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Danish Polar Center Hosts an Excellent Meeting!

REPORT OF THE 19th COLLOQUY IN COPENHAGEN

The Danish Polar Center hosted the 19th PLC in Copenhagen, and I am happy to conclude that everything worked out well. Even the weather in Copenhagen turned out sunny and warm, maybe even a bit too warm for a polar meeting. The number of participants was 59, which was lower than we had expected. The dates coincided with the American Library Association's annual meeting and a Canadian Library Association conference. The problem had been discussed in the Steering Committee

and the conclusion was that it would be impossible not to coincide with other conferences. So we went ahead with the original

dates. The PLC members who did make it to Copenhagen, seemed to enjoy both the profes-

sional and the recreational parts of the colloquy.

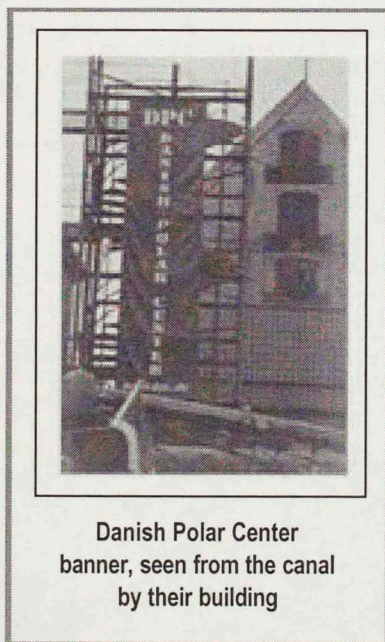
The programme seemed to be interesting enough to keep the participants awake and engaged. It certainly did cover a broad range of subjects. For those PLC members who were not able to

participate in Copenhagen and for those who missed a day or a session, do not despair, the proceedings are in the pipeline. Elsewhere in

this *Bulletin* there is a note from Kirsten Caning about them.

I think everybody enjoyed the Wednesday trip out of Copenhagen. If somebody does not feel well informed about the Viking ships in Roskilde, it is definitely not the fault of the guides. The food in Esrum Moellegaard was excellent, and we did cope, although the space was somewhat limited. A beautiful nature walk and a visit to Esrum Abbey rounded out the day.

Friday evening the participants gathered at Gammel Dok to the sound of Dennis Stephens' bagpipes. Right after dinner we were entertained by a young Greenlandic band called Nanu. They had a repertoire of both Greenlandic and English songs, and I think everybody enjoyed their performance. Afterwards Barbara Sokolov volunteered as auctioneer and did a great job.



Danish Polar Center
banner, seen from the canal
by their building

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Report on 19th--Cont. from page 1

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The silent auction and the Friday night auction altogether yielded DKK 10,728, which is equivalent to US\$ 1,425. Quite a stunning result, considering the number of participants at this PLC. But of course the items that were donated for the auction were also exceptional. I have a colleague here at the Danish Polar Center who still regrets that she didn't get the beautiful "aurora" scarf donated by Chisato Jimura from Alaska.

So altogether it was a great experience to organize the 19th PLC, and I am looking forward to just being an ordinary participant at the 20th PLC in Ottawa. ✍

*Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen
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WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU
KNEW YOU COULD NOT FAIL?

Dr. Robert Schuller

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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from the chair

Librarians, Knowledge Managers or Information Specialists?

I have just been interviewing applicants for the post of Head of Information and Records Management here at BAS. The job includes management of the library, the archives and the Web systems here as well as implementation of the Freedom of Information Act and various other pieces of legislation. In addition the successful candidate will have to work with database managers dealing with our scientific data as well.

Most of the applicants had worked in libraries and many had had formal training as librarians. Some still described themselves as Librarians whilst others were now Knowledge Managers, Knowledge Architects, Information Resource Managers, or Information Specialists.

Perusing their applications brought home to me, yet again, just what a flexible description "Librarian" or even "Library" is these days. All of you know that very well because you are doing the job but the public at large have little comprehension of what is happening to libraries. My dictionary defines library as "a collection of books", a definition which will soon be classed by the OED as *archaic* the way things are going!

Consider not only the fate of journals, as they leave the form of inanimate objects and become simply

electrical signals, but the increasing demands on many librarians to deliver knowledge and data in a wide variety of forms to both local and remote destinations that would have been unthinkable a generation ago.

Whilst e-books has yet to take off I am sure it will as the new generations of users have new technology to assist them. In some instances libraries now double as data centres as well as archives. Such a diversity of approaches, objectives and requirements, which often have little to do with books as we remember them, suggests that the term "Librarian" is no longer an adequate job title. Are you all really knowledge or information managers these days? And if so does it matter if you are still called librarian?

In the Polar Libraries Colloquy I think it safe to say that, at present, real books still matter a great deal even if, in some instances, other digital objectives have been added to the remit. So, in terms of my definition, we do not need to change our name at present. But, as we did in choosing the title for our Copenhagen meeting, we do need to move with the needs of the users and recognise, in developing our programme for Ottawa, that the sunlight uplands of cyberspace are increasingly near and increasingly important. The scanned

contents of a rare early book will, for me, never have the sensual pleasure of the handmade paper of the original, nor will a display screen ever remotely rival an original morocco binding with raised bands and gilt tooling! But the demands of the users are largely not for these but for information, delivered accurately, rapidly, digitally and with authority!

BAS have a need to organise their information management in a much more co-ordinated way in order to be more efficient and effective, meet new legal requirements and above all provide the busy users with a one-stop shop for all their data and information needs. Many other organisations have similar management requirements and we need to address what this means for skills, good practice and delivery in the wide diversity of polar libraries. ✍

*David Walton, Chair
PLC Steering Committee*



OTHERS REMEMBER 19TH COLLOQUY

*Silvia Sarti
PNRA Library/Rome*

When my boss, Mario Zucchelli, told me that I had to go to a Polar Libraries Colloquy in June in Copenhagen I felt doubtful and a little scared. I had worked in the Italian Antarctic Project Library and everything was so unusual to me!

At the same time I was very curious: the Colloquy program looked interesting and, after four years working in Italian libraries, it would provide an opportunity to become acquainted with working conditions at "extreme latitudes". These were my feelings when I set foot in wonderful Gammel Dok.

The following five days flew past. We talked about the role of libraries and librarians, comparison of new technological instruments, and advantages and disadvantages of the online age. I heard discussions about cooperative projects, new databases, resources and services, news about the Cold Regions Bibliography, questions on quality and autonomy of scientific publishing, and a fascinating sequence showing the close connections between explorers and books as traveling companions.

We shared work experiences, good food and drink, visited Copenhagen, Roskilde and Esrum. Everything was perfect thanks to Vibeke and her colleagues at the Danish Polar Center. Now I feel myself an "almost-polar librarian" and my luggage is ready for Ottawa and Hobart. ✍

William Mills kindly sent this photo of Jacquie, Tony (sitting by his sister), and John taken by their mother Tzeyun in June 2003.



*Martha Andrews, Institute of Arctic and Alpine
Research, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, 80309*

The conference organizers (Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen, Kirsten F. Eriksen, and Kirsten E. Caning) are to be congratulated on a very successful colloquy. The beautiful city of Copenhagen hosted us in style, with fine warm weather to enhance all of the street and water life which filled our off-meeting hours.

The venue at Gammel Dok was perfect--from the beautifully restored building to the waterfront location, and all within walking distance from the hotels. It also lent itself to Dennis Stephens' bagpipe concert on banquet night!

The paper and poster sessions covered a wide range of topics presented by participants from numerous countries with polar regions interests. A truly international perspective was gained on many pertinent issues facing polar regions libraries, and indeed any type of library, in this time of dynamic change in information management.

The mid-week field trip to the Viking Ship Museum and to the Esrum Abbey and Nature Centre provided an excellent time to interact with colleagues while at the same time providing a wonderful visit to these very interesting attractions.

As has become customary for colloquy participants, the banquet, with excellent entertainment provided, and the following auction, both silent and 'outcry,' have become hallmark events. During this time friendships are made, and perhaps even unmade, over good food and wine and the inevitable competition over items such as David Stam's necktie decorated with polar images! I have a feeling that this will turn up at the next auction, to which we look forward in Ottawa in 2004! ✍

see PEOPLE, page 11,
for more information

HUBERT AND BEATRICE WENGER HONORED AS HUBERT WENGER ESKIMO DATABASE GOES PUBLIC ON THE INTERNET

The Colloquy formally recognized the tremendous contributions of Hubert and Beatrice Wenger in the development of their Eskimo database at the Copenhagen business meeting. Ron Inouye read a letter from Paul McCarthy of Rasmuson Library, and a proclamation was approved by the Colloquy members. Beatrice, who attended Colloquy, was given an Alaskan grass basket as a small token of appreciation.

URL for the Wenger Eskimo Database: <http://www.wengereskimodb.uaf.edu>
or the European mirror at: <http://www.wengereskimodb.unige.ch>



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Date: 11 June 2002

To: Participants, Polar Libraries Colloquy

Fr: Paul H. McCarthy, Director of Libraries and Information Technology

Re: Hubert Wenger Eskimo Database

While I am not able to join you I do want to join you in both celebrating the public release of the Database via the Internet and acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the contributions of Beatrice and Hubert Wenger. Without their support, drive, encouragement and intellectual contribution this achievement would not have been possible.

The public release of the web version of the Hubert Wenger Eskimo Database is the result of many individuals all focused on the importance of these materials for both native peoples and individual researchers. Hubert was a very active participant in this process providing leadership, perspective and information without which the project would not have started much less finished. He was visionary in his desire to make these literary materials as widely available as possible using up-to-date technology.

Before and especially after Hubert's untimely death Beatrice Wenger maintained the commitment to make these materials available in the most effective way possible to as wide an audience as possible through the World-wide Web. The ability to make the Hubert Wenger Eskimo Database available this summer is largely the support both financial and emotional of Beatrice Wenger.

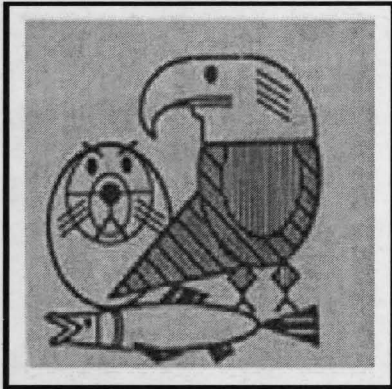
I join you in celebrating the Database and the role of Beatrice Wenger in making it all possible.



**Beatrice Wenger
at the Hotel Opera:
19th Colloquy in
Copenhagen**

Wenger--Cont. from page 5

PLC Resolution



Polar Libraries Colloquy Copenhagen 2002 Resolution

Whereas, the written accounts of first contacts with Eskimos and Inuit are often difficult to identify, are frequently out of print, or are located in collections scattered around the globe, and,

whereas, many of these first accounts are in sources not easily accessible to contemporary Eskimos and Inuit, students, scholars and researchers; and,

whereas, the dream of Hubert Wenger to provide that information via electronic technology has been achieved following 12 years of development; and,

whereas, Hubert passed away in 1995 but his vision has been continued by his wife Beatrice; and,

whereas the physical and intellectual worlds of Eskimo/Inuit first contact literature are now available globally in the Hubert Wenger Eskimo Database on the world wide web;

Now therefore be it resolved that the 19th Polar Libraries Colloquy assembled in biennial meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, this June 2002, extend its appreciation and congratulations to Beatrice Wenger and the members of the project staff for accomplishing Hubert's dream of opening a door to the first contact literature for the residents and scholars of the Arctic.

HBCA LIBRARY ON MAPLIN

In the summer of 2000 the Hudson's Bay Company Archives acquired most of the library that had been maintained by *The Beaver* magazine. This library, of some 2,500 titles, including rare books, is similar in its strengths to the HBCA library, and has significantly enhanced our Arctic holdings.. A particular treasure is a copy of Nares's *Narrative of a Voyage to the Polar Sea* (1878).

The Beaver Library, as we call it, has been catalogued by Linda Horodecki to LC standards, and entered into a Geac database. The catalogue is available on line on Manitoba Public Library Service's MAPLIN. It can be accessed at <http://maplin.gov.mb.ca/cgi-bin/zform.cgi?MAPLIN-HBCA>. Eventually not just The Hudson's Bay Company Archives *The Beaver* Library but all the HBCA Library will be

searchable on MAPLIN.

Books in our library do not circulate and are not available for ILL, as the MAPLIN web site makes clear. We will make photocopies of selected material, however, if the condition of the book warrants this. ✂

Anne Morton,
Hudson's Bay Company
Archives, Canada

BOOK REVIEWS

Barbara E. Kelcey, *Alone in Silence: European Women in the Canadian North before 1940*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001. Native and Northern Studies 27. ISBN 0-7735-2197-6 (cloth); 0-7735-2292-1 (pb). www.mcgill.ca/mqun

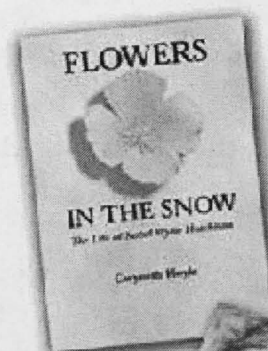
Gwyneth Hoyle, *Flowers in the Snow: The Life of Isobel Wylie Hutchison*. University of Nebraska Press, 2001. Women in the West series. ISBN0-8032-2403-6 (cloth)
<http://nebraskapress.unl.edu>

Some members of the Collquy will have encountered Barbara Kelcey as a researcher; many of you will know her as the organizer of the 18th Polar Libraries Colloquy in Winnipeg in June 2000. *Alone in Silence*, based on Dr Kelcey's doctoral thesis, deals with the experiences of the approximately 500 white women who lived and traveled in the Canadian North before the Second World War. They were nurses, wives, journalists, missionaries, scientists, artists. The book focuses on their "personal situations and relationships, whether with God and the north, men in the north, or with other women and other cultures, rather than the ideological frameworks of another time." (p.11). Of course, gender and race were significant issues in the North and Kelcey does not overlook them. But she does not use them to judge the women and find them wanting as Christian, racist and too accepting of a patriarchal culture. She considers them with sympathy on their own terms.

The book is arranged thematically with chapters on daily life such as 'A Long While Between Dog Teams' and 'Meatless, Wheatless and Sweetless Days', on travelers and writers, on Anglican and Roman Catholic missionaries, and on the encounter of Mary Lyman with 'the Holy Trinity of the North' (the Church, the RCMP and the HBC), which enlivened the winter of 1924-25 at Herschel Island. On finishing this lively and crisply written book the reader is left with the sense that for many of these women their years in their North both demanded and gave a great deal. In the end, the experience enriched their lives.

The book's rather doleful title (not chosen by Barbara) is at odds with the tone of the book. It is also at odds with the intention of the woman who wrote the lines from which the phrase 'Alone in Silence' was taken. This was Isobel Hutchison (1889-1982), the Scottish botanist, traveler and author. She valued the chance the North gave her to be alone in silence as it brought her closer to a sense of God. Hutchison travelled to Greenland, Alaska, the Aleutians and Canada's Western Arctic in the years between the wars. Given the range of her travels, *Flowers in the Snow* is a truly polar book about a delightful woman.

Anne Morton
Hudson's Bay Company Archives



SOME WORLD WIDE WEB ADDRESSES TO NOTE

This list was coordinated by Vibeke Jakobsen from URLs mentioned at the Colloquy sessions:

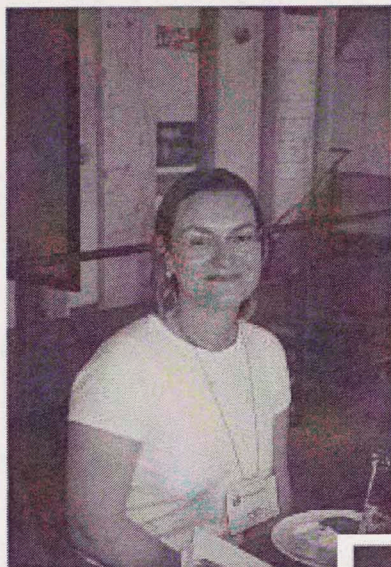
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| http://www.arcticcentre.org/databases | Arctic Research Databases |
| http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/indianaffairs | Indian Affairs annual reports (1864-1990) |
| http://arctichealth.nlm.nih.gov | Arctic Health (soon to be: www.arctichealth.org) |
| http://nsidc.org | National Snow & Ice Data Center (soon to include historic glacier photos) |
| http://www.bibliothek.uni-regensburg.de/ezeit | Catalogue portal of Germany based e-journals |
| http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/hylib/en/kuk.html | Catalogue portal – German union and national catalogues |
| http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu | The Ohio State University libraries |
| http://www.coldregions.org | Cold Regions Bibliography project |
| http://www.arlis.org | ARLIS – Alaska Resources Library & Information Services |
| http://www.pnra.it | PNRA – Italian National Antarctic Programme Guide to Alaska Geologic and Mineral information |
| http://www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us/Libguide/Section1.htm | Guide to Alaska Geologic and Mineral information |
| http://info.dec.state.ak.us/ciimms | CIIMMS - Alaska's Cooperatively Implemented Information Management System |
| http://muscat.mnhn.fr/mnhnbib/ | Catalogue of the Fonds polaire and the library of the National Museum of Natural History Polar events (in French) French Polar Institute |
| http://www.ifremer.fr/ifrtp/wwwenglish | French Polar Institute |
| http://www.transpolair.com | Polar events (in French) |
| http://www.bibsys.no/english.html | Norwegian union catalogue of university libraries, the National Library, college libraries and research libraries |
| http://www.nb.no/baser/nansen/index.html | Fridtjof Nansen photo database (Norwegian version. App. 3.500 entries) |
| http://www.nb.no/baser/nansen/english.html | Fridtjof Nansen photo database (English version. App. 1.300 entries) |
| http://www.unep.net/arctic/ | Arctic Portal |
| http://www.kingsbay.no/ | Kings Bay The Northern Lights Route |

On Pollib, Susan Barr, via William Mills, announced the new website of the ICOMOS International Polar Heritage Committee. <http://www.polarheritage.com>

The VESTNORD project is now open to the public. It is a digitalized library consisting of newspapers and periodicals from Greenland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands. The first digitized periodicals are now available and in 2003 a free text search facility will be added. <http://www.aviisitoqqat.gl>

The new edition of the *PNRA BIBLIOGRAPHY 1997-2001* is now available on the web. It covers information on the Italian scientific research on Antarctica.
http://www.pnra.it/ANTARTIDE/HTML_it/biblio.html

PLC 2002-2004 Steering Committee Members in Copenhagen. For a complete list of members see page 2 of the *Bulletin*. Not pictured are Steering Committee members Liisa Kurppa and *Bulletin* co-editor Cathie Innes-Taylor, who were unable to attend. Nancy Lesh, co-editor, is also not pictured--she was busy taking pictures.



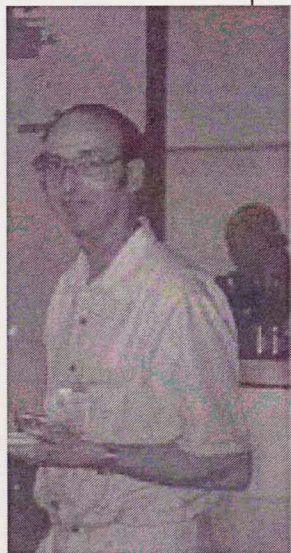
Sylvia Sarti



Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen



l. to r.: Julia Finn, David Walton, Ron Inouye



William Mills



Betty Galbraith and Birit Jakobsen



Conversation and food
are always a good mix

Participants listen to guide
at the Viking Ship Museum



Kirsten Caning guides participants
through the Danish Polar Center



Hanne K. Petersen, Director of the Danish Polar Center (facing camera), gave a welcoming address and attended the reception at the DPC.

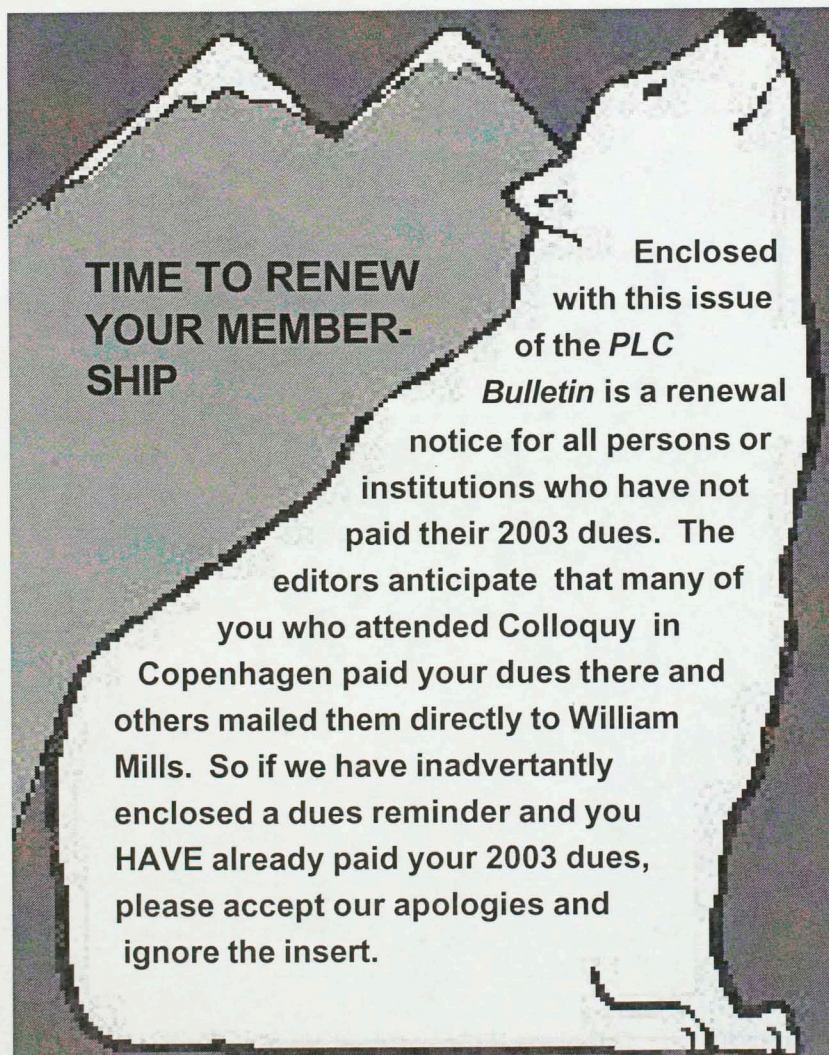


people

David and Deirdre Stam visited Alaska in November 2002. They gave their Colloquy presentation "Silent Friends—Books and Reading on Polar Expeditions" in Fairbanks at the Noel Wein Public Library and Rasmuson Library, UAF, and in Anchorage at a Cook Inlet Historical Society meeting. They plan to work at SPRI on various projects in March, 2003.

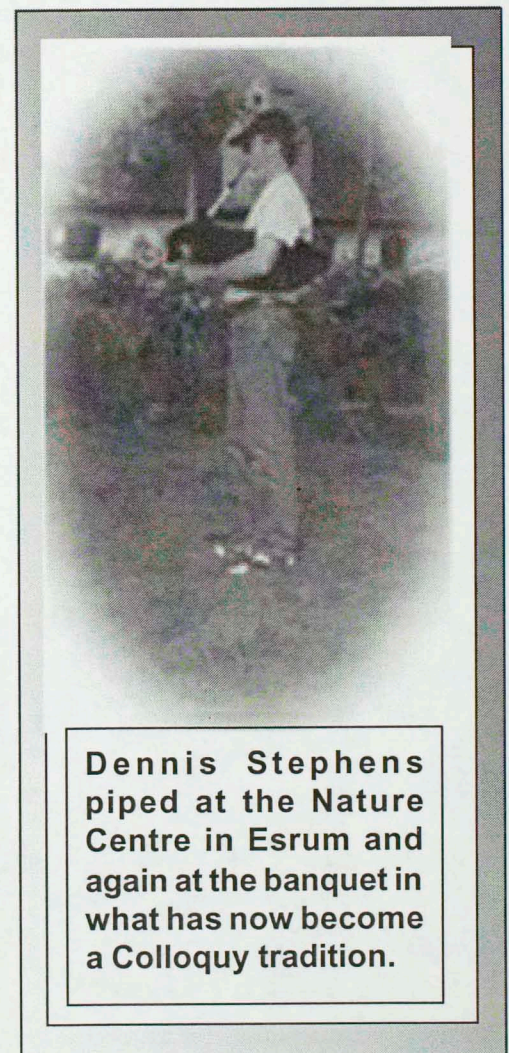
Twin sons were born to **William and Tzeyun Mills** on October 6, 2002. Sister Jacqueline welcomed her new brothers Tony and John. Congratulations to all the Mills Family! (please see photo, page 4)

Martha Andrews retired from her position at the INSTARR, Univ. of Colorado. She reports she is busy in "retirement" and taking an art history course plus a film history class this spring. If friends want to contact her, her email remains the same. *ES*



**TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBER-
SHIP**

Enclosed
with this issue
of the *PLC
Bulletin* is a renewal
notice for all persons or
institutions who have not
paid their 2003 dues. The
editors anticipate that many of
you who attended Colloquy in
Copenhagen paid your dues there and
others mailed them directly to William
Mills. So if we have inadvertently
enclosed a dues reminder and you
HAVE already paid your 2003 dues,
please accept our apologies and
ignore the insert.



Dennis Stephens
piped at the Nature
Centre in Esrum and
again at the banquet in
what has now become
a Colloquy tradition.

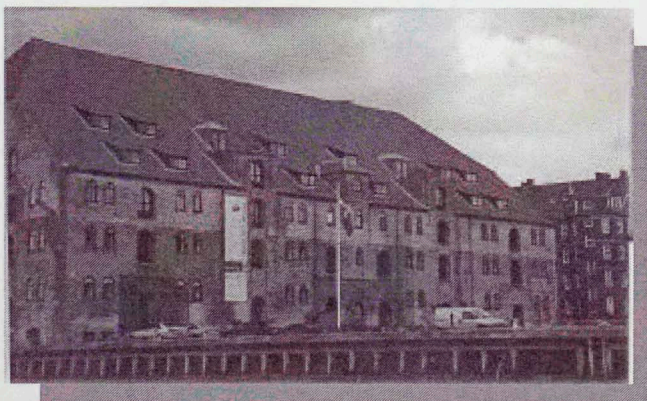
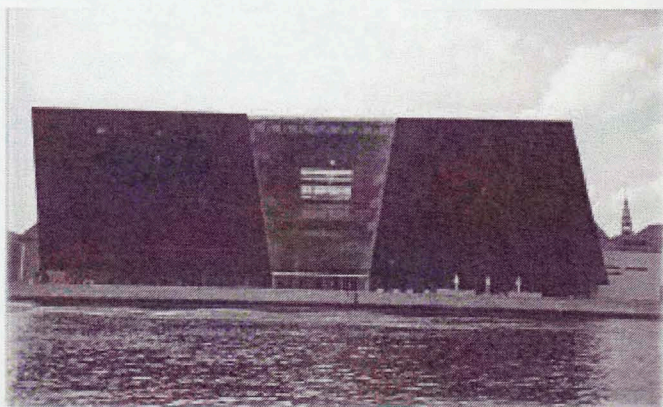
19th COLLOQUY PROCEEDINGS

The PROCEEDINGS were mailed to all participants at the end of 2002. Kirsten Caning, co-editor, reports: "It was a pleasure editing the proceedings. All contributions were on my desk in due time and were beautifully proof-read."

The PROCEEDINGS are published as No. 10 in the series Danish Polar Center Publications. Extra copies may be ordered from Kirsten by email kec@dpc.dk, by phone +45 3288 0103, and through our internet shop www.polarshop.dk. The price will be DKK 200 plus VAT.

Colloquy thanks Kirsten and Vibeke for all their work in getting the PROCEEDINGS out in a fine edition, and in such a timely manner! It was fun to find the photo of all the participants on the back cover with a beautiful Copenhagen skyline in the background.

The new Royal Library where Colloquy folks toured the rare map collection.



Gammel Dok, venue for the 19th Colloquy

19th POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUY BUSINESS MEETING 20 JUNE 2002

1. Financial report, including Wenger Fund

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|--------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Business Premium Account | 50097217 | £2,650.03 | (Wenger Fund) |
| Community Account | 20092207 | £ 32.03 | |
| Business Reserve Account | 90075132 | £6,041.94 | |
| | Total | £8,724.00 | (2000 figure: £9,146.59) |

Major transactions

Business Reserve Account / Community Account

Credit

\$900.00 credit from University of Colorado transferring funds originally deposited for compilation of the *Polar and cold regions libraries directory*.

£699.73 (6.07.2000)

Debit

PLC Bulletin

No. 47

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Support for 19PLC

(\$2000)

£1,395.73 (2.05.02)

Business Premium Account

18PLC Auction raised \$1361 CDN agreed to write this off against \$1400 CDN for 4 Wenger Awards made to delegates attending 18PLC.

2. Membership status and issues

New members:

Individual: James H. Anderson; Loretta Andress; Ralph Carlson; Guy Guthridge; H.G. Jones; Sue Kaplan; C-M. Naske; India Spartz

Institutional: Ajtte Biblioteket, Jokkmokk; Alaska State Library; Aurora College; Australian Antarctic Division; Consortium Library, Anchorage; CRREL; Dartmouth College; Eskimo Museum; Finnmark Fylkesbiblioteket; Finnish Institute of Marine Research; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Ilisimatusarfik, Nuuk; Ilisagvik College, Barrow; Indiana State Library; Institut fur Eskimologi; IFRTP; International Arctic Science Committee; Lulea University; Museo Storico A.M., Vigna di Valle; National Library, Rana; NIWA Research, Wellington; Norwegian Polar Institute; Nunatta Atuagaateqarfia; Nunavut Arctic College; Rasmusson Library; Rovaniemi Kaupunki; Stefansson Arctic Institute; Swedish Institute of Space Physics; Swedish Polar Secretariat; University of Alberta; University of Calgary; University of Colorado, INSTAAR; University of East Anglia; University of Lapland; University Studies in Svalbard; University Library of Tromsø; Z.J. Loussac Library.

| Totals | (pre-conference) | (post-conference) |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Individual: | 25 | 55 |
| Institutional: | 24 | 26 |
| Honorary: | 4 | 4 |

3. Newsletter report

The following report was submitted by the editors, Nancy Lesh and Cathie Innes-Taylor:

We began as the new editors of the *POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUY BULLETIN* following the 18TH Colloquy in Winnipeg, and have produced two double issues.

Nos. 48-49, Fall 2000-Spring 2001, was sent to 369 people using a mailing list which had been developed over a number of years and needed updating since many of the people and institutions on the list were not current members of the PLC. We decided to mail this issue to everyone on the list and include a membership renewal form, the first time the PLC has solicited membership renewals by mail. The results were successful and we now have 101 paid memberships. The change from a large complimentary mailing list to one with only current members was a decision made by PLC members. The issue cost \$948.80 to produce and mail, but costs went down significantly for the next issue since only current dues paying members are now on the mailing list.

Nos. 50-51, Fall 2001-Spring 2002, was sent to the 101 current members and cost \$284.55 to produce and mail.

We would like to thank all the contributors to these issues! We could not have put out the *BULLETIN* without you all. These folks include: Anne Morton, Julia Finn, Robert B. Stephenson, Garth Graham, Nora T. Corley Murchison, Sylvie Devers, Jean-Loup Rousselot, David W.H. Walton, Laura Kissel, William Mills, Stu Hibben, Kirsten Caning, Paul McCarthy, India Spartz, Ross Goodwin, Martha Andrews, Andie Smithies, Phil N. Cronenwett, Rick McGregor, Diane Brenner, Harry King, Arto Vitikka, Liisa Kurppa, and Susan Grigg.

Special thanks go to William Mills for keeping us correct on finances and the current membership, and to Loretta Andress, the *BULLETIN*'s production editor, without whom Cathie and Nancy would not be producing the *BULLETIN*!

We intend to publish four "regular sized" issues over the next two years. We also want to increase our number of contributors and enlarge the coverage more fully throughout "PLC Land." We will be calling on our membership for help and appreciate your contributions in advance!

Please let us hear from you with comments, ideas for articles, reviews, etc.

Thank you for letting us have the fun of producing the *BULLETIN* and for the opportunity to work with all of you!

4. Wenger Proclamation

This following resolution proposed by Ron Inouye, and supported by an accompanying letter from Paul McCarthy, Director of Libraries and Information Technology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, was passed by acclamation:

Whereas, the written accounts of first contacts with Eskimos and Inuit are often difficult to identify, are frequently out of print, or are located in collections scattered around the globe; and,

whereas, many of those first accounts are in sources not easily accessible to contemporary Eskimos and Inuit, students, scholars and researchers; and,

whereas, the dream of Hubert Wenger to provide that information via electronic technology has been achieved following 12 years of development; and,

whereas, Hubert passed away in 1995 but his vision has been continued by his wife Beatrice; and,

whereas the physical and intellectual worlds of Eskimo/Inuit first contact literature are now available globally in the

Hubert Wenger Eskimo Database on the world wide web;

Now therefore be it resolved that the 19th Polar Libraries Colloquy assembled in biennial meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, this June 2002, extend its appreciation and congratulations to Beatrice Wenger and the members of the project staff for accomplishing Hubert's dream of opening a door to the first contact literature for the residents and scholars of the Arctic.

5. 20th PLC venue

David Walton now took over as chair. Invitations were presented by Julia Finn on behalf of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Ottawa, and Martha Andrews on behalf of CSIRO Marine Research and the Australian Antarctic Division, Hobart, the latter being for a meeting held jointly with IAMSLIC. Delegates were invited between these two attractive venues, together with a third proposed on behalf of the Steering Committee: that the main venue be Ottawa but a PLC 'day' be held in Hobart. This option had been previously discussed with organizers of the Hobart meeting. Of 47 votes cast: 27 were for the third option (Ottawa and Hobart), 12 for Hobart, and 8 for Ottawa. Ottawa was therefore chosen as the main venue and the Steering Committee was to approach IAMSLIC concerning a suitable PLC contribution to Hobart.

6. Any Other Business

a. The following resolution proposed by Dennis Stephens was adopted by unanimous acclamation:

Whereas, the Polar Libraries Colloquy is a formal international organization which yet prizes its informality and is dedicated to the goal of identifying, gathering, preserving, and providing access to Arctic and Antarctic information resources, and encouraging and guiding their use;

And whereas, individual members of the Colloquy have made valued formal and informal contributions to this goal;

And whereas, the Colloquy recognizes that life is short, geologically speaking, that comradeship is an ultimate measure of our stay on this planet, that this individual has been friend and wise counsellor to the Colloquy for over two decades, and that contributions to our goals should be duly acknowledged by the Colloquy;

And whereas, this individual has been instrumental in gaining formal recognition of the importance of polar information access to the United States government through conceiving, developing, and obtaining funding for the U.S. Polar Information Working Group (aka USPIGS), and thereby indirectly but effectively obtaining financial support for the Colloquy;

And whereas, this individual is one of the few who have participated in the Colloquy since its origin as The Northern Libraries Colloquy in 1971, and therefore has become the *ipso facto* historian of the group, her authority confirmed by this remark overheard at the present Colloquy: "If Martha says it happened then, it happened then."

And whereas, this individual through direct participation in the original printed version of the *Arctic Bibliography*, and through formal and informal efforts over a twenty-year plus period was instrumental in obtaining the funding to digitise the *Arctic Bibliography*;

And whereas, this individuals' formal contributions to the Colloquy have included a series of well-researched papers, co-hosting a meeting in Boulder in 1988, as well as many thoughtful contributions to session discussions, and whose informal activities at meetings are best left undetailed here but are recognized as being lots of fun;

And whereas, Martha Andrews has indicated that this the 19th Colloquy will be her last before formal retirement, though we hope to see her continued participation for three more decades at least;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Colloquy at its 19th meeting in Copenhagen recognizes and acknowledges the contributions of Martha Andrews by confirming upon her the title of Polar Libraries Colloquy Elder.

b. The following resolution concerning information and data loss issues was moved by Lyle Perrigo and adopted unanimously.

Be it resolved: The Polar Libraries Colloquy and its members should create broader general awareness of and responses to information and data loss issued by outreach and collaborative programmes. These efforts should be with and involve scientific, technical, and historical organizations; local, regional, and national governmental agencies and bodies; colleges and universities; the media; and the general public.

c. The following resolution moved by Phil Cronenwett was adopted unanimously.

Whereas, the 19th Polar Libraries Colloquy has been a stunning success, intellectually, socially, and gastronomically; and

Whereas, the Danish Polar Center has set a remarkably high standard in the planning and execution of an international conference; and

Whereas, even the weather appears to respond to the demands of the Center's staff;

Be it hereby resolved that the assembled membership of the Colloquy offer its warmest thanks to Director Hanne Petersen, to Kirsten Caning, to Kirsten Eriksen, to Henning Thing, to Grete Dalum-Tilds, and, in particular, to Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen.

7. Election of Steering Committee

The following members were elected: Ron Inouye, Berit Jakobsen, Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen, Liisa Kurppa, Silvia Sarti.

Officers: David Walton, Chair; Betty Galbraith, Secretary-Treasurer

Ex-officio: Julia Finn (Convenor, 20th PLC); Cathie Innes-Taylor and Nancy Lesh (Editors, PLC Bulletin)

William Mills

Secretary / Treasurer

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20th Polar Libraries Colloquy in Ottawa, Canada, June 2004

The 20th Polar Libraries Colloquy will be held from June 7 to 11, 2004 in Ottawa, Canada's national capital.

The Ottawa Marriott will be the main venue for the Colloquy. The Ottawa Marriott is centrally located, just a block west and south of Parliament Hill. All colloquy meetings and lunches will be at the hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved for delegates, with room rates of approximately \$165 Canadian per night for a single or double room.

The organizing committee is working

on a varied program of activities and visits to give you an opportunity to network with colleagues and enjoy the city. An optional post-colloquy trip to Iqaluit, in Canada's newest Arctic territory, Nunavut, is being considered.

We hope to attract a good number of local delegates who will bring information to the Colloquy on some exciting Canadian initiatives.

A number of animated panel discussions were held at the 19th Polar Colloquy in Copenhagen this June 2002,

with many people in the room exchanging information and ideas. In 2004, we would like to have more panels. Send your ideas for panel discussions to Julia Finn at finnj@inac.gc.ca

For tourist information on Ottawa check out www.ottawakiosk.com

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