

1st Call for Papers

"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

Please send your **registration** and **tentative title** of your planned presentation or poster as soon as possible and **at the latest on 15 July 2007**.

Deadline for abstracts (doc or rtf, maximum 4 pages, 12 pt, Times New Roman) is **31 August 2007**.

You will receive more information on accommodation and the programme as soon as possible. We all look forward to another stimulating workshop with good discussions

With best wishes
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Registration Form

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