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CREATIVITY, LIGHTING THE POLES:
COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COMMON NEEDS

16TH POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUIUM
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
JUNE 17-21, 1996

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM

Sunday, June 16
Welcome Reception and Colloquium Packets
5 P.M. to 9 P.M. Commons, University of Alaska - Anchorage Dormitories

Monday, June 17 - On-line and CD-ROM Databases:
Local and the World, Part I.
Keynote Speakers: Dr. Syun Akasofu and Dr. Garrett Brass
Panel: Status and Goals of our Major Access Tools

This session is intended to present an overall picture of our
national and international efforts to provide a truly polar
information system, leading to discussion of what we want
to have accomplished by the year 2001 and where we need
to focus our energies over the next five years.

Panel: A Polar Libraries Colloquium Website - Progress and
Plans
Papers (representative samples):

Bringing the Russian Far East On-line - The Challenges of
PolarPac4, by Lisa Lehman, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Russian Science on the Internet and Problems Associated
with Information Systems in Russia, by Alexei Zhishchenko,
Russian Foundation of Basic Research

Late Afternoon tour of Anchorage and dinner on UAA
Campus

Tuesday, June 18 - Information Needs of Special Users
Tour of and Colloquium sessions at Loussac Library
Featured Speaker: Dr. Terrence Cole
Panel: Indigenous Arctic Peoples
Papers (representative samples):

Organizational Creativity: Historical/Cultural Publications
of Selected Northern Municipalities, by Ron Inouye, University
of Alaska Fairbanks

Panel: The Science Community: The Loss of Personal Technical
Information
Papers (representative samples):

Information Needs of Russian Polar Scientists and Possibilities
for Organizing Mutually Beneficial Exchanges, by Isabella
Warren, Scott Polar Research Institute

are the Current Trends in Research at Universities?, by
Margo Young, Robin Minion, and Pam Ryan, University of Alberta
Study tour of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, followed by a Reception in the museum’s atrium.

**Wednesday, June 19 - Sharing Unique Archives and Resources, Part I**

Panel: Ninety Years of Controversy: Dr. Cook, Mt. McKinley and the North Pole
Papers (representative samples):

*Looking Into Old Maps,* by Marvin Falk, University of Alaska Fairbanks

*Under the Red Flag: Photographs of the Hudson Bay Company’s Kamchatka Venture,* by Anne Morton, Hudson Bay Company Archives

*Roald Amundsen, The North Pole and Alaska Connection,* by Susan Barr, Norwegian Polar Institute

*Scientific Artist with Captain Scott: The Edward Adrian Wilson Collection in the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, England,* by H.G.R. King, Scott Polar Research Institute

*Pettermann and his Creative Geographical Hypotheses on the Constitution of the Polar Regions,* by Reinhard Krause, Alfred Wegener Institute


Tour of the UAA Consortium Library
Trip and box lunch to Portage Glacier and Alyeska ski area.

**Thursday, June 20 - Sharing Unique Archives and Resources, Part II**

Papers (representative samples):

*Elements of the Nature Conservation Thesaurus,* by Nina Dobrynina, Research Institute on Nature Conservation and Reserves, Moscow

*The Italian Antarctic Project: Policy for Antarctic Information Dissemination* by Anna Maria Pignocchi, ENRA, Progetto, Italy

*Digitizing the Anchorage Times Morgue,* by Ralph Courtney and Colleen Tyrrell, University of Alaska Anchorage, and Dan Fleming, Anchorage Municipal Libraries


Late Afternoon tour of Alaska Zoo and Anchorage's largest bookstore

**Friday, June 21 - On-line and CD-ROM Databases: Local and the World, Part II**

Panel: Follow-up Discussion: Status, Goals of our Major Access Tools
Papers (representative samples):

*Wenger Eskimo Database for Windows,* by James A. Ketz, University of Alaska Fairbanks

*Gray Literature Database on Russian Research in the Arctic,* by V. Markusova, I. Vlasova, and L. Tsvetkova, VINITI, Moscow

*The Arctic Science & Technology Information System: Creative Funding of a Northern Information Service in the 1990s,* by Ross Goodwin, Arctic Institute of North America

*Business Meeting*
Evening Banquet and Auction
Week-Long Poster Session (representative samples):

*Alaska Newspaper Project,* by Mary Nicolson and others, Alaska State Library

*Lighting the Poles: Creating Reference Works from the CASP Polar Collections,* by Eda Lesk, Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme

*Antarctic Retrospective - A Comprehensive Resource for the History of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean,* by William Mills, Scott Polar Research Institute

*Arktikum-House, Phase 2,* by Lea Karhumaa, University of Lapland

*The Alaska Natural Resources Library Group,* by Barbara J. Sokolov and Juli-Braund Allen, University of Alaska Anchorage, and Cathy Vitale, U.S. Bureau of Land Management

*The Alaska National Parks Database,* by Juli Braund-Allen, University of Alaska Anchorage
Saturday, June 22 - Post-Colloquy Tour From Anchorage to Valdez to Fairbanks, UAF Rasmussen Library Tour and Fairbanks Sightseeing

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ANOTHER FUND RAISER!!

Remember the fun of the Cambridge auction? We raised over $1,000 (US) to help with the Anchorage Colloquy. In Anchorage we will have another auction of items and services donated by the attendees and libraries. T-shirts, reindeer hides, folk art, duplicate books, mugs, a rafting trip at Denali, a cake—were popular in Cambridge. Perhaps this year you can participate in the Colloquy theme by bringing the most CREATIVE donation.

If you have questions or wish to assist with the auction, please let me know. Ronald K. Inouye E-mail: FNRKI@aurora.alaska.edu.

PLC REMINDER

Persons planning to attend the colloquy in Anchorage are reminded that the Constitution of the Polar Libraries Colloquy has been published in Polar Libraries Bulletin no. 44. Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any member and submitted to the PLC Steering Committee in time for dissemination prior to the business meeting. Please submit to William Mills at wjm13@cam.ac.uk

NEW MEMBER OF THE POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUY
CHAMBERS POLAR RESEARCH COLLECTION
THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY LIBRARY

The Chambers Polar Research Collection was created in September 1994 with funding from Kenneth and Ann Chambers, polar enthusiasts, lecturers, and guides. Mr. Chambers was on the staff of the Museum’s Department of Education for many years.

The scope of the Chambers Polar Collection includes general reference works, with an emphasis on three areas: polar exploration and discovery; fauna, geology and ecology of the polar regions; and anthropology and native cultures. Funding has permitted the library to add important serial titles and several hundred monographs to the collection. The American Museum of Natural History library’s holdings are over 400,000 volumes and 3,000 serials. The holdings that relate to polar topics are estimated to be in the thousands.

At this time, there is no published catalog of these works, however, the library is in the process of automating its catalog system. The library has completed a conversion project to convert holdings to LC and intends to have a new on-line public access catalog operating in the near future. Plans also include adding the collection’s holdings to PolarPac.

The contact person for the collection is Valerie Wheat (email: wheaties@amnh.org; telephone: 212-769-5400) and the library’s address is: 79th St. and Central Park West, New York, NY 10024.

MEMBER NEWS


The U.S. Polar Information Working Group, chaired by Martha Andrews, met in Washington, DC in April, 1995. The group, with help from others, has completed updating “Arctic Information and Data: a Guide to Selected Resources.” This guide will be published by the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. and will be available at the next colloquy in Anchorage.
The Cook Papers
Submitted by: Raimund E. Goerner, Byrd Polar Research Center, The Ohio State University

The Byrd Polar Research Center Archival Program will receive the papers of Dr. Frederick Cook that are now in the possession of the Frederick Cook Society. A rival of Robert Peary, Cook claimed to have reached the North Pole a year before Peary. The papers document the continuing controversy and will be transferred from Hurleyville, New York to The Ohio State University this summer. The Frederick Cook Society will fund the arrangement and description of the collection and provide annual support.

What's New at the Arctic Science and Technology Information System?
Submitted by: Ross Goodwin, Arctic Institute of North America

The annual ASTIS Bibliography has changed format from microfiche to CD-ROM. The price remains unchanged at $110. The disc uses the same retrieval software as NISC's Arctic & Antarctic Regions CD-ROM, and incorporates the ASTIS subject thesaurus so that terms can be “exploded” while searching. The current (1994-95) issue contains 35,641 records.

A subset of the ASTIS database, called the Nunavut Environmental Database (NED), is available for free on-line searching from the Nunavut Planning Commission's Web site at http://npsc.nunavut.ca. NED contains ASTIS records that are about the Nunavut Settlement Area, as well as those that are about the Northwest Territories as a whole or the Canadian Arctic as a whole. NED contains approximately 10,500 records, and is currently being updated every six months.

In celebration of the Arctic Institute of North America's 50th Anniversary, ASTIS recently published A Selected Annotated Bibliography of the Publications of the Arctic Institute of North America. The bibliography contains 678 citations, including serials and monographs published or supported by AINA, publications of AINA staff and researchers, and University of Calgary northern theses. The bibliography is 209 pages long and is available for a postage and handling charge of $10.

HUBERT WENGER
(1927-1995)

Hubert Wenger passed away at his home in Mies, Switzerland, on October 17, 1995. With his wife Beatrice, Hubert was a long-time Polar Libraries Colloquy member, the result of their long-term bibliographic interests in the literature of first contact between Europeans and Eskimos.

Martha Andrews reminisced recently of the 1978 Paris Colloquy during which the Wengers hosted many of the attendees at a festive dinner. Subsequent colloquies have continued that gracious and friendly tradition of information sharing and hospitality between the Wengers and PLC members.

A funeral service for Hubert was conducted at the Church of St. Robert in Fouex on Tuesday, October 23rd, with burial in the village cemetery of Tannay, a 5-minute walk from the Wenger home. A noon reception followed for family and friends.

Hubert is survived by his wife Beatrice and sister Edith of Paris. (Submitted by: Ron Inouye)

WORK GROUP OF HISTORY OF GERMAN POLAR RESEARCH OF THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF POLAR RESEARCH

Submitted by: C. Ludecke, Institut fur Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften

During the 16th International Polar Conference of the German Society of Polar Research a Work Group of History of German Polar Research was set up in Gottingen on 11.4.1991. First of all, this work group is concerned with German polar research by using methods of historical research to analyse unpublished sources. We try to find unpublished materials that are hidden in archives, private collections or old boxes somewhere in the attics of polar researchers in the former Western and Eastern parts of Germany. We want to motivate scientists from different disciplines such as astronomy, botany, cartography, ethnology, geodesy, human geography, physical geography, geology, geophysics, glaciology, medicine, meteorology, oceanography, zoology, and others. Polar research is not studied as an isolated case, besides the context of scientific evolution it is seen in political and economical context as well. Which trends
favour or defeat which research programmes? What are the social components, i.e. who promotes whom?

A yearly newsletter (in German) informs our members of the activities of the work group and publishes informal contributions of our members. It also contains bibliographies dealing with historical subjects and gives references to archives, libraries with polar literature, anniversaries and conferences. Each newsletter has a special priority: Bibliography (No.1, 1992), Archives (No.2, 1993), Resources (No.3, 1994), International Cooperation (No.4, 1995).

For the moment, our work group is concentrating on publishing a volume of “Polarforschung” (Journal of the German Society of Polar Research) on historical papers. Also our members will contribute to the 18th International Polar Conference at Potsdam (March 1996).

At our next meeting in Potsdam we will discuss, whether we should delete “German” in the title of our Work Group. This would indicate, that we do not want to concentrate on the national aspect any longer, but that we are open for research in an international context, especially since Germany is not a country in a polar region, so the expeditions were more or less dependent on the help of other countries.

The interlocutor for German history of polar research before the turn of the century is Dr. A. Reinhard Krause (Alfred Wegner Institut, Columbusstrasse, D-27568 Bremerhaven). His dissertation deals with The Period of Founding of the German Polar Research, 1865 - 1875 (Reports on Polar Research, Bremerhaven, Nr. 114 ’92, 1992). Dr. Cornelia Ludecke (Institut für Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften, Universität München, Museuminsel 1, D-80336 München) specializes in German polar research since the turn of the century. Her dissertation analyses German Polar Research since the Turn of the Century and the Influence of Erich von Drygalski” (Reports on Polar Research, Bremerhaven, Nr. 158 ’95, 1995).

We would be glad to collaborate with our colleagues of the Northern Space. Please write to the head of the Work Group of History of German Polar Research Dr. Cornelia Ludecke, Valleystr. 40, D - 81371 München, Germany, tel./fax: [49] (89) 725 6 725.

ARCTIC MEETINGS IN MOSCOW

Submitted by: N. Dobrynina, Research Institute on Nature Conservation and Reserves, Moscow

In September, 1995, Moscow hosted three successive international meetings on various components of cooperation in the framework of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy (AEP)*. The International Arctic Environmental Data Directory (ADD) Workshop and ADD council meeting (18-20 September, 1995) continued the project initiated by the Global Resource Information Database (GRID-Arendal) and U.S. Geological Survey Inter-Agency Working Group on Arctic Environmental Data. It was underlined at the seminar that following defined objectives the Arctic Database would compile a directory of environmental data sources of the circumpolar region, assessing the level of data by means of international networks and systems, establish contacts with data holders, develop the feedback mechanisms within the scientific community, formulate the process of identification, gathering, storage, and dissemination of ADD. Reports of representatives from international organizations, among them the International Directory Network (IDN, NASA), the European Environmental Agency, Arctic Centre and others were discussed at the seminar. A separate session was devoted to the Russian Arctic Data Catalogue, while four discussion groups prepared recommendations on the institutional organization of environmental data directory cooperation in Arctic Russia, current status of data directories and catalogues in Russia, technical standards and methods for catalogue interchange and information flow, free information flow, and the prospects of public domain environmental data in Russia. Over 20 research institutions from Moscow, Murmansk, St. Petersburg, Apatity, and Sykytvkar presented posters.

The VII meeting of the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) was held on 13-15 September. The participants considered the activities of the programme after the VI meeting, specifically an annual report of the Secretariat and the interim report on bilateral and multilateral cooperation which would be submitted to the Arctic Environmental Ministers Meeting in 1996. The AMAP monitoring and research programme for 1996-1998 was clarified and the recommendations on data exchange on emission and discharges of contaminants were adopted. Some other issues were also discussed.
The Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) International Working Group had its IV meeting on 19-21 September 1995. Progress reports on the 1994-1995 CAFF Work Plan were presented on habitat conservation (Circumpolar Protected Area Network; wildlife habitat mapping; and circumpolar Arctic vegetation mapping); on species conservation (rare endemic vascular plants; the Pan-Arctic Flora Initiative; rare, vulnerable and endangered fauna; and the Circumpolar Seabird Working Group); on regional implementation of the Biodiversity Convention, on the integration of indigenous people and their knowledge. The 1995-1996 Programme was adopted.

*Note: The Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy was signed in 1991 in Rovaniemi (Finland) and now unites the 8 states of the Arctic region. Cooperation is carried out in six programmes: Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF), the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP), Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME), Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Response (EPPE), Sustainable Development, and Integration of Indigenous Peoples and Their Knowledge.

We intend to include bibliographies listing books recently received by member libraries relating to geographical areas in which they specialize. To begin the series here are some Antarctic titles, some of which you may have missed.

**RECENT BOOKS ABOUT ANTARCTICA: A SELECT LIST OF WORKS RECEIVED BY THE SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE**


When Steller joined the expedition, led by explorer Vitus Bering from Hornsens, Denmark, it had already been underway for several years. He had moved from Germany to Russia and was an employee of the Imperial Scientific Academy in St. Petersburg. In 1731, Steller had been a teacher at the Franksche Foundations. He became the first European natural scientist to stand on Alaskan soil on 20 July, 1741.

One of the reasons that Steller's name is remembered today is his connection to the discovery of the sea cow, the second largest sea mammal after the whale. It was found and documented by Steller and subsequently named after him. But only 20 years later, it was extinct due to intensive hunting. A 6.5 meter long skeleton of the animal can be seen in Halle. It is on loan from St. Petersburg. Among the cooperating institutions are the Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, Alaska, USA, and Hornsens Museum, Denmark and several in Russia. One room at the exhibition is dedicated to Vitus Bering.

The Great Northern Expedition, which saw Bering and many others die, ended officially in 1743. Steller remained in Kamchatka until 1744. He died only 37 years old on the return journey to Europe in 1746.

The protector of the exhibition is the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hans-Dietrich Genscher. The exhibition will be open until 31 January, 1997.

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**CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

*7th International Conference on Permafrost*  
*Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada*  
*23 - 27 June 1998*

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