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26–29 February	**Sea-level Changes — Processes & Products.** Universität Stuttgart, Germany. Contact: Institute für Geologie und Paläontologie, Universität Stuttgart, Postfach 10 60 37, D-7000 Stuttgart 10, Germany.
21–25 April	**2nd International Conference on Cryobiology and Cryomedicine.** Kharkov, USSR. Contact: The Organizing Committee, Institute for Problems of Cryobiology and Cryomedicine of the UkrSSR Academy of Sciences, 23 Pereyaslavskaya Street, Kharkov 310015, USSR.
23–24 April	☞ **Antarctica, the environment and the future.** Geneva. Contact: Dennis Thompson, GIPRI's reflection group, 8 Rue des Belles Filles, 1299 Crans, Switzerland.
3–8 May	**14th Polar Libraries Colloquy**. The Byrd Polar Research Center, The Ohio State University. Contact: The Program Director, Lynn Lay, Byrd Polar Center, The Ohio State University, 125 South Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1308, USA.
7–8 May	☞ **Back-Arc Development and Crustal Accretion in the Western Pacific.** Cambridge U.K. Contact: Dr Martin Sinha, Deparment of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge, Bullard Laboratories, Madingley Rise, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0EZ, U.K.
8–12 May	☞ **International Workshop on the Natural Resources of the Circum-Gondwanan Lower Palaeozoic.** Mérida, Spain. Contact: Juan Carlos Gutiérrez-Marco, Instituto de Geologia Económica, Facultad de Ciencias Geologicas, 28040 Madrid, Spain.
9–10 May	**Volcanism associated with extension at consuming plate margins.** British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, England. Convener: Dr J.L.Smellie, British Antarctic Survey, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET, UK.
8–19 June	**XXII SCAR Meeting.** Bariloche. Contact: L.R. Fontano, Instituto Antártico Argentino, Cerrito 1248, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
21–26 June	☞ **III Congreso Geológico de España & VIII Congreso Latinamericano de Geología.** Salamanca, Spain. (The congress will include a two-day meeting on Antarctic Geology, coordinated by: Dr A. Arche & Dr. J. López, Dpto. de Química Agrícola, Geología y Geoquímica, Facultad de Ciencias (C.VI), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Carretera de Colmenar, Km. 15, 28049 Madrid, Spain).
3 August–3 September	**4th International Organization of Paleobotany Conference.** Paris. Contact: Secretariat, 4th I.O.P. Conference Paléobotanique et Palynologie évolutives, Université Paris VI, 12 Rue Cuvier, 75005 Paris, France.
11–13 August	**Third International Conference on Ice Technology,** MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. Contact: Sue Owen, Conference Secretariat, Wessex Institute of Technology, Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, Southampton, SO4, 2AA, UK.
24 August–3 September	**International Geological Congress**. Kyoto, Japan. Contact: Secretary General IGC–92 Office, PO Box 65, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305, Japan.
14–18 September	☞ **Symposium on snow and snow-related problems.** Naguoka, Japan. Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, U.K.

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29 March–2 April	☞ **Fourth International Conference on Southern Hemisphere Meteorology and Oceanography.** Hobart, Australia. Contact: Dr D Karoly, Centre for Dynamical Meteorology, Monash University, Clayton VIC 3168, Australia.
4–10 July	**Southern Ocean Cephalopods Life Cycles, Populations.** Kings College Cambridge. Organizer: Dr Paul Rodhouse, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0ET.

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5–9 July	☞ **Sixth International Conference on Permafrost.** Beijing. Contact: Cheng Guodong, Lanzhou Institute of Glaciology and Geochryology, Academia Sinica, Lanzhou, 730 000, China.
11–23 July	☞ **Sixth Scientific Assembly of the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Physics.** Pacific Convention Plaza Yokohama, Japan. Contact: Professor T. Asai, Chairperson of local organizing committee for IAMAP '93, c/o Sankei Convention, Sankei Building, 10F, 1-7-1, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.
23–29 August	**Third International Conference on Geomorphology,** McMaster University Ontario. Contact: Derek Ford or Brian McCann, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4K1

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News

Quaternary Research
A meeting held last December in Canberra has resulted in a useful review of present and proposed Quaternary research in East Antarctica by Australia. Called "Quaternary Research in Australian Antarctica — Future Directions", it is edited by David Gillieson and Sean Fitzsimons and obtainable from the Department of Geography & Oceanography, University College, University of New South Wales, Australian Defence Force Academy, Campbell, ACT 2600, Australia. Its 11 papers look at glacial history, geomorphological evidence and data from lake sediments.

Changes in NSF funding?
Proposals under discussion in the US Senate would apparently shift the cost of logistic support for US Antarctic activities from NSF to the US Navy. It is not clear if this would necessarily allow increased support for Antarctic science since a principal reason for the change appears to be the release of Antarctic funds for other NSF activities. (Source: *Nature*, 1 August).

IGBP Initiative
The IGBP Standing Committee on the System for Analysis, Research and Training (START) is charged with recognizing Regional Research Networks and Regional Research Centres for each area of the world. The New Zealand National IGBP Committee has proposed that the new Antarctic Research Centre in Christchurch be designated as the Regional Research Centre for IGBP studies in the Antarctic.

World Park Base
Greenpeace are at present considering how to undertake the removal of World Park Base. They will provide an environmental impact evaluation to interested paties in advance of taking any action.

New library system for Antarctic seismic data
The Antarctic Offshore Acoustic Stratigraphy (ANTOSTRAT) project of the SCAR Group of Specialists on the Evolution of Cenozoic Palaeoenvironments of the High Southern Latitudes has initiated a new seismic data library system (SDLS) to promote greater co-operation in Antarctic seismic research. Data will be stored on CD-ROM. A proto-type CD-ROM has already been created, containing the 1984 USGS Ross Sea survey. The next CD-ROMs planned include a revised disk of that survey, the BGR Ross Sea surveys and the USGS 1984 Wilkes Land survey. Further details are available from: Jon Childs, U.S. Geological Survey MS999, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, California 94025, USA. (source: *ANTOSTRAT News*, No. 1 July 1991).

Books
"Living Ice" by R P Sharp has now been published as a paperback by Cambridge University Press (ISBN 0 521 40740 0, £10.95 or $15.95). See *Antarctic Science,* **1** (3), 293 (1989) for a review.
"The Island of South Georgia" by R K Headland is now back in print as a paperback (Cambridge University Press ISBN 0 521 424 747, £19.95 or $39.95).

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