find the messages being sent are not relevant to your interests.)

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line message. If your e-mail automatically adds your name and address at the end of your messages, delete that information before sending the message.) The message should be sent to the address:

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Once your subscription has been registered, you will receive information on sending messages, unsubscribing, etc. For more information about Pollib-1, send us a message. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## The Alaska Natural Heritage Program

The Alaska Natural Heritage Program (AKNHP) became a component of the Environment and Natural Resources Institute in July 1993. It has been co-located with the Institute since 1989 when The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving biodiversity, established the Alaska program in Anchorage. Its focus is on developing and maintaining a dynamic, permanent biological database on care of significant species, communities, habitats, and ecosystems in Alaska.

The nine members of AKNHP's staff include scientists in the fields of biology, botany, computer science, vegetation ecology, and zoology. They undertake special projects and fill requests for biological and related management and land-based information useful in land development planning, permitting, environmental review, resource management, conservation, applied scientific research, endangered species review, and education.

Some of the Program's special databases and collections include:

- Biological and conservation database with files on rare species locations, ecological sites, species rank and status, taxonomic data, biological and ecological characterizations, resource management, and bibliographic data.
- Plant community inventory and classification database
- Rare species map collection
- Rare species literature collection

For further information, contact Dr. David Duffy, program manager. He can be reached at the Alaska Natural Heritage Program, Environment and Natural Resources Institute, University of Alaska Anchorage, 707 A Street, Anchorage, Alaska USA 99501; phone 907/279-4549; and fax 907/258-9139.

## Wenger Database Now Available

The Wenger Anthropological Eskimo Database is now available to libraries, schools, and other nonprofit institutions serving students, researchers, and the general public, especially in the North. This full text CD-ROM database contains the full text and illustrations of 200 significant works on the Eskimo/Inuit people of Greenland, Canada, Alaska, and Chukotka. The emphasis is on first contact and primary source literature. Many of the items included are out of print and difficult or impossible to obtain in the original version. The database will be distributed in successive, updated versions. Work has already begun on the next version, which will add approximately 100 items.

The project to produce the database is supported by Hubert and Beatrice Wenger of Mies, Switzerland. The Wengers have a long-standing interest in the literature on Eskimo/Inuit peoples. Their vision and commitment have made the project possible.

The database is free to educational, nonprofit users in exchange for feedback on both the content and operation of the database. Feedback is very important to the project, as it will be the key to improving future versions. The project provides a questionnaire on which users can make comments. Prior to sending the database, potential users need to return a signed Use

Agreement. The Use Agreement, written in clear, understandable language, basically says that the library or other institution holding the database will make it available promptly to users, respect the licensing and copyright restrictions, and provide the project with user comments.

The compact disc containing the Wenger Database includes both the database and the software to run it. The basic requirements for a system to use it are: (1) IBM compatible PC, XT, or AT class personal computer, (2) DOS 3.1 or higher, (3) monitor and adapter card for VGA graphics, and (4) compact disc reader installed as a logical drive on the PC.

The database comes with a helpful users manual. Nevertheless, the database will be more useful and accessible if it is installed in a setting where there is someone who is familiar with databases, who will become generally familiar with this one, and who will be available to help users, especially at the outset.

If your library is interested in having the database, and you have not already corresponded with the project, please contact Marvin Falk or Wendy Arundale at the Wenger Project, Alaska and Polar Regional Department, Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, P.O. Box 756800, Fairbanks AK 99775-6800 (tel. 907/474-6595) (fax 907/474-6841).

## Smithsonian and Anchorage Museum Open Arctic Studies Center Office

The Arctic Studies Center was established by the U.S. Congress in 1988 to create a permanent national program of arctic research and education within the Smithsonian Institution. The Center emphasizes anthropological studies of arctic people and cultures, and studies of northern biota and ecosystems. Arctic archeology, ethnology, history and natural culture studies are also a focus.

In December 1993 an agreement was signed to establish an Arctic Studies Center office in Anchorage, jointly sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution's National

Museum of Natural History and the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

The office will open Spring 1994. Its mission is to generate Smithsonian Alaska-based research and educational programs. As funds permit, NMNH collections will be brought to Alaska for use in these programs. The first field office of this kind ever established by the Smithsonian, the Office will also coordinate the Institution's Alaskan repatriation programs and be involved in North Pacific area anthropological research projects.

—Nancy Lesh



## US Information Agency Funds Alaska-Siberia Database Link

Under the auspices of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library in Fairbanks, Alaska, Paul McCarthy and Sharon West are principal investigators for a recently approved project designed to provide appropriate computing and information infrastructure to the Khabarovsk Territorial Universal Scientific Library (Khabarovsk), the International Pedagogical University Library (Magadan), and to the Yakut State University Library (Yakutsk, Republic of Sakha). Funded by the United States Information Agency, the project will allow these libraries to automate their current bibliographic holdings relating to the Russian Far East and Siberia, making powerful electronic searching techniques available to their patrons. Once in electronic form, this data will be available 1) immediately at each site; 2) on-line at a central computer; 3) mastered onto the PolarPac CD-ROM; and 4) available on a larger CD-ROM database, LaserCat. Their holdings and the holdings of many other libraries worldwide will then be much more accessible to the libraries themselves, to the various publics they serve and to the international research community.

Two of these three libraries have begun very recently to automate their holdings, with at least one of them using a Russian adaptation of the standard U.S. MARC bibliographic format. However, they lack the equipment, training and perspective that would allow them to accelerate this process and to do so in such a manner that would allow the bibliographic data to be easily shared with other libraries in the Russian Far East and in Yakutia as well as through the established bibliographic networks in the West. Each of these libraries has substantial current and retrospective collections relating to the Russian Far East and Siberia. The holdings of the main library of the International Pedagogical University, with whom the University of Alaska Fairbanks has a long-term relationship, will form the basis of their input.

The principal investigators of this project will be Paul H. McCarthy, former Professor of Library Science and Director of Libraries at the University of Alaska

Fairbanks; and Sharon M. West, Associate Professor of Library Science and PolarPac Coordinator at the same institution. Both McCarthy and West have been involved with the organization and dissemination of polar information for many years. McCarthy was the conceptual architect of the original PolarPac project.

The Rasmuson Library itself was a founding member of the Polar Libraries Colloquy, the professional international northern information association, and has played a role in the furthering of international connections in the context of information exchange. The Library is a signatory of the Arctic Libraries Access Agreement (1988); has library agreements with the Kola Science Center (1991); is a member of the U.S. Polar Bibliographical Information Working Committee and its parent institution, ARCUS, the Arctic Research Consortium of the United States.

The budget for this project will provide funds to bring the Director and a key staff member from each of the two Russian libraries to Fairbanks. The directors will discuss and evaluate long-term information collection and distribution strategies. Understanding the critical role these libraries can have in providing free access to information is an important theme for this meeting. The directors will meet with key university faculty and administrators and selected members of the public to discuss the role, services and tradition of libraries in the West.

The key staff will work with a trainer from the PolarPac/LaserCat vendor, WLN. During this training, they will receive instruction on bibliographic computing skills, downloading, US-MARC format, and inputting. All three libraries will receive all associated software and hardware to carry out the project's work plan. When the newly trained librarians return to their libraries, they will be accompanied by Rasmuson Library computer technical staff who will install a complete computing workstation in each location (including copies of LaserCat and PolarPac). Upon data entry by the Russian libraries and transmittal of the data via diskette to WLN, the libraries will have

access to their records of the other two libraries every three months through a new LaserCat issue. West will coordinate the project's progress and will oversee bibliographic quality throughout the project. McCarthy and West will visit on-site after a short period to determine that work flow and quality are maintained and to assist in the resolution of any problems. Review and planning for phase II of the project will also be accomplished. This visit will be conducted in conjunction with a joint conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Arctic and Pacific Divisions and the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Bridges of Science between North America and the Russian Far East, to be held in Vladivostok. Principal investigator McCarthy will chair the theme session on Communication and Information Exchange.

In addition to developing the computer-based information infrastructures and facilitating much broader public access to information, the project will have substantial benefit to research communities on both sides of the North Pacific. Research on the polar regions has taken place since the scientific explorations of Siberia under Peter the Great. Attempts to collate and disseminate the results of research on northern regions—historical, scientific, ethnographic, etc.—have been underway almost as long. Librarians in the Arctic, and especially at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks, have been grappling with this problem for some time.

A successful effort was made by the Rasmuson Library (in cooperation with the University of Colorado Boulder) in 1990 to develop and disseminate internationally a polar database (PolarPac). PolarPac3 (issued June 1993) has grown to over 194,325 records.

This project will accomplish several goals: some short-term and some long-range. Initially these libraries will have converted their bibliographic records from manual to electronic files and will then have access to them via very powerful electronic searching techniques. They will have access to not only their own records, but also to the records of other polar libraries worldwide. In the long-term, the computing equipment provided as part of the project will position them to network their electronic resources

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## SLED—The Alaska Statewide Library Electronic Doorway

The Alaska State Library is developing an easy-to-use menu system to connect to library, government, local community, and Internet information resources. The system is called SLED, the Statewide Library Electronic Doorway.

Through SLED, the State library will provide connections to information resources of statewide interest. The State Library, in partnership with Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska Computer Network (UACN), will design SLED to feature menu access to a wide array of information services including:

- the statewide University of Alaska library catalog
- the largest public library systems in the state
- over 400 Internet-accessible libraries worldwide
- the Library of Congress
- state information resources e.g. Legislative Information System and Alaska Blue Book

- Alaskan local community networks as they come online
- worldwide community information systems and Free-Nets
- Alaskan and worldwide campus information systems
- federal databases and bulletin boards
- e-mail and local listservs for Alaskan libraries on Muskox, and
- Alaska library CD-ROM databases (licenses permitting).

The SLED project began in early 1993 with a consultant's study, Alaska Community Information System Investigation Report, hired by the State Library. In the current phase of the project, users are evaluating interface software and designing SLED menus. The initial implementation of SLED will be unveiled at the Alaska Library Association conference in Anchorage in March 1994.

The State Library is funding a direct UACN connection to computers in the public libraries in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau for high-speed access to SLED.

SLED will also be available via telnet from the UACN network or the Internet, or via dial-up to library systems, UACN nodes, of Alascom's X.25 network, AlaskaNet, which serves over 40 communities statewide and 98% of Alaska's population. The result of these myriad connection paths is that most libraries and citizens around the state may use computers and modems to connect to SLED without being charged for a long-distance phone call.

If you have questions, contact Susan Elliott at the Alaska State Library office in Anchorage; phone 272-7373, fax 272-8484; UACN ID: [amsae@tundra.alaska.edu](mailto:amsae@tundra.alaska.edu); Muskox ID: [susane@muskox.alaska.edu](mailto:susane@muskox.alaska.edu)

—Susan Elliott, Alaska State Library

### USIA Database continued

within the library. As telecommunication links improve, it will position them to extend their network regionally and internationally and to access, globally, other information resources available. Researchers in the West will have access to the valuable information previously only available in the libraries themselves.

## International Permafrost Association Conference and Council Meeting, July 1993 in Beijing, China

Approximately 300 scientists and engineers from 22 countries participated in the Sixth International Conference on Permafrost in Beijing, July 5-10, 1993. The Chinese Organizing Committee produced a preconference volume containing 179 papers with a second volume scheduled for late 1993. The latter contains reports of the three special sessions on climate change, mountain permafrost, and foundations, and a workshop on permafrost data and information. Both volumes are available from Zhu Yuanlin, Lanzhou Institute of Glaciology and Geocryology, Academia Sinica, Lanzhou 730 000, China, for a total of \$120 U.S. including postage (fax: 86 931 485241). There were two post-conference field trips across the Tibet Plateau and to the

Tien Shan Mountains. In addition, a Permafrost Bibliography (1988-1992) was produced for the Conference and is available as GD 26 from WDC-A, Campus Box 449, University of Colorado, Boulder CO 80309 (\$10.00 surface mail; \$25.00 air mail printed matter). A special issue of the journal *Permafrost and Periglacial Processes* devoted to papers on global change and permafrost was available for conference participants.

Activities of several working groups include: preparation and publication of a multilingual permafrost and ground ice glossary and a Russian-English dictionary; an inventory of ground temperature measurements and sites; manuals on frozen ground measurements and foundations;

convening several workshops and field trips on slope processes and active layer; recovery, storage and dissemination of frozen ground data; and several bibliographic activities including compilation of a carto-bibliography of permafrost maps. An IPA permafrost and ground ice map of the Northern Hemisphere at a scale of 1:10,000,000 is in final preparation and should be available in early 1994. The IPA publishes a 24-page, semi-annual news bulletin *Frozen Ground* which is distributed to over 1500 readers throughout the world. For more information contact Jerry Brown, P.O. Box 9200, Arlington VA 22219-0200 USA, or via e-mail: [jerrybrown@igc.org](mailto:jerrybrown@igc.org).

—Jerry Brown



*The following will be considered at the PLC Business meeting in July, 1994:*

# Constitution of the Polar Libraries Colloquy

(Third Draft)

## CHAPTER ONE

### NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 1

The name of the association is the Polar Libraries Colloquy.

## CHAPTER TWO

### AIM AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Article 2

The Polar Libraries Colloquy (hereafter called the PLC) provides a forum through which librarians and others evidencing an abiding interest in the collection, preservation, and dissemination of polar information meet together to discuss issues of mutual concern and to promote initiatives leading to improved collections and services.

#### Article 3

In order to implement its aims, PLC:

- (i) holds an international conference every two years, or at an interval agreed upon by the participants;
- (ii) exchanges information by means of the *Polar Libraries Bulletin*, electronic mail, and other appropriate means;
- (iii) cooperates with other national and international organizations whose aims are complementary to those of the PLC.

## CHAPTER THREE

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Article 4

Membership of the PLC is open to any institution or organization providing polar regions information services to the public, on condition that the applicant accepts and promotes the aims of the PLC as outlined in

Chapter 2, Article 2. Each institution or organization shall have one representative with one vote. It shall be assumed that the head of the member institution or organization shall be its representative unless otherwise designated. Some *ex officio* members may be admitted. Applications for membership may be directed to the PLC Chairperson to be brought up at the next following PLC business meeting. (The means by which members will initially be designated is specified in the By-laws.)

## CHAPTER FOUR

### ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

#### Article 5

Decisions regarding the aims and purposes of the PLC are approved in the business meeting held during the international conference. Non-members may attend, but not vote, at business meetings.

#### Article 6

The PLC is led by a Chairperson who is elected at the business meeting by a simple majority of members present. Candidates for the Chairperson's post should be formally proposed and seconded.

#### Article 7

The term of office is four years after which a new Chairperson shall be elected to serve for the next four years.

#### Article 8

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Chairperson, a new election shall take place immediately via whatever communicating mechanism is appropriate.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIRPERSON

#### Article 9

The PLC Chairperson presides at the business meeting and handles all correspondence addressed to the PLC, other than that concerning forthcoming conferences which will be handled by the conference host; coordinates activities between meetings; implements action items from the business meeting; and organizes the program for the business meeting. All of these responsibilities will be performed with the advice and consent of the PLC.

## CHAPTER SIX

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

#### Article 10

Members should seek to attend the PLC conference; provide, on occasion, a venue for this conference; host the PLC conference when it meets at their institution; present appropriate topics of interest and importance at the conference and business meeting; provide agenda items for the business meeting; and carry out the aims of the PLC in every way possible.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### MEETINGS

#### Article 11

An international conference is held every two years, or other agreed interval, at a venue decided upon according to procedures stipulated in the Bylaws. An institution or site wishing to host the PLC conference should inform the PLC Chairperson at least sixty days prior to the business meeting. Venues should alternate between continents.

#### Article 12

The organization and financial arrangements of the international conference are the responsibility of the host organization, which shall also be responsible for the preparation, publication and distribution of the conference proceedings. Organizations hosting the international conference should budget to cover costs but not make a profit. Arrangements for the international conference should be made by the

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**Constitution, continued**

conference host in consultation with a conference organizing committee, the latter being selected at the preceding PLC business meeting. The role of the conference organizing committee is essentially consultative and supportive to the conference host, who retains primary responsibility for the making of conference arrangements.

## **CHAPTER EIGHT**

### **ENTRY INTO EFFECT OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

**Article 13**

This Constitution will come into force at the close of the business meeting at which it is approved by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

## **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COLLOQUY**

**Article 14**

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member. Such amendments must be submitted in writing to the PLC Chairperson in time for dissemination prior to the business meeting.

**Article 15**

Adoption of an amendment requires an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members.

**Bylaws**

1. For the purpose of the business meeting at which the adoption of this constitution will first be mooted (15th PLC, Cambridge), all delegates attending the business meeting will be considered as members with full voting rights. Should the constitution be adopted, a membership list of recognized members will be compiled by a working group to be chosen by the business meeting. The composition of this list will be voted on as the first item in the business meeting of the succeeding PLC conference. All delegates attending the business meeting will continue to be considered as members with full voting rights until a membership list has been approved.
2. The selection of the venue for the PLC conference shall be considered by a Conference Venue Committee composed of the PLC Chairperson together with the conference hosts of the three preceding

conferences. The tradition of alternating between the European and North American continents shall be considered in venue selection with due consideration given to other continents as evidence of interest becomes apparent.

The Conference Venue Committee shall consider the following guidelines. The potential host should have:

- i. a demonstrated, on-going commitment to the aims of the PLC;
- ii. the ability to provide a suitable venue including appropriate accommodations and meeting facilities, and relevant and interesting sites to visit;
- iii. a significant polar collection;
- iv. a record of successfully hosting international conferences;
- v. a letter of invitation from the director of the institution;
- vi. evidence of institutional commitment, both financial and physical;
- vii. a suitable theme for the conference;
- viii. a commitment to publish the proceedings.

Consideration shall be given to appropriate sites which have yet to host the PLC conference.

# **Cold Regions Bibliography Gets a New Home in STAR Database**

The Cold Regions Bibliography is in the process of converting to the STAR database management system of Cuadra Associates. All the present MARC fields have been converted to equivalent fields in STAR, database definitions have been written, and entry and display formats have been designed. A test load of the existing database into STAR was done last May using the new Sun host computer in LOC, and we have been checking its functions since then.

STAR has several features which should make both data entry and searching easier. For entering new citations there will be authority files for several fields which will not allow spurious entries; required

fields such as pagination will have to be entered before STAR will accept the record. In search mode there will be options on how retrieved records can be ordered and displayed. We also will go to a desktop publishing mode, using FrameMaker software with STAR to produce camera-ready copy for printing.

When the remaining software bugs are removed, we plan to officially copy the existing database into STAR and begin entering new records there. The new database will be accessible over Internet, first to selected users and later to the public.

—Stuart Hibben, Head, Cold Regions Bibliography Project, Library of Congress

# **Fourth National Student Conference on Northern Studies**

The Fourth National Student Conference on Northern Studies will be held on November 26-28, 1994. It will be co-sponsored by the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Papers will be solicited from senior undergraduate and graduate students engaged in thesis or "thesis-like" research on all aspects of polar studies.

Students interested in receiving information and application forms as soon as they become available should write to the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies, 130 Albert Street, Suite 201, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G4.



## Brief Notes from Libraries

### CRREL Library

The U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory library will move to a new facility in mid-April 1994. The facility will be called the Technical Information Analysis Center and it will house a two-floor 24,000 square foot library as well as the Technical Communications Branch (editing), the Information Systems Branch (computers), and the Visual Information Branch (photography). There will be a dedication ceremony in May, no final date yet. Any and all interested polar librarians are invited to the festivities. It will provide a state of the art library facility to meet the changing and challenging information needs of the polar community in the 21st century.

### Polar Libraries Directory

Liisa Kurppa, Ann Brennan and Martha Andrews have taken on the job of updating the Polar Libraries Directory. It will be printed and available for about \$20 to cover print charges. The Directory may also be mounted on-line if quality control and updating can be guaranteed.

### Yukon Quest

The Archives, Alaska and Polar Regions Department, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska has become the official depository for photographs and records for the Yukon Quest. In addition, Bella and Simon Francis, Athapaskan Elders from Ft. Yukon, recently deposited photographs, and typed interviews regarding the many years they lived on the Porcupine River. They are leaders in preserving their culture and have participated in the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Elder-in-residence Program and regularly work with public school groups.

### Accessioning and Indexing Polar Regions Information

Martha Andrews has recently submitted the final report *Distributing Responsibilities for Accessioning and Indexing Polar Regions Information* to the Council on Library Resources (CLA). Under the CLR Fellows Program, Grant 897, she researched this project last winter at the Scott Polar Research Institute Library, which is under the direction of William Mills. This project addressed the problem of bibliographic coverage of the polar regions literature as represented on the two CD-ROMs *Arctic & Antarctic Regions* and *PolarPac*. The high incidence of overlap among the databases and the inadequate bibliographic coverage of certain document types were specifically identified. These problems are worthy of redress by the polar information community.

### Polar Information Working Group

A U.S. Polar Information Working Group (USPIWG, pronounced PIGS) has been formed to serve the U.S. arctic and antarctic scientific communities. The group was formalized on March 26, 1993 in Boulder, Colorado after having met informally in Anchorage in 1990 and at Hanover in 1991. The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the 15th Polar Libraries Colloquy.

### Admiral Richard E. Byrd Papers

The papers of Admiral Richard E. Byrd are being processed at the Ohio State University Archives. Raimund Goerier, the University archivist, is processing the papers with the assistance of graduate student Robert Matuozzi and undergraduate Katherine Gluntz. The project staff has completed work on the two largest series, Byrd's personal papers and the expeditionary records.

## People in the News

■ **Juli Braund-Allen** has recently accepted a joint appointment at UAA. She is now employed on a 60% faculty contract as an instructor with the Consortium Library and on a 40% contract as a research analyst with ENRI's AEIDC, where she has worked since 1988.

■ **A.J. (Sandy) MacDonald** is the new librarian at Arctic College, Nunatta Campus, Iqaluit, NT, CANADA; she replaced **Eileen Murdoch** who moved to Yellowknife as library manager for the Yellowknife Public Library.

■ **Sharon West** has been named Acting Director of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

### ■ Paul McCarthy Retires

After almost 30 years at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rasmuson Library, **Paul McCarthy** retired as Director December 31, 1993. Paul came to Alaska from New York State in July 1964. His first job at Rasmuson was a circulation librarian; a year later he became the library's first archivist, and guided the development of the Alaska and Polar Regions Department for the next 20 some years. He became director in the late 1980's.

Paul has been an active participant in Polar Libraries Colloquy activities from the beginning. Recently he has been a major force behind the development of PolarPac. In retirement, Paul will continue many of his polar libraries interests. He is a principal investigator for a project funded through USIA (see article this BULLETIN) and also is working on projects for the Society of American Archivists.

I'm sure all of the Colloquy members join me in wishing Paul much enjoyment of this new phase of his life, and thank him for all his efforts on behalf of the Colloquy. They have been substantial.



## New Publications

■ **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill State/Federal Natural Resource Damage Assessment:** The Alaska State Library is taking orders for these technical reports. The 360 titles, totalling 17,000 pages, are primarily draft reports and will be issued as a microfiche set with a finding aid. Each title will be cataloged separately on the Western Library Network. Each set costs \$50. Shipping will begin in May. To order, please contact Alaska State Library, Government Publications, P.O. Box 110571, Juneau, AK 99811-0571; FAX: 907/465-2990; or via email: [patience@muskox.alaska.edu](mailto:patience@muskox.alaska.edu).

■ **Arctic Information and Data: A Guide to Selected Resources,** was published a year ago and copies are still available on request from Martha Andrews, INSTAAR, CB450, University of Colorado, Boulder CO 80309. The 50-page guide was compiled by the eight-member Data and Information Resources Working Group of the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS).

■ **Russian-English dictionary:** an inventory of ground temperature measurements and sites; manuals on frozen ground measurements and foundations; convening several workshops and field trips on slope processes and active layer; recovery, storage and dissemination of frozen ground data; and several bibliographic activities including compilation of a carto-bibliography of permafrost maps. An IPA permafrost and ground ice map of the Northern Hemisphere at a scale of 1:10,000,000 is in final preparation and should be available in early 1994. The IPA publishes a 24-page, semi-annual news bulletin *Frozen Ground* which is distributed to over 1500 readers throughout the world. For further information on IPA activities and availability of publications, contact Jerry Brown, P.O. Box 9200, Arlington VA 22219-0200 or via e-mail: [jerrybrown@igc.org](mailto:jerrybrown@igc.org)

■ The University of Alaska Anchorage is pleased to announce the 1993 publication of *The Health of the Inuit of North*

*America: A Bibliography from the Earliest Times through 1990*, compiled by R. Fortune, et al. The 350-page bibliography was published by the Nordic Council for Arctic Medical Research and the International Union for Circumpolar Health as volume 52 supplement 8 of *Arctic Medical Research*. A University of Alaska grant enabled the printing of additional copies, which are now available for purchase from the Alaska Health Sciences Information Service, Consortium Library, University of Alaska Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage AK 99508, fax 907/786-1608. The Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center plans to offer a database version of the bibliography later this year.

■ **Kaiiroondak, Behind the Willows**, told by Richard Martin. Recorded and edited by Bill Pfisterer. Gwich'in transcribed and translated by Katherine Peter. Published by Cross-Cultural Studies Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 99701, in 1993.

■ **Alaska Native regional corporation annual reports** through 1992 and those published to date for 1993 are now available on microfiche from AEIDC. Each of Alaska's 13 regional corporations—Ahtna Corporation, Aleut Corporation, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Calista Corporation, Chugach Alaska Corporation, Cook Inlet Region Inc., Doyon Ltd., Koniag Inc., NANA Regional Corporation, Sealaska Corporation, and the 13th Regional Corporation—publish these reports, which serve as yearly financial and activity summaries for their members. For price and ordering information, contact AEIDC, ENRI, UAA, 707 "A" Street, Anchorage AK USA 99501; phone 907/257-2733, fax 907/276-6847, UACN ANJB1; or Internet [ANJB1@ACAD2.ALASKA.EDU](mailto:ANJB1@ACAD2.ALASKA.EDU)

■ Two volumes in the *Glaciological Data (GD) series* were published in 1993. *GD-25, Snow Watch '92; Workshop on Cryospheric Data Rescue and Access*, contains the proceedings and recommendations of two workshops: 1. *Snow Watch '92, Detection Strategies for Snow and Ice*,

sponsored by the Canadian Climate Centre, the World Meteorological Organization and the Institute for Space and Terrestrial Science, University of Waterloo; and 2. Workshop on Cryospheric Data Rescue and Access, supported by NOAA's program of Earth System Data and Information Management (ESDIM) and convened by Dr. Robert Craine, Pennsylvania State University.

■ **GD-26, Permafrost Bibliography Update, 1988-1992**, was prepared in conjunction with the Sixth International Conference on Permafrost held in Beijing in July 1993. The bibliography, which updates those published in GD-14 and GD-21, contains over 3000 citations covering all aspects of permafrost research. Funding to support printing and publishing was provided by the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory. Copies are available from WDC/MSICA, Campus Box 449, University of Colorado, Boulder CO 80309. Telephone 303/492-5171; Internet [brennan@kryos.colorado.edu](mailto:brennan@kryos.colorado.edu); fax 303/492-2468.

■ **Conference Proceedings: the first major conference on U.S. Arctic Policy**, "The Changing Role of the United States in the Circumpolar North," was held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in August 1992. It initiated a vigorous reassessment of U.S. Arctic Policy goals and objectives. The State Department announced its intent to redirect its efforts in the Arctic and review U.S. policy objectives in the Arctic. The panel sessions were designed to facilitate a common understanding of the many different concerns in the Arctic. The panels focused on the following policy issues: wildlife management and Native needs, sustainable economies, biodiversity, Arctic research, and national security. Working groups developed priorities for Arctic policy, and suggestions for cooperative means by which

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these priorities may be achieved. Conference participants urged a review of the 1983 Presidential Directive on Arctic Policy to reflect the political changes in the post-Cold War era, the heightened awareness of critical environmental problems and the special concerns of Natives and other Arctic residents. The proceedings and final conclusions will be presented to the U.S. Government for its review. To obtain a free copy of conference proceedings, write to Conferences and Special Events, 117 Eielson Building, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks AK 99775, tel. 907/474-7800, fax 907/474-5592.

■ *Alaskana for Libraries: a Core List of Books*, compiled by the Alaska Library Association, Alaskana Working Group and published in the fall of 1993 by the Alaska State Library is now available for \$5.00. It is an annotated list of over 400 books on

Alaska which are recommended for first consideration when purchasing Alaskana for the collection. It is aimed at small, medium, and large public libraries in the state. Order from: Alaska State Library, Historical Collections, P.O. Box 110571, Juneau, AK 99811-0571. FAX: 907/465-2990; email: kays@muskox.alaska.edu.

■ *Two Old Women: an Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage, and Survival* by Velma Wallis is based on an Athapascan (Kutchin) Indian legend passed down for generations. \$16.95US; \$20.95(CAN); Epicenter Press, 18821; 64th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98155.

■ On subscription to *Current Literature-Cold Regions Science and Technology or Current Antarctic Literature*: 1) If you are not receiving these and want to get on the mailing list for either or both, reply to: pollib-1@ucalgary.ca. Please advise also if you want to be dropped from the list/s, or

for address corrections.

2) Extra copies of past monthlies will be given out while they last.

3) Back copies of the annual Antarctic Bibliography up through Volume 16 are available. Volumes 17-20 are on sale at the U.S. Government Printing Office.

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