

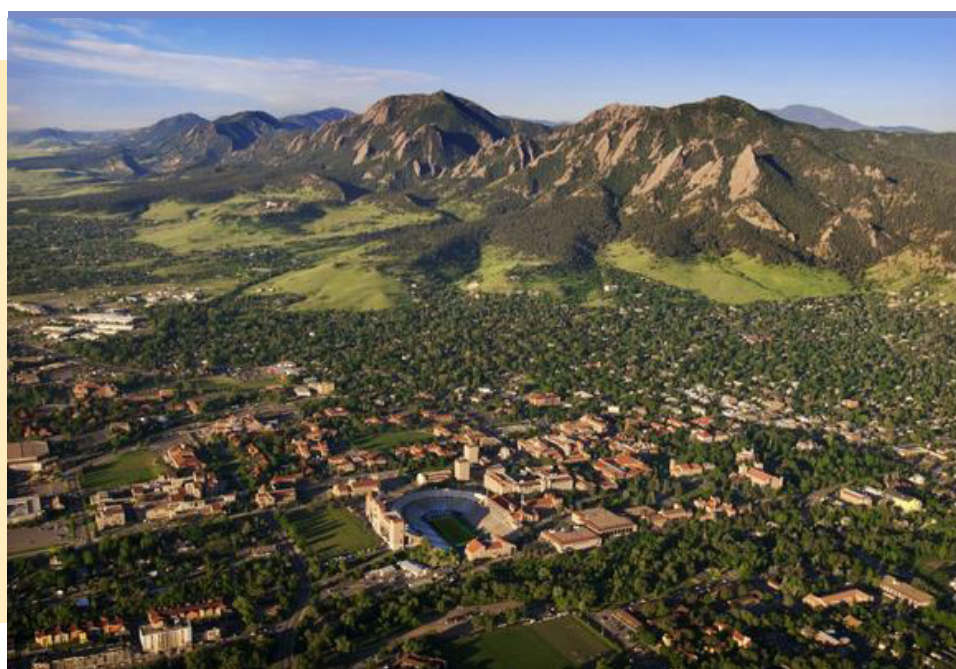
## **Boulder Hosts the 24<sup>th</sup> Polar Libraries Colloquy** **June 11–14, 2012**

### *Cold Regions: Pivot Points, Focal Points*

We hope to see you at the 24th Colloquy in Boulder, Colorado, June 11–14, 2012, hosted by the University of Colorado Boulder's Roger G. Barry Resource Office for Cryospheric Studies (ROCS) and the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR). The conference theme is *Cold Regions: Pivot Points, Focal Points*. Scientists, economists, and governments are focused on the evolving role of Polar Regions in world affairs; polar libraries are evolving as well. What changes have you noticed in your collections, focus, or administration as global attention pivots around the Poles?

The Colloquy will feature a number of interesting presentations and panels, an experiment with an "unconference" session to address practical problems in polar libraries, and a field trip to one of the coldest labs in the world.

The conference website is up and registration is now open at <http://plc24.blogspot.com/>. There you will also find information about Boulder, lodging, and transportation, as well as the Call for Papers. The deadline for abstracts is rapidly approaching, and the conference organizers request that you submit your abstract of 500 words or less when you complete your registration.



*An aerial view of the University of Colorado Boulder campus, showing the Flatirons to the west of town.  
(All photographs courtesy of the University of Colorado Boulder.)*



## Boulder Hosts 24<sup>th</sup> PLC continued from page 1

Submissions are invited for papers, panel discussions, and posters. Proposals for papers and panel discussions are due **March 16, 2012**, and should be submitted to [library@nsidc.org](mailto:library@nsidc.org).

Paper presentations should address recently conducted research or projects, or content that advances the field of polar libraries or information. Presentations are typically 20 minutes long, followed by a ten-minute question-and-answer session.

Panel discussions should focus on current topics. They are ordinarily an hour long, with three to five participants, and include time for questions.

Poster presentations should address products or projects such as databases, websites, or other information tools.



*Pearl Street west.*

Registration fees in U.S. dollars are as follow.

Early registration: \$300

Regular and on-site registration: \$350

Single day – Early registration: \$110

Single day – Regular and on-site registration: \$135

Guest lunch: \$15 per lunch

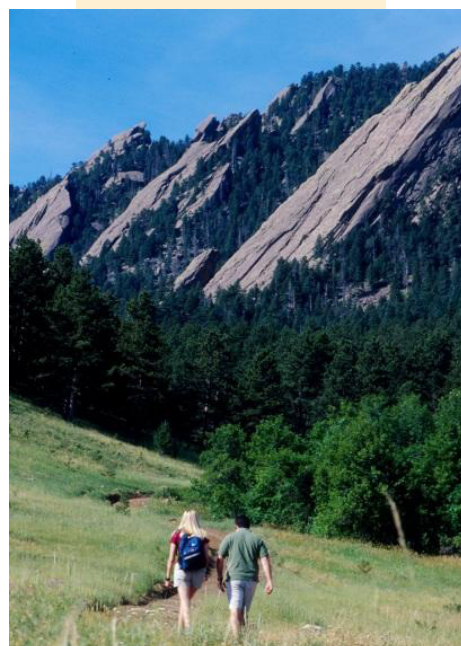
Guest banquet attendance: \$70

Guest attendance at National Ice Core Lab tour: \$50

Rocky Mountain National Park tour on 15 June: \$50



*The heart of downtown Boulder is Pearl Street, a pedestrian mall featuring restaurants, bookstores, art galleries, gift shops, and boutiques.*



*A pair of hikers in Chautauqua Park, where trails lead away into the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.*





## Boulder Hosts 24th PLC continued from page 2

Registration includes attendance at the sessions, breaks and lunches each day, a field trip, and the closing banquet at the beautiful Red Lion Inn snuggled in the mountains near Boulder.

**The Boulder Inn**, a 15-minute walk from the conference venue on the University of Colorado Boulder campus, has a block of discounted rooms available. The Boulder Inn has recently renovated its rooms and public spaces; some have views of the mountains. Rates are \$104.00 plus tax per night for a king-sized bed and \$114.00 plus tax per night for two queen-sized beds. You can make reservations with Ari Rubin by email ([ari@boulderinn.com](mailto:ari@boulderinn.com)) or telephone (1-800-233-8469); mention the Colloquy to get the special rate. Reservations are being accepted for the discounted rate until May 11, 2012.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to plan for a great week in beautiful Colorado.

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### Wenger Award

If you are a relative newcomer looking for financial assistance to attend this year's Polar Libraries Colloquy, consider applying for the Wenger Award. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to one or more delegates who might otherwise be unable to attend. The Award covers the full cost of registration for the Colloquy but not travel or accommodation costs. Delegates who have received two Wenger Awards in the past are not eligible to apply for further funding. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.



*The conference will take place in the ATLAS (Alliance for Technology, Learning, and Society Building). This state-of-the-art center supports cross-disciplinary interactions and features many venues for creative and intellectual expression. (Photograph by Casey A. Cass.)*

## 2010 PLC Conference Proceedings Available

The proceedings from *Cool Libraries in a Melting World: Proceedings of the 23rd Polar Libraries Colloquy 2010, June 13–18, 2010, Bremerhaven, Germany* have been published by the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research as part of its series, *Reports on Polar and Marine Research*.

The proceedings are posted online only; no print version will be issued. They can be accessed at [http://arcticcentre.ulapland.fi/polarweb/plc/pdf/plc10\\_full.pdf](http://arcticcentre.ulapland.fi/polarweb/plc/pdf/plc10_full.pdf).



## A Note from the PLC Chair

I indicated in the previous *Polar Libraries Bulletin* (Spring 2011) that my retirement from the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) was imminent, and it duly happened in early September 2011. My successor, Tess Egan, formerly Science Librarian at Griffith University, took over the reins in late August, and I am pleased to report that the position has retained its existing level and status despite fears to the contrary. Tess is now subscribed to *pollib-L* and can be contacted directly for any Antarctic-related queries at [tess.egan@aad.gov.au](mailto:tess.egan@aad.gov.au). The AAD also has a new director, Tony Fleming, and I am hopeful that he will recognise the importance of Tess' attendance at future Colloquies.

For my own part, I have moved to Bicheno, a small village on the east coast of Tasmania, where my wife and I are running a small bed and breakfast establishment. Not surprisingly, I now feel very much 'out of the loop' as far as PLC is concerned. My priorities are suddenly elsewhere, and my hope of attending the Boulder Colloquy is fast disappearing. I have therefore decided to resign as PLC Chair and to pass the baton to Pierre Beaudreau, Chair-elect, somewhat earlier than planned.

Last but not least, I must say that I enjoyed very much the Colloquies I was able to attend in Rome and Edmonton, and I will certainly miss the friendly gatherings of our like-minded and close-knit group.

So, regretfully, it's farewell from me and best wishes for the future to you all.

**Andie Smithies**

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## Several More Retirements

In addition to Andie Smithies' retirement from the Australian Antarctic Division, PLC learned that Fred Presteng at the Norwegian Polar Institute has retired and that "after 36 wonderful years," Ross Goodwin at the Arctic Institute of North America is retiring later this year. Best of luck to all of you!

Fred writes:

Dear all PLC friends,

After 17 years at the Norwegian Polar Institute, I have decided to move on. The last week of September 2011 was my last week at work in Tromsø, and from October I will be living in Berlin.

Thank you very much for all the nice moments at the Colloquies! Not going to future PLCs is actually one of the things I will miss most when I leave my job. Have a fun time in Boulder; I will be thinking of you!

Best wishes from

**Fred**

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## New Swedish Polar Website

by **Gunnar Holmlund**, Librarian

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Gothenburg University Library recently launched a website ([www.ub.gu.se/portaler/polarportalen/](http://www.ub.gu.se/portaler/polarportalen/)) with the aim of covering Swedish polar exploration between 1860 and 1980 with a photographic database specially set up for researchers from the social sciences, cultural sciences, and humanities.

Although the website is written in Swedish, it may prove to be a valuable resource when looking for pictures and references about Swedish research in the Arctic and the Antarctic. The pages will eventually be translated into English.

### Contents:

Om Polarportalen	Introduction
Svensk polarforskning	Swedish polar research
Konst, litteratur och music	Art, literature, and music
Kronologi	Chronology of Arctic and Antarctic exploration
Expeditioner	Swedish expeditions from 1860 to 1980
Biografier	Biographies of explorers
Fotografier	Photographic database
Länkar	Links

For more information, contact me at [gunnar.holmlund@ub.gu.se](mailto:gunnar.holmlund@ub.gu.se).

## Update on University of the Arctic

by **Sandy Campbell**

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University of Alberta, Edmonton

I attended the University of the Arctic Council meeting in Rovaniemi, Finland in June 6–10, 2011. Earlier in February, the UArctic Learning Environment group held a conference call during which the parties involved agreed to use the Arctic Portal as a form of library catalogue and digital repository. This will be a workable solution until UArctic reaches the point of needing to supply licensed materials for its populations.

The Learning Environment group met prior to the Council in Rovaniemi, and also held a break-out session on the Digital Library during the meeting to discuss ways to make the Arctic Portal work better as an interim library catalogue. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at [sandy.campbell@ualberta.ca](mailto:sandy.campbell@ualberta.ca).



*Mosselbukta overwinter expedition, Svalbard, 1872–1873. (Photograph above and immediately below by Axel Enwall.)*



*Gerard De Geers expedition, Spitsbergen 1896. (Photograph by Ny Sokning.)*



## News of The Poles in Classical Music

- *Inuksuit*, composed by [John Luther Adams](#) of Alaska, premiered in New York in February 2011 at the Park Avenue Armory. Named after stone markers built by the Inuit in the Arctic, *Inuksuit* is a 70+ minute work written for 9–99 percussionists, ideally performing outdoors. Here is one of several YouTube videos of the performance: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnoxu4Qb0&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnoxu4Qb0&feature=related).
- In a ceremony in Stockholm on August 30, 2011, the San Francisco-based Kronos Quartet received the [Polar Music Prize](#) for 2011. Established in Sweden in 1989, the prize is considered one of the most prestigious and unique music prizes in the world. It is awarded annually to one classical and one contemporary musician or ensemble for exceptional achievements in music and/or musical activity. The Prize was founded by the late Stig "Stikkan" Anderson, who was the publisher, lyricist, and manager of ABBA, and its name stems from Anderson's record label, Polar Records.

The Board of the Stig Anderson Music Award Foundation includes representatives from the Stig Anderson family, the Swedish Society of Popular Music Composers, and the Swedish Performing Rights Society. An Award Committee comprised of members of the music industry is responsible for the selection. Laureates from a range of countries, cultures, and continents have received the Prize in Stockholm from the hand of His Majesty, King Carl XVI; these include Pierre Boulez, Bob Dylan, Gyorgi Ligeti, Isaac Stern, and Sir Paul McCartney.

The 2012 Polar Music Prize Laureates will be announced May 8 at Stockholm City Hall and the award ceremony will be held later in the year.

- Composer Doug Quin (a colleague of David Stam in Syracuse) had his work, *Polar Suite*, premiered by the [Kronos Quartet](#) in Syracuse, NY, on November 9, 2011. Quin has also produced a vinyl record of hydrophonic recordings of whales, penguins, and seals, mainly recorded at McMurdo Station in Antarctica.

Thanks to David Stam for bringing these news items to our attention. —*The Editors*.

## Ross Goodwin Elected Fellow of AINA

As reported in *Arctic* (2011, 64[1]:136), the Arctic Institute of North America elected Ross Goodwin as one of its Fellows at the January 2011 board meeting. A staff member of AINA since 1976, Goodwin joined the Institute to create the Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS), Canada's national database of northern publications and research projects.

Most recently, he served as coordinator of the international IPY Publications Database, and has been a member of the Canadian IPY Data Management Subcommittee and co-chair of the Canadian Global Change Program's Resource Group of Data and Information Systems. Prior to his position at AINA, Ross worked for the University of Alberta and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Congratulations, Ross!







## Aurora College Offers Scholarship

Dr. Thomas L. White and Moira Rayner White have established a new scholarship at Aurora College in the Northwest Territories, Canada, to "promote the development of northern expertise in environmental and natural resource management." This annual scholarship is available to a deserving student who resides in the Arctic and is enrolled in the Environmental and Natural Resources Technology Program at Aurora College.

Established in 2011, the scholarship is funded by royalties generated from sales of Dr. White's two multi-volume works, *Pipelines in Permafrost and Freezing Ground* and *Hydrocarbon Contaminants in Freezing Ground and Permafrost Terrain* and their accompanying databases. The two book sets and databases were featured at the Inuvik Petroleum Show in June 2011.

## The Antarctic Circle Plans a SouthPole-sium

Robert B. Stephenson at [The Antarctic Circle](#) sent this information to the *Bulletin* about an upcoming gathering to be held June 15–17, 2012, in Jaffrey, NH. The event, Bibliophilia Antarctica, is a SouthPole-sium for those who collect, write, publish, buy, sell, and love books relating to Antarctica.

So far, nearly three dozen people are planning to attend, including booksellers, collectors, and authors from Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, UK, and throughout the US. The event will be informal, with short presentations by attendees, and will be limited to no more than 100 people. Participants are encouraged to bring books, artifacts, images, etc., for "show and tell"; display cases will be available. Booksellers will be able to set up small displays of books for sale, and attendees are welcome to bring books to sell or trade.

For more information about the gathering and the schedule of activities, see [www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering.htm](http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering.htm).

Email Robert Stephenson with any questions, comments, or suggested subjects at [antarctic-circle@comcast.net](mailto:antarctic-circle@comcast.net) or at [5326066@gmail.com](mailto:5326066@gmail.com).



## Volunteers Needed for the William Mills Prize Committee 2012

Submitted by **Sharon Rankin**, William Mills Prize Coordinator  
McGill University Library, Montreal, Quebec

The 2012 William Mills Prize Committee members have begun to review nominations for this year's prize. We are currently a four-member committee (Sharon Rankin, Clare Flemming, Milbry Polk, and Ron Inouye) and would like to expand our membership this year. If you would like to help select the 2012 William Mills Prize winner to be announced at this year's Polar Libraries Colloquy meeting in June, please get in touch with me, the committee chair, at [sharon.rankin@mcgill.ca](mailto:sharon.rankin@mcgill.ca).

Book nominations will be accepted until April 15th, 2012, so please send along your nominations. For more information about the prize see the PLC web page at <http://arcticcentre.ulapland.fi/polarweb/plc/mills.asp>.



## The Otto Schaefer Collection: A Visual Archive Tracking Change in Lifestyle and Livelihood in the Canadian Arctic

By **Lauren Wheeler**, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Alberta Department of History and Classics, and Summer Research Assistant, Digital Archive, Canadian Circumpolar Institute

Dr. Otto Schaefer (1919–2009) went to the Canadian Arctic for the first time in the late summer of 1953. Over the next 32 years, he traversed the Territories, providing medical care to the Inuit and First Nations populations, studying how modernization affected their health, and publishing his findings so other physicians could better understand the unique medical issues of the North. Wherever Schaefer went, he took photographs. Recently, his family donated 4,228 slides and 675 photographs to the Canadian Circumpolar Institute for digitization. Schaefer's photographs reflect the interests and experiences of a man who loved the North and its people and who devoted his life to their health and well-being. This love is especially apparent in the quick notations—often in German—Schaefer scratched on the edges of his slides and on the backs of his photographs.

The images depict three decades of dramatic changes to the North and to the lifestyles of the Aboriginal groups who call it home. They show dogsleds replaced by snowmobiles, and tupiks (tents) and igloos replaced by southern-style homes that were ill-adapted to the conditions above the Arctic Circle. There are slides of medical disorders, x-rays, and carefully compiled graphs, charts, and tables for conference presentations. Also included are ethnographic photographs of hundreds of individuals from the various communities he visited. Mixed in with these are aerial photographs shot from airplane windows, and breathtaking landscapes taken from aboard ships. Other photographs document hiking excursions with his young family or other medical staff from the Northern Medical Research Unit, based out of the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton at the time, as well as sightseeing pictures from conferences in Russia, Iceland, and Greenland.

The Schaefer Collection will be useful to a number of disciplines. It is an excellent visual archive for historians to explore the impact on lifestyle and livelihood in the Arctic that accompanied the

construction of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line. Schaefer was careful to photograph and note the differences between traditional life and southern standards imposed upon the Inuit. For those in medicine and health sciences, the slides from conference presentations and reference images from difficult medical cases in the North and those evacuated to the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton will be of great interest.

The collection also offers interesting opportunities for ethnographers and anthropologists. From his boyhood in Germany, Schaefer had an interest in the ethnography of the Inuit of Canada and read everything he could find about them by Knud Rasmussen and Franz Boas. As a result, he took a large number of anthropological photographs depicting the different Inuit "types" and noting the places where the people came from or lived.



*Travelling by dogsled, 18 June 1956, Nunavut, NWT.*

Many of the photographs are of the residents of the settlements, Aklavik and Pangnirtung, where Schaefer worked as the primary physician; they also include the people he encountered as Director of the Northern Medical Research Unit. These images show people and places over the course of three decades and create a sub-collection that could be of great interest to residents of Aklavik, Pangnirtung, and the other northern settlements Schaefer visited





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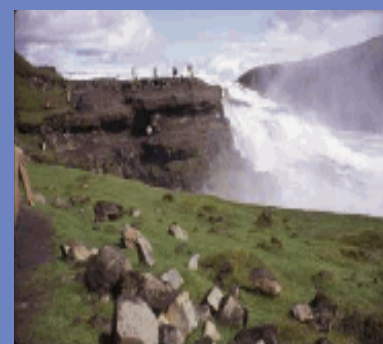
regularly during his career. A short article about this collection that was published in the NiCHE (Network in Canadian History and Environment) Canada blog, *The Otter*, has already attracted attention from residents in Aklavik interested in identifying people in the photographs and slides from their area.<sup>1</sup>

The Schaefer Collection is in the process of being digitized for preservation in the University of Alberta's institutional repository, Education and Research Archives (ERA). Once all 4,903 images are archived in ERA, users will be able to search the collection by geographic location, subject, and date, as well as see the transcription and translation of Schaefer's notes alongside the image. This collection further expands and strengthens the Canadian Circumpolar Institute's polar research resources. Schaefer's photographic legacy is a treasure trove that academics and residents of the Arctic will be able to use to further understand the changes the region has experienced and to connect with the traditional lifestyle of the not-so-distant past. For polar librarians, this collection will expand the open-access photographic material available to patrons looking for information on the Canadian Arctic. Images will begin to appear in the collection in 2012.

For more information about Otto Schaefer, see the [preliminary documents for the Schaefer Collection](#). The collection is part of the larger Canadian Circumpolar Institute section of ERA (<https://era.library.ualberta.ca/public/home>).



*Otto Schaefer at Skálholt, Iceland, 26 June 1973.*



*Waterfall, Gullfoss, Iceland, 26 June 1973.*



*Child by igloo, Nunavut, NWT.*



*Inuit camp, Perry River, SW of Cumberland Bay, 1965.*

<sup>1</sup>Lauren Wheeler, "Dr. Otto Schaefer's Slides of Canada's North," *The Otter*, available at <http://niche-canada.org/node/10055>.



## New Publications

Submitted by **David Walton**, Emeritus Fellow  
British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, UK

I am delighted to announce that, after several years gestation, the history of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) is finally published. It covers the first 50 years from the establishment in 1958 and, as well as detailing its development and achievements, the 11 extensive appendices contain details of its membership, meetings, officers, staff, awards, symposia, and publications—which must prove useful to librarians! Fully illustrated with plenty of colour photos we hope it will be a useful reference for years to come as well as—at least for some—providing a good read!

Walton, David W.H., and Peter D. Clarkson, with additional material by Colin P. Summerhayes. 2011. *Science in the Snow: Fifty Years of International Collaboration through the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research*. Cambridge: SCAR.

Institutional histories can be boring but often prove invaluable when you need to check facts! Many people may not realise just how long the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) has been organising meetings and stimulating new ideas. It began immediately after the International Geophysical Year in 1958 and thus predates the Antarctic Treaty.

The SCAR delegates decided some years ago that a history of the first 50 years of these efforts would be worthwhile, and Peter Clarkson and I agreed to write it. Using the existing archives, material sent to us by some of our oldest members, interviews and a chapter by Colin Summerhayes on SCAR since the reorganisation, we pieced together something which we hope captures both the spirit and the actions of these five decades.

Sadly, some of the key people we would have liked to talk to have died, and the archives do not contain

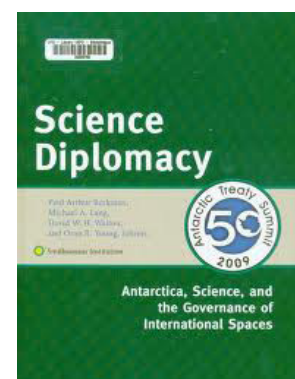
all the material we expected. Some groups were apparently assiduous in keeping records whilst others either failed to send reports in or they have been lost over the years. SCAR has had no policy of keeping photographs of its activities so we were pushed to illustrate some of the earlier meetings.

We did try to make clear the enormous debt that the Antarctic Treaty owes to SCAR for our fifty years of answering requests, writing reports, and providing data without any payment whatsoever! But SCAR is not just symposia and workshops, and we have added lots of photos of science-in-action in the Antarctic to illustrate what we feel is both the reason for SCAR and the key element in why we work together. We tried to make the book fun to read—although that can be hard with history—and useful as a reference source (e.g., when and where did we meet, who was the president, etc.) with many appendices. I suggest that every polar library should have a copy! The book can be purchased at [www.scar.org/publications/purchase/#purchaseScienceinSnow](http://www.scar.org/publications/purchase/#purchaseScienceinSnow).



Berkman, Paul Arthur, Michael A. Lang, David W. H. Walton, and Oran R. Young, eds. 2011. *Science Diplomacy: Antarctica, Science, and the Governance of International Spaces*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press.

Meeting in Washington, DC, on 1 December 1959, 12 nations came together to adopt the Antarctic Treaty. Fourteen articles would provide the basis for the governance of nearly 10 percent of the Earth “for peaceful purposes only.” This volume brings together key elements of the Antarctic Treaty Summit, which was convened in 2009 to celebrate 50 years of this important Treaty. Through it we can understand the future governance of international spaces beyond sovereign jurisdictions.



A PDF version of the full volume is also available at <http://hdl.handle.net/10088/16154>.

## Anchorage to Host IAMS LIC 2012

The International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMS LIC) will gather August 26–30, 2012, at the UAA/APU Consortium Library in Anchorage for their 38<sup>th</sup> annual conference. IAMS LIC's Cyamus regional group (western North American coast and Hawaii) will also meet in Anchorage August 24 – 25, immediately before the full IAMS LIC conference.

A week of interesting speakers, presentations, and events is planned, including a visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward. More information is available at the conference website at [www.iamslc.org/conf2012/](http://www.iamslc.org/conf2012/).

## TICOP: Permafrost Conference 2012

The Tenth International Conference on Permafrost will be held in Salekhard, Yamal-Nenets autonomous district, Russia, on June 25–29, 2012.

The conference is devoted to permafrost research in the Arctic, Antarctic, and mountain regions. Its theme—*Resources and Risks of Permafrost Areas in a Changing World*—draws attention to natural changes in the environment and to the increasing scale of anthropogenic influence on the Arctic and Subarctic Regions.

For more information see the conference homepage at [www.ticop2012.org](http://www.ticop2012.org).

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Rankin, Sharon. 2011. *A Bibliography of Canadian Inuit Periodicals*. Collection Droit au Pôle. Québec: Presses de l'Université du Québec.

This bibliography is an annotated source of information about the magazines, journals, newspapers, and newsletters published by and about Canada's Inuit peoples and communities. The entries span more than 100 years beginning with the first Canadian Inuktitut periodical published in Labrador in 1902, entitled *Aglait Illunainortut*.

The entries will continue to be updated in the online database, [Caninuit](http://Caninuit). For more information about the database, see the *Polar Libraries Bulletin* spring 2009 issue, p. 3, for the article *Caninuit: A New Web Resource for Canadian Inuit Periodicals*.



**A Bibliography of Canadian Inuit Periodicals**  
Sharon Rankin







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Provencher, J., J. Baeseman, D. Carlson, R. Badhe, J. Bellman, D. Hik, L. Huffman, J. Legg, M. Pauls, M. Pit, S. Shan, K. Timm, K. Ulstein, and S. Zicus. 2011. *Polar Research Education, Outreach and Communication during the Fourth IPY: How the 2007–2008 International Polar Year Has Contributed to the Future of Education, Outreach and Communication*. Paris: International Council for Science.

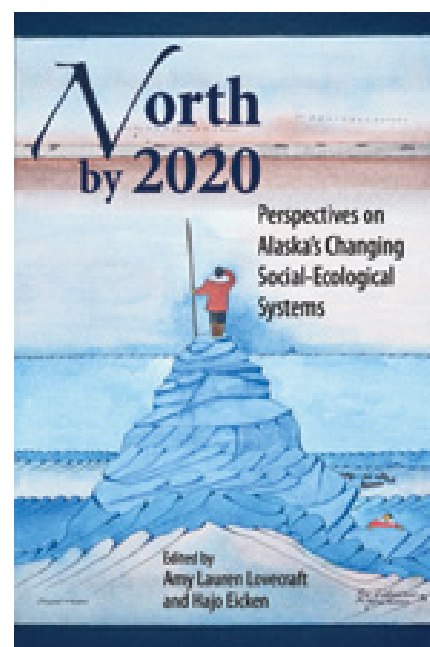
One year after the launch of the International Polar Year's (IPY) Education, Outreach, and Communication (EOC) Assessment Project, the task of inventorying and investigating the hundreds of IPY EOC programs that occurred during IPY 2007–08 has been completed. The project was supported by the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, the International Arctic Science Committee, and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, and funded by the International Council for Science. Tens of thousands of scientists and students participated in this latest IPY event, which included involving members of the general public in active polar science endeavors on a global scale. The IPY EOC Assessment Project was intended to measure the success of this part of the IPY plan.

With more than 550 IPY EOC activities from more than 70 countries in 25 languages, IPY EOC is one of the largest global investments in science outreach to date. The IPY EOC Assessment brought together educators, communications personnel, and researchers, and the resulting report examines the success of IPY EOC efforts, and discusses why IPY EOC was successful. The report also outlines a set of lessons learned about how to improve science outreach across a variety of disciplines.

Read the report at [http://apecs.is/images/stories/files/ICSU\\_IPY\\_EOC\\_Report\\_2011.pdf](http://apecs.is/images/stories/files/ICSU_IPY_EOC_Report_2011.pdf). You can also search the online *Polar Outreach Catalogue*, a growing inventory of IPY projects and new outreach efforts intended to help educate the world about the global importance of the Polar Regions, at <http://apecs.is/education-outreach/catalogue>.

—Adapted from the abstract posted at the [Arctic Portal Library](#).

Lovecraft, Amy Lauren, and Hajo Eicken, eds. 2011. *North by 2020: Perspectives on Alaska's Changing Social-Ecological Systems*. Fairbanks: University of Alaska Press.



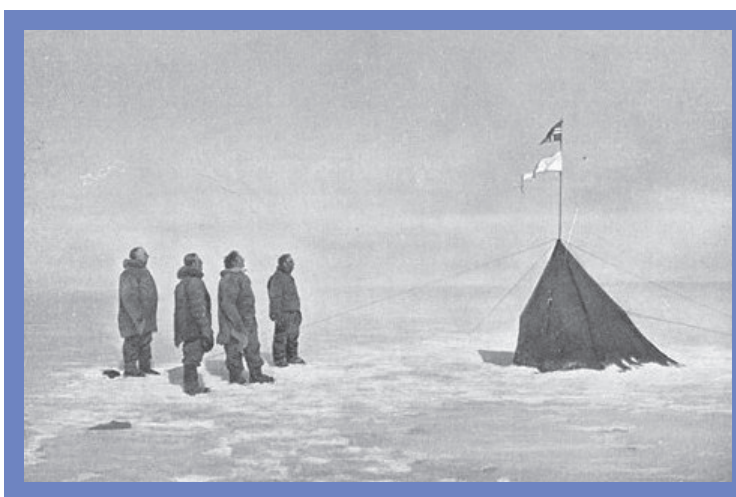
Originating from a series of workshops held at the Alaska Forum of the Fourth International Polar Year, this interdisciplinary volume addresses a host of current concerns regarding the ecology and rapid transformation of the Arctic.



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Lüdecke, Cornelia. 2011. *Roald Amundsen: A Biographical Portrait*. Freiburg: Herder Verlag.

December 15, 2011, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roald Amundsen and his four companions having been first in a race to reach the South Pole (the date is sometimes given as December 14 due to differing interpretations of the International Date Line). Lüdecke's new biography, released on this anniversary year, offers another look into the complex personality of Amundsen and his life.



*Roald Amundsen and his crew gazing at the Norwegian flag at the South Pole, 1911. (Photograph by Olav Bjaaland, reproduced with permission, Project Gutenberg Public Domain, Wikimedia Commons.)*



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

The *Bulletin* is published twice yearly in the Fall and Spring. Members of the Polar Libraries Colloquy receive the *Bulletin* as part of their membership. Personal dues are £20 or US \$35 for a two-year period. Institutional dues are the same. Please send dues to David Walton, Emeritus Fellow, Environment and Information Division, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET, United Kingdom.

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