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6–10 April	☞ **European Geophysical Society XVII General Assembly. Symposium on modelling of ice sheets and their coupline with lithosphere, asthenosphere, atmosphere & oceans.** Contact: Dr N. Reeh, Alfred Wegener Institute, Postfach 120161, Columbustrasse, D-2850 Bremerhaven, Germany.
8–9 April	☞ **IGCP Project 304 "Lower Crustal Processes".** The conference Centre, Riccarton Campus, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. Contact: Drs S. Harley & C. Graham, Department of Geology & Geophysics, Grant Institute, University of Edinburgh, Kings Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JW, U.K.
21–23 April	☞ **Tourism in Polar Areas.** Alsace, France. Contact: Laurence Girard, CIFFEN, General Secretariat, 28 rue Bezout, 75014 Paris, France.
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, Ukraine.
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.
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.
17–22 May	☞ **Remote Sensing of Snow and Ice,** Boulder, Colorado. Sponsors AGU; International Glaciological Society. Contact: Secretary General, IGS, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER, U.K.
4–13 June	☞ **Quadrennial Ozone Symposium.** University of Virginia, Charlottesville Virginia, USA. Contact: R. Hudson, Program Committee, P.O. Box 988, Greenbelt, MD 20768, USA.
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).
7–9 July	☞ **Table Ronde Européenne. Paléontologie et Stratigraphie d'Amérique Latine.** Lyon. Contact: M. Gayet & P. Racheboeuf, Centre des Sciences de la Terre, Université Claude Bernard, Lyon 1, 43 Boulevard du 11 Novembre, 69622 Villeurbanne Cedex, France.
1–14 August	☞ **Global Change.** Washington D.C. American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing/ American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, 210 Little Falls St., Falls Church, VA 22046.
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.

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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.
28 September–2 October	☞ **LIRA [Lithospheric Investigations in the Ross Sea] Workshop on Landscape Evolution.** Haarlem, The Netherlands. Contact: Anja Verbers or Dick van der Wateren, Geological Survey of the Netherlands, PO Box 157, NL-2000 AD Haarlem, The Netherlands.
19–24 October	☞ **GSA Penrose Conference on Precambrian Tectonics and the Dawn of the Phanerozoic.** Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley, California. Contact Ian W. D. Dalziel, Institute for Geophysics, University of Texas at Austin, 8701 Mopac Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, USA.
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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.
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, 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.
5–11 September	☞ **5th SCAR VISAG Conference on Antarctic Glaciology**. Churchill College, Cambridge, U.K. Contact: Dr L. Morris, British Antarctic Survey, High Cross, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0ET, U.K.

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News

New McMurdo Laboratory

National Science Foundation Department of Polar Programs officially opened their new laboratory building on 5 November. Named after A.P. Crary, the American glaciologist, the new building provides computer facilities, environmental chambers and experimental laboratories for a wide range of sciences. Further fitting out will continue until 1993.

Satellite data

A useful review "Polar Research from Satellites" by R H Thomas (Joint Oceanographic Institutions Inc., 1755 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 800, Washington DC 20036-2102) was published recently. It is an excellent introduction to the range of data available, the instrument capabilities of current satellites and the possible developments during the next decade.
A new satellite image mosaic at 1:5 000 000 has been released by USGS. Listed as Misc. Investigations Series Map I-2284 it is available for $6.25 (US funds only) from USGS Map Distribution, Federal Center, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225.

"Why study Antarctica?"

Interest in Antarctica continues to grow and yet for those outside the activities of major operators it is sometimes difficult to find even basic information. More and more students want to undertake Antarctic projects but how do they get started? This new 64 page booklet by P.J. Beck (available from The APEX Centre, Kingston Polytechnic, Penrhyn Road, Kingston, Surrey KTl 2EE, UK at £9 plus postage) sets the background for science and many other disciplines. As a guide for both the interested student and the adventurous lecturer into the value of Antarctic studies, the booklet is the only one of its type available.

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