

# The Continued Evolution of the Cold Regions Bibliography Project – Current Status of the Antarctic Bibliography and the *Antarctic Journal of the United States* and its Predecessors

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# Outline

- History of the Cold Regions Bibliography Project
- Recent Migration of the Bibliography Platform
- Permafrost Updates
- Background on the *Antarctic Journal of the United States*
- Journal Digitization Project
- Current Status

# History of the Cold Regions Bibliography Project

- Antarctic Bibliography
  - Began in 1962
  - Sponsored by the U.S. National Science Foundation
  - Included publications published from 1950 – 2011
  - Multidisciplinary – science, logistics
  - Compiled by the Library of Congress until 1998
  - Maintained by the American Geosciences Institute until 2011
  - Collaboration with SPRI
  - 2200 new references year
  - Contains 91,263 references

# History of the Cold Regions Bibliography Project

- Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology
  - Began in 1951 under Sponsorship of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, CRREL
  - Included publications spanning from the early 1900's through 2011
  - Multidisciplinary – primarily engineering, impact of cold on materials
  - Compiled by the Library of Congress until 2000
  - Maintained by the American Geosciences Institute until 2011
  - 6500 new references per year
  - Contains 250,032 references

# History of the Cold Regions Bibliography Project

- International Polar Year 2007-2008 Publications
  - Results of U.S.-funded research
  - Contributed to joint database with AINA, SPRI, NSIDC
- Permafrost Alerts – 2012 to present
  - Sponsored by the U.S. Permafrost Association
- Antarctic Journal of the United States
  - Digitization Project



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*Last updated September 30, 2011*

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### Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology

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## International Polar Year 2007-2008 Publications

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- Web site designed in 2000
- New software options with improved functionality
- Preservation of data compiled over a 50-year span
- Funded by U.S. National Science Foundation, 2015

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## Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology

The *Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology* (early 1900's – 2011) includes references to scientific and engineering research related to material and operations in a winter battlefield, the nature and impact of cold on facilities and activities, cold-related environmental problems, and the impact of human activity on cold environments.

For more information see [About the Bibliographies](#). Current support for the web site is provided under NSF Grant No. PLR-1062661.

**Please note:** The Bibliographies were last updated September 30, 2011 except for limited additions for permafrost-related publications.



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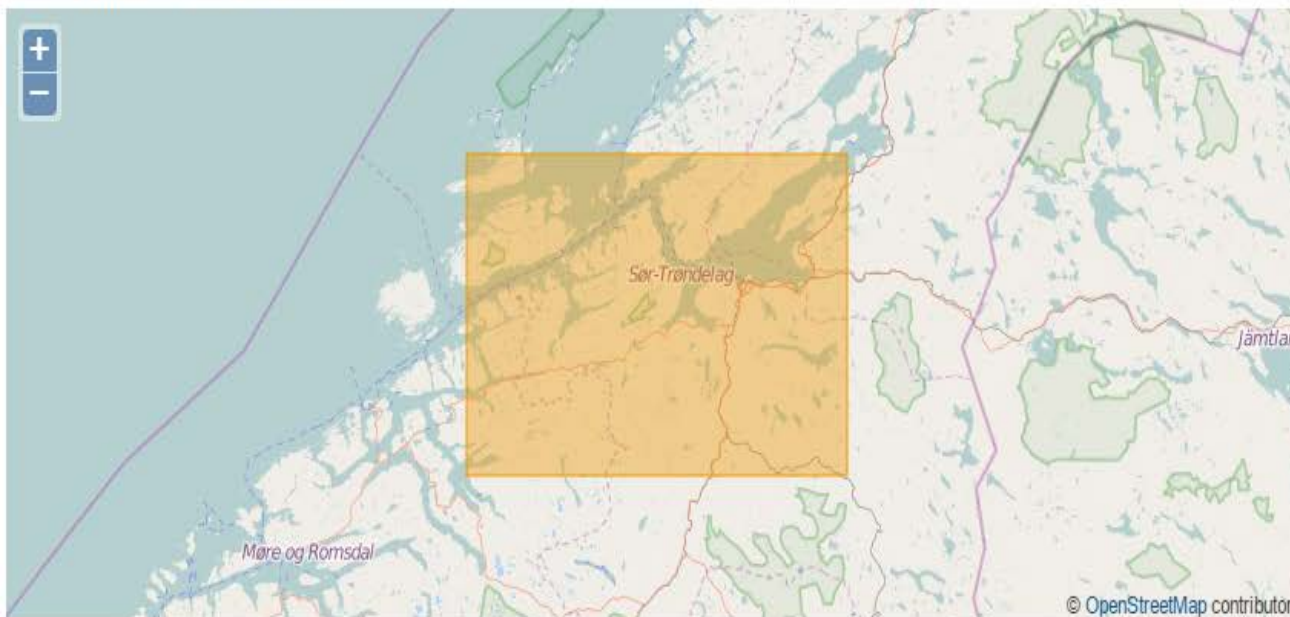
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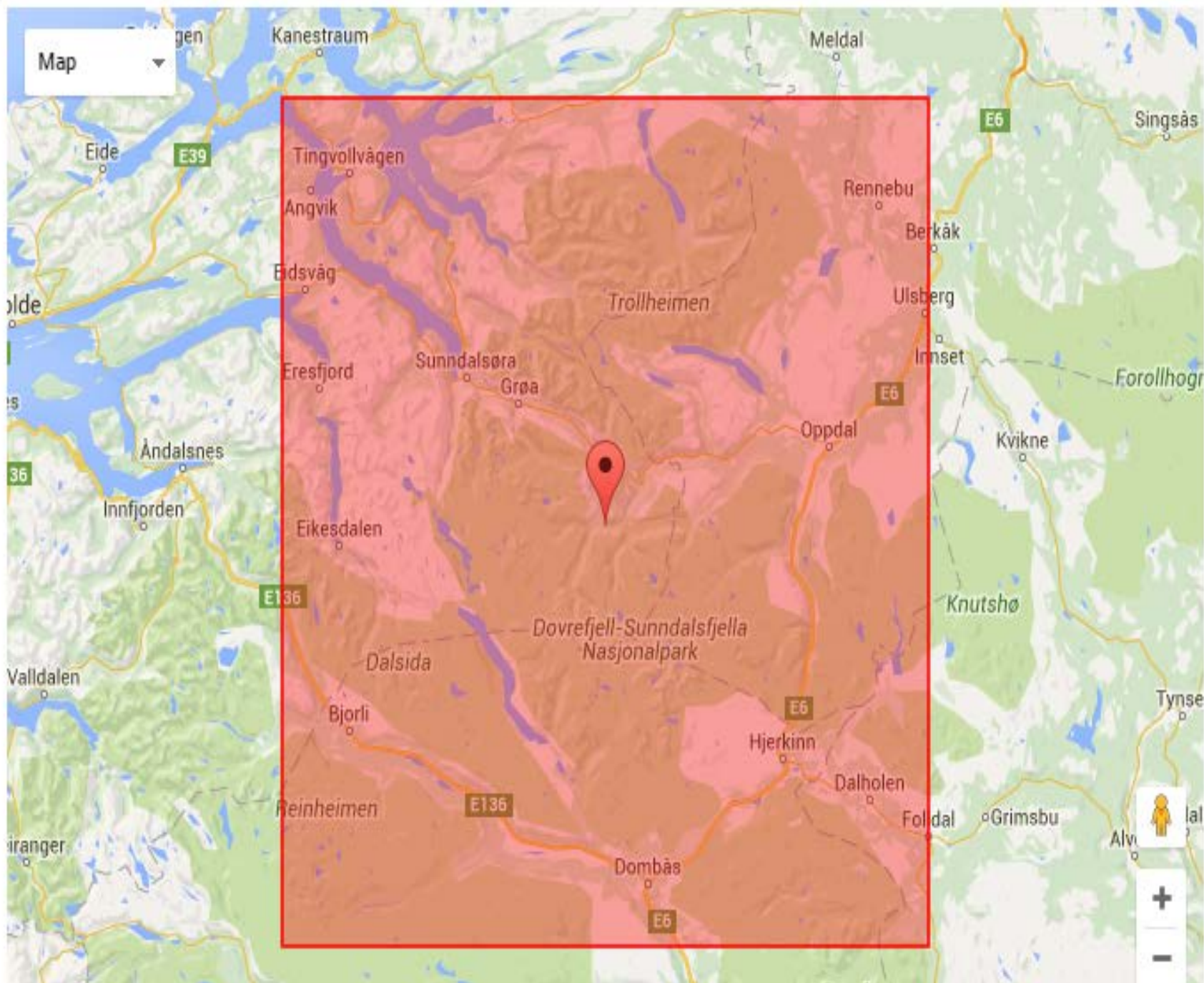
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- Monthly Alerts sponsored by the U. S. Permafrost Association
- Added to Online Bibliographies
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## May 2016 Permafrost Alert

The U.S. Permafrost Association is pleased to announce the availability of an updated searchable database on permafrost-related publications. The American Geosciences Institute, with support from the National Science Foundation, has "migrated" the previous Cold Regions Bibliography to a new platform. Included are the US Permafrost Association supported Monthly Permafrost Alerts dating back to 2011. The Bibliography is searchable at : [www.coldregions.org](http://www.coldregions.org).

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Permafrost dynamics play an important role in high-latitude peatland carbon balance and are key to understanding the future response of soil carbon stocks. Permafrost aggradation can control the magnitude of the carbon feedback in peatlands through effects on peat properties. We compiled peatland plant macrofossil records for the northern permafrost zone (515 cores from 280 sites) and classified samples by vegetation type and environmental class (fen, bog, tundra and boreal permafrost, and thawed permafrost). We examined differences in peat properties (bulk density, carbon (C), nitrogen (N) and organic matter content, and C/N ratio) and C accumulation rates among vegetation types and environmental classes. Consequences of permafrost aggradation differed between boreal and tundra biomes, including differences in vegetation composition, C/N ratios, and N content. The vegetation composition of tundra permafrost peatlands was similar to permafrost-free fens, while boreal permafrost peatlands more closely resembled permafrost-free bogs. Nitrogen content in boreal permafrost and thawed permafrost peatlands was significantly lower than in permafrost-free bogs despite similar vegetation types (0.9% versus 1.5% N).

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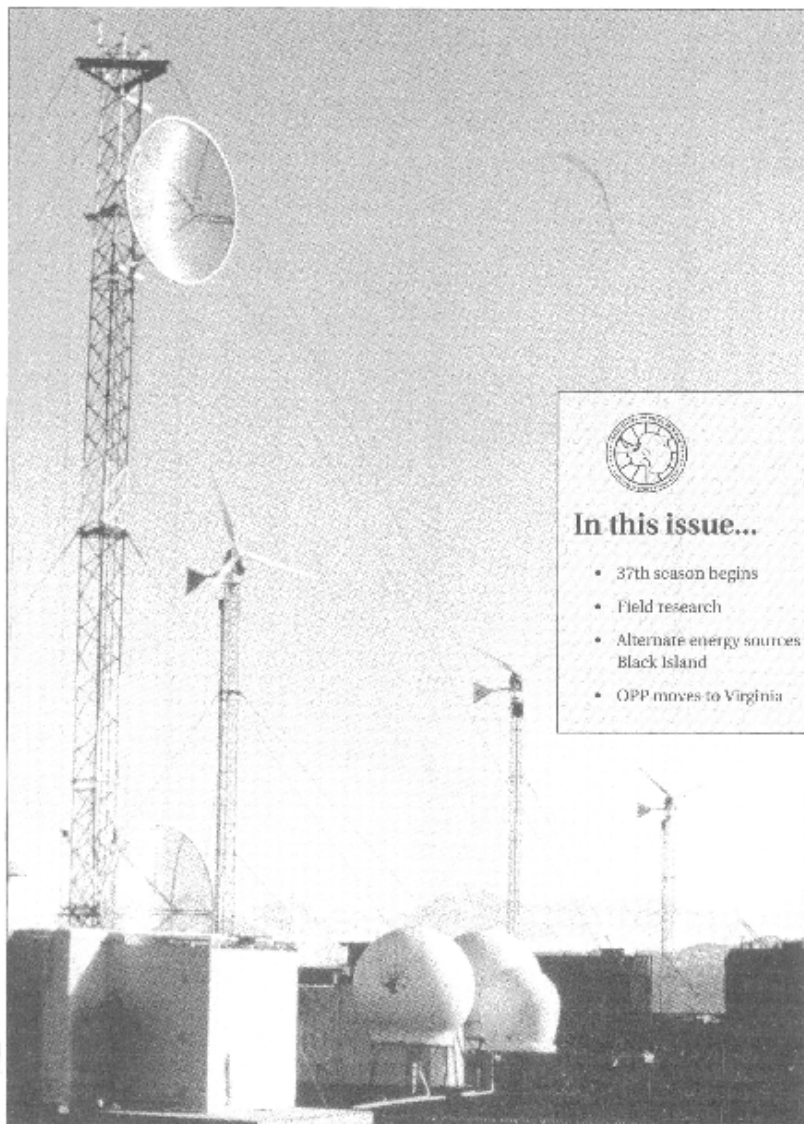
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## In this issue...

- 37th season begins
- Field research
- Alternate energy sources for Black Island
- OPP moves to Virginia

## Weather at U.S. stations

Feature	May 1993			June 1993			July 1993		
	McMurdo	Palmer	South Pole	McMurdo	Palmer	South Pole	McMurdo	Palmer	South Pole*
Average temperature (°C)	-25.8	-2.4	-57.8	-25.0	-5.0	-61.9	-22.6	-4.3	
Temperature maximum (°C)	-13.2	4.5	-35.1	-13.4	1.6	-30.9	-10.0	3.4	
(date)	(23)	(7)	(31)	(17)	(13,15)	(1)	(26)	(11)	
Temperature minimum (°C)	-37.9	-11.0	-73.0	-38.9	-15.3	-75.9	-33.2	-13.4	
(date)	(31)	(2)	(6)	(11)	(24)	(28)	(29)	(4)	
Average station pressure (mb)	985.5	984.8	675.8	979.9	980.1	675.7	974.7	889.0	
Pressure maximum (mb)	1003.1	1016.1	692.3	1008.9	1021.0	686.0	1001.5	1019.0	
(date)	(13)	(15)	(15)	(9)	(9)	(2)	(26)	(2)	
Pressure minimum (mb)	960.0	961.9	663.1	954.4	963.0	661.7	936.8	948.8	
(date)	(24)	(21)	(23)	(18)	(15)	(23)	(20)	(12)	
Snowfall (mm)	160	544	Trace	678	961	Trace	152.4	157.0	
Prevailing wind direction	35°	Northeast	20°	86°	Southwest	70°	46°	Northeast	
Average wind (m/sec)	5.2	6.3	6.2	5.2	5.2	5.7	6.2	7.8	
Peak wind (m/sec)	33	37	19	37	28	14	38	37	
(date, direction)	(22, 220°)	(17, 20°)	(10, 360°)	(2, 140°)	(15, 40°)	(30, 350°)	(25, 200°)	(24, 10°)	
Average sky cover	5.6	8.5	3.0	7.0	8.5	2.0	6.7	8.1	
Number of clear days	9.0	1.0	20.0	2.0	1.0	23.0	7.0	2.0	
Number of partly cloudy days	10.0	6.0	7.0	13.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	
Number of cloudy days	12.0	24.0	4.0	15.0	23.0	3.0	18.0	22.0	
Number of days with visibility less than 0.4 km	1.3	—	7.0	6.5	—	4.0	3.0	—	

\* South Pole data were not received for July 1993. These will be included in a later issue.

Prepared from information from the stations. Locations: McMurdo 77°51'S 166°40'E, Palmer 64°46'S 64°35'W, Amundsen-Scott South Pole 90°S. Elevations: McMurdo sea level, Palmer sea level, Amundsen-Scott South Pole 2,835 meters. For prior data and daily logs, contact the National Climate Center, Asheville, North Carolina 28801.

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## Errata

Three errors appeared in the June 1993 issue of the *Antarctic Journal*. The author of "Campout, 26 July 1992, at the Earth's South Pole" was incorrectly listed as Steven Warren rather than Stephen Warren. In "Four ARS volumes available from the American Geophysical Union," the editors should have been James P. Kennel (rather than "Kennet") and Delfel A. Warnke. Finally, the U.S. Antarctic Program installed the first of 6, not 600, automated geophysical observatories during the 1992-1993 austral summer.

# Weather at Antarctic Stations



# Operations highlights in continental Antarctica, 1993-1994 austral summer

Date	Event
<b>1993</b>	
22 August	Winter-fly-in 1993 to McMurdo Station begins—eight flights between Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Station
5 October	First U.S. Air Force C-141 Starlifter flight to McMurdo Station
9 October	Helicopter-supported science begins near Ross Island
18 October	USAP ski-equipped Hercules (LC-130) airplanes arrive at McMurdo Station
25 October	Field operations begin at McMurdo Dome, southern Victoria Land
26 October	Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station opens for austral summer
26 October	Field operations at Ustream B, Slope Coast, begin
7 November	U.S. Air National Guard squadron 109 arrives at McMurdo Station to augment LC-130 support to USAP (first group)
8 November	Royal New Zealand Air Force wheeled C-130 flights to McMurdo Station begin
16 November	First flight to Russian station Vostok, East Antarctica
4 December	Last 109th Air National Guard flight to Christchurch, New Zealand (first group)
11 December	McMurdo Sound sea-ice runway closes—all wheeled airplane flights end and air operations transfer to Williams Field skway on the Ross Ice Shelf
<b>1994</b>	
1 January	U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Polar Sea arrives at the McMurdo Sound ice edge to begin icebreaking operations
4 January	U.S. Air National Guard squadron 109 arrives at McMurdo Station to augment LC-130 support to USAP (second group)
18 January	Nathaniel B. Palmer arrives at McMurdo Station; Nathaniel B. Palmer will conduct two science cruises, a marine geology and geophysics investigation, and an ocean science study while in the Ross Sea area
18-22 January	Tanker ship moored at McMurdo Station ice pier to offload fuel
25 January	Russian research and supply ship Fedorov arrives at McMurdo Station
27-31 January	The supply ship Green Wave moored at McMurdo Station ice pier to offload cargo (first delivery)
13 February	Nathaniel B. Palmer departs McMurdo Station enroute to the Antarctic Peninsula
14-19 February	The supply ship Green Wave returns to McMurdo and is moored at the ice pier to offload a second delivery of supplies
15 February	Polar Sea leaves McMurdo Station area
22 February	Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station begins winter operations
28 February	McMurdo Station begins winter operations

## Research ship operations, Antarctic Peninsula region, 1993-1994

Date	Event
<b>1993</b>	
13 August	First Polar Duke cruise (PD93-7)—1993-1994 austral summer operations begin with this cruise that includes support to the long-term ecological research (LTER) program
3 October	PD93-8—support for marine biology projects focus on the effects of enhanced exposure to UV-B along the Antarctic Peninsula
10 October	First Nathaniel B. Palmer cruise (NBP93-6)—support studies into the photosynthetic response of phytoplankton to ultraviolet radiation in the Weddell and Scotia Seas
12 November	NBP93-7—21-day port stay in Punta Arenas so that hazardous materials can be transferred from Polar Dukes to Nathaniel B. Palmer for transport to McMurdo Station and shipment to the United States
24 November	PD93-9—support studies of the ice-edge bloom and zooplankton in the Weddell Sea
4 December	NBP93-8—begin transit to the Ross Sea and McMurdo Station via Palmer Station to collect hazardous material for transport to McMurdo Station; marine geology and geophysics projects supported while enroute to McMurdo and in the Ross Sea area
<b>1994</b>	
1 January	PD94-1—LTER cruise from King George Island to Marguerite Bay to the western Antarctic Peninsula
20 January	NBP94-1—support marine geology and geophysics, including a high-resolution, single-channel seismic survey, in the Ross area
13 February	NBP94-2—depart McMurdo area for return to the Antarctic Peninsula; return cruise includes the first oceanographic survey of the Amundsen-Bellinghousen continental shelf region; cruise concludes in Punta Arenas, Chile, and is followed by a 45-day shipyard period
25 February	PD94-2 through PD94-4—move cargo, supplies, and personnel between Palmer Station and South America; followed by a 30-day maintenance period in Punta Arenas, Chile
29 May	NBP94-3—15-day sea trials to test equipment adjustments
9 June	PD94-5—support along the Antarctic Peninsula marine biology investigation of winter behavior of krill
18 June	NBP94-4—support for ANZLUX (winter flux experiment in the eastern Weddell Sea), a multidisciplinary investigation of the dynamics and thermodynamics of momentum, heat, and salt flux through the upper ocean and ice cover into the atmosphere
14 July	PD94-6—support three marine geology projects in the Chilean fjords region
1 September	NBP94-5—support a comprehensive study of physical and chemical properties of sea ice in the Bellinghousen, Amundsen, and Ross Seas

# Operations reports

cosmic-ray flux in past eras, identifying events in which asteroid parent-bodies were disrupted, defining the abundances and characteristics of pre-solar-system organic molecules, and studying the origin and compositions of asteroids. During the last 2 decades, field teams from the United States and Japan, joined more recently by a consortium of European countries, have collected approximately 16,000 meteorite fragments that represent between 2,000 and 5,000 distinct falls on the ice sheet. The antarctic collection, now comparable in size to the total number of meteorites collected from all sites in the rest of the world, includes many meteorites of previously unknown types and varieties. One goal is to continue to bring these fragments to facilities in the United States where they can be analyzed, cataloged, and made available to interested researchers. We expect that many more specimens, including new lunar samples and others of possible Martian origin, will be provided. A second goal has been to understand how meteorite concentrations are related to ice-sheet dynamics. During the field season, team members will continue to study meteorite stranding surfaces in order to collect information on the relationship between exposed ice and meteorite concentrations. (S-058)

**Geologic studies in the Shackleton Range, Coats Land, and Queen Maud Land, East Antarctica: A North American connection.** *Ian Dalziel, University of Texas at Austin.* Geologic evidence suggests, first, that the Pacific margins of the East Antarctic and North American Proterozoic cratons were once juxtaposed and, second, that as the two drifted apart during the fragmentation of a Neoproterozoic supercontinent, the Pacific Ocean was formed. The most critical and most easily tested evidence supporting this hypothesis is the apparent continuation of the northwestern boundary of the Grenville orogen of the North American craton—the Grenville front—into East Antarctica at the head of the Weddell Sea between the Shackleton Range and Coats Land, an area seldom visited and never studied in detail by American geologists. Our objective this austral summer is to begin testing this hypothesis by studying the geology, geochemistry, geochronometry, and paleomagnetism of the antarctic rocks in question. The results of these studies will then be compared with those near the

Grenville front in the southwestern United States. Our field work will also include detailed stratigraphic study of the only undisturbed Neoproterozoic sedimentary sequence in the antarctic continent. (S-063)

**Comparative petrologic, structural, and geochronometric investigation of high-grade metamorphic rocks in the Transantarctic Mountains.** *John Goodge, Southern Methodist University.* Our objective is to develop a database from which regional metamorphic, deformation, and age relations of high-grade basement metamorphic rocks in the Transantarctic Mountains can be better understood. The rocks come from the Nimrod group in the central Transantarctic Mountains and the Lanterman Metamorphic Complex in northern Victoria Land. Improved documentation of their origin, age, and tectonic evolution are important for a thorough understanding of how the paleoantarctic craton evolved and how the supercontinent Gondwana was formed. To accomplish this, we will do detailed field geologic mapping and sampling, analyze samples for structural, microstructural, kinematic and fabric characteristics, metamorphic petrology, quantitative geothermobarometry, and uranium-lead geochronometry. (S-064)

**A neodymium, osmium, lead, and strontium isotopic study of the Dufek Intrusion, Pensacola Mountains, Antarctica: Re-assessment of differentiation mechanisms in layered mafic complexes.** *Samuel B. Mukasa, University of Michigan.* We will conduct an isotopic study of the layered ultramafic Dufek Intrusion. The objectives are to further understanding of igneous processes in large mafic magma chambers, accurately determine the age of the Dufek Intrusion, and assess the origin of sulfide and chromite mineralization in the intrusion. The Dufek Intrusion is part of the Karoo-Ferrar tholeiitic province, one of the largest such provinces known on Earth. This research will involve high-precision, mass-spectrometric analysis of neodymium, strontium, lead, and osmium isotopes from ultrapure fractions of minerals separated from rock samples. From the results of these analyses, we will trace compositional changes of both the liquid and solid phases during crystallization and crystal segregation processes. Lead and osmium isotopes will be used as tracers to ascertain whether sulfide mineralization results from increased silica activity associated with

crustal contamination or whether it is caused by temperature changes and oxygen instability. This research generally will further understanding of the processes of magma differentiation and mineralization associated with large ultramafic intrusions, which are important sources of platinum group elements. (S-065)

**Paleobotany and biostratigraphy of the Allan Hills area.** *Edith J. Taylor and Thomas N. Taylor, Byrd Polar Research Center, Ohio State University.* Antarctic fossil floras and faunas are becoming increasingly more important in understanding paleoecosystems and paleoclimates of this and other high-latitude regions. During the late Paleozoic and Mesozoic, Antarctica occupied a critical position in the center of Gondwana, an important fact in understanding the distribution of past floras and migration routes into other continents. Scientists have only recently begun to collect plant and animal fossils in Antarctica; therefore, our knowledge of particular floras and their relationships to those on other Gondwana continents is still developing. We worked in the Allan Hills region of southern Victoria Land during the 1989-1990 austral summer and found this area to be unique because of the diverse types and ages of plant fossils found there. The rock strata in this region contain not only Permian and Triassic but also Jurassic fossils, which are rare in East Antarctica. Besides the more common compression/impression floras, we found permineralized peat in both Permian and Triassic rocks, as well as silicified wood. Our objective during the 1993-1994 austral summer is to collect these floras, place them in their paleoecologic and stratigraphic settings, and describe the plants in detail. These data will provide taxonomic, paleoecologic, paleoclimatic, and biogeographic information that can be compared with other better known floras in Antarctica and Gondwana. (S-068)

**The Ellsworth Mountains terrane: Its origin and accretion to East Antarctica.** *Margaret Rees, University of Nevada.* The work on this project will help to constrain tectonic models for the Ellsworth Mountains-Whitmore Mountains block, an important tectonic element within the collage of continental crustal blocks of West Antarctica. A proper understanding of this block is key to evaluating hypotheses about the formation or breakup of super-

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