

2nd Circular

"National and transnational agendas in Antarctic Research from the 1950s and beyond"

3rd SCAR Workshop on the History of Antarctic Research

Byrd Polar Research Center at Columbus (Ohio, USA)

25-26 October 2007

Despite political tensions during the Cold War, the idea of having a new internationally coordinated year of intensified investigations during the maximum of solar activity led to the organisation of the International Geophysical Year (IGY, 1957-1958) under the auspices of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). The IGY became the first international scientific programme on planetary scale including the first dense circle of observing stations around Antarctica.

During the workshop on "**National and transnational agendas in Antarctic Research from the 1950s and beyond**" we want to study to what degree research in the Antarctic has been driven by scientific criteria and to what extent compromises were made in the light of political barriers and logistical limitations. In historical perspective, a review shall be made of essential background factors at work, both scientific and non-scientific ones, when nations were moved to participate in the IGY (1957-58). Additionally background factors will be considered with regard to major nations that chose not to contribute to the IGY with expeditions. The political role of the Antarctic treaty and the role of science in it is also an important question in this context, as Antarctica at the political level became constructed as a continent by and for science and peace. Other questions refer to the development of international joint research programmes, cultural diversity of participants of the IGY, reflection of the IGY in the media at time of the Cold War, or knowledge transfer within the polar community since the IGY

The workshop will take place at the

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There is a reservation of 20 rooms at a hotel close to the Campus.

Holiday Inn on the Lane
328 W. Lane Avenue

Columbus OH
614-294-4848
Web site: www.innonthelane.com

The rooms are starting from \$115,20 + tax and that is the price regardless of how many people stay in the room.

There is a **shuttle available to and from the airport** which runs from 7am -10:30pm. There is a phone on the baggage claim level to call the shuttle at the airport.

Looking forward to the meeting

With best wishes
Cornelia Lüdecke

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Tentative programme

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Thursday 25 October 2007

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:30 Workshop Welcome and Opening

Representative of the Byrd Polar Research Center
Cornelia Lüdecke, President of SCAR Action Group History of Antarctic
Research, Munich.

10:30-12:00 *Session I*

10:30-11:15 "What Has All This Got To Do With Science? The Rhetoric of Scientific Devotion in the Planning of the IGY"

Peder Roberts <peder.roberts@stanford.edu>

11:15-12:00 The Cold War dynamics of U.S. Antarctic policy and research in the 1950s

Jason Moore <jkmoore@utas.edu.au>

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-17:30 *Session II*

14:00-14:45 The Search of an Organizational Framework for Antarctic Research (1948-1985).

Jorge Berguño <jberguno@inach.cl>

14:45-15:30 The Role of Antarctic Diplomacy in the Origins and Conduct of the IGY

Rip Bulkeley <rip@igy50.net>

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-16:45 Science as a Component of U.S.–Chilean Antarctic Relations in the 1950s

M. Consuelo León Wöppke, <cleon@umaritima.cl>

16:45-17:30 The International Polar Year (1957-1958) as Reflected in German Media

Cornelia Lüdecke <C.Luedecke@lrz.uni-muenchen.de>

19:00 Workshop dinner : Holiday Inn on the Lane

Dinner speech by T. H Baughman <tbaughman@ucok.edu>

Amundsen, Cook and the Belgica, the first international scientific and multi-national expedition to the Antarctic

Friday 26 October 2007

9:30-12:30 *Session III*

09:00-09:45 British Antarctic Science, 1944-1959

Adrian Howkins <adrianhowkins@mail.utexas.edu>

09:45-10:30 Swedish Polar Politics 1955-1970

Lisbeth Lewander" <Lisbeth.Lewander@wmst.gu.se>

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break -

11:00-11:45 Towards the Centre of the Great Unknown

Irina Gan <igan@postoffice.utas.edu.au>

11:45-12:30 **The shaping of a European regime for Antarctic ice core drilling – from EAP to EPICA**
Aant Elzinga <Aant.Elzinga@theorysc.gu.se>

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 *Session IV*

14:00-14:45 **The development of biology as a discipline in Antarctica**
Jason Davis <davis.1937@osu.edu>

14:45-15:30 **Getting the Science Done: Perspectives from McMurdo**
Ann Dozier <ann_dozier@urmc.rochester.edu>

15:30 –16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:30 *Final conclusions and discussion about next SCAR Workshop.*

End of Workshop 17:30