

# ANTARCTIC SCIENTISTS MEET IN CANBERRA

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The unusual dome-shaped building of the Australian Academy of Sciences and the nearby Australian National University provided an ideal venue for the XIIIth Meeting of SCAR. Participants were accommodated at Burgmann College.

The programme provided for a plenary session on the first day and the last day and on the days in between there were meetings of the Group of Delegates (these are the twelve individuals designated as delegates by the member countries), in parallel with meetings of three of the Working Groups, i.e., the Working Groups on Glaciology, Biology and Logistics. Groups of specialists had met during the preceding week. The rôle of the meetings of the "Groups of Delegates" was to deal with matters referred to them by the opening plenary session, and to review and digest recommendations coming forward from the meetings of Working Groups and groups of specialists.

Those attending the SCAR meetings were, with few exceptions, individuals who had been to Antarctica many times and, in addition, had established international scientific reputations. This combination of both physical and intellectual achievement made a unique group drawn from twelve nations. Many of them were old acquaintances or even old friends. Coupled with the friendly hospitality of the men and women residents of Burgmann College, this resulted in a pleasantly convivial off-duty atmosphere.

This was added to considerably by the expertise on the piano of individuals such as the President of the Burgmann Residents Association, as well as Antarctic veterans Philip Law (Chairman of the Australian National Committee) and James Zumberge (U.S.A. Delegate to SCAR). My most vivid recollection is of a large group gathered around Philip Law at the piano, lustily singing the *SCAR Marching Song* to the lead of its composer, James Zumberge.

## SCAR MARCHING SONG

(Perpetrated by James H. Zumberge, Canberra, August, 1972)

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— to the tune of "The Happy Wanderer"

1. We are the men of SCAR, we are  
Antarctic is fraternity.  
We leave our homes for many months,  
'Way from women's liberty.
2. Twelve nations all have delegates  
From South to Northern clime;  
The list is an impressive one,  
We're meeting all the time.
3. We've working groups and specialists,  
Symposia, and the lot;  
Our membership is limited  
A more exclusive bunch, there's not.
4. New Zealand, France, Australia,  
South Africa and U.S.A.,  
Japan, Belgium, and the Argentines,  
U.S.S.R., and old Norway.
5. Two more countries make up the list,  
Chile and the good U.K.  
There's hardly room for any more,  
Let's keep it all that way.
6. Our meetings are away from home;  
There's a reason, don't you see?  
At home, we're just a bunch of blokes,  
But here — we're company.
7. We've met around the world a bit,  
From Cape Town t' Oslo, Nor;  
And soon we'll meet in Jackson Hole,  
In nineteen seventy-four.
8. G. Robin is our President,  
de Q R, says he.  
We all know what the R stands for,  
But the Q's a mystery.
9. G. Hemmen, he's another bloke,  
Executive Secre'try,  
He pushes papers all day long,  
And never stops for tea.
10. We have some Glaciologists,  
With ice they have a ball,  
They chip it, chop it, crush it too,  
Bartenders one and all.
11. Our bio boys have big ideas,  
'Bout man in polar stress.  
After boozing through the winter night,  
Who wouldn't be a mess.
12. The met boys are a happy lot.  
They look up in the sky.  
And though it's ninety-nine below,  
They never wonder why.
13. Geophysicists do a job,  
They measure sound through ice,  
And when you see th' results they get,  
It's the same as shaking dice.
14. The Ross Ice Shelf has got to go,  
It's been around too long,  
While we watch it disintegrate  
We'll sing our happy song.
15. Geologists break rocks all day  
They work very hard, indeed.  
They climb the mountains and scale the peaks,  
All knowledge to impede.

### DR. JAMES H. ZUMBERGE

Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Vice-President, University of Nebraska System.

Dr. James H. Zumberge (pronounced ZUM-berg), 48, is the new Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Vice-President of the University of Nebraska System.

Prior to joining the University, he served as director of the School of Earth Sciences and dean of the College of Earth Sciences at the University of Arizona from 1968 to 1972.

He was president of Grand Valley State College at Allendale, Michigan, from 1962 to 1968 and advanced from instructor to professor of geology at the University of Michigan from 1950 to 1962. Between 1950 and 1962 he also served as consultant in ground water and non-metallic deposits in the State of Michigan.

Dr. Zumberge was the chief glaciologist for the United States Ross Ice Shelf Project in Antarctica for the International Geophysical Year in 1957-58. Since then he has served as chief organizer for three subsequent Antarctic expeditions supported by the National Science Foundation.

He holds B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota and a LL.D. from Grand Valley State College. Dr. Zumberge is the author of 75 technical articles, five books, and numerous papers given at national and international meetings. He is a member of Sigma XI, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Geological Society of America, Society of Economic Geologists, American Geophysical Union, International Glaciological Society, Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C., Who's Who, and served as president of the Michigan Academy of Sciences in 1967.

His awards include an Antarctic Service Medal; the James H. Zumberge Library, named in his honour at Grand Valley State College, and Cape Zumberge, Antarctica, named in his honour in 1962. He has been selected to receive a University of Minnesota Outstanding Alumni Service Award in 1972.

A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he is married to the former Marilyn Edwards of Western Springs, Illinois. They have four children: John, 23; Jo Ellen, 20; James, 18; and Mark, 16.

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Die afgelope maand het ons egte somerweer geniet met 'n gemiddelde temperatuur van 6,8C. Ons het ook meer as die gewone kwota sonskyn gehad met byna 6,5 uur per dag. Vroeg in die maand het ons na 'n middag van basisopruiming 'n vleisbraai gehou wat almal seker lank sal onthou. Na die etery het ons saam kampvuurliedjies gesing totdat reën en wind ons in die wiele gery het. Staande is daar met Die Stem afgesluit met 'n rockhopper koor in die agtergrond.

*Launching a meteorological balloon from Sanae.*



John en Dirk het in die eerste week die berge ingevaar. Die doel was om Jan Smuts-piek, die hoogste op Marion, te bestyg. Hulle moes ongeveer 25 meter vanaf die kruin omdraai vanweë gladde ys. Die res van die span het op die wolklose dag heerlijk gesit en sonbrand. Dirk het 'n mate van sneeblindheid opgedoen wat gelukkig gou herstel het. Albei moeë bergklimmers is egter oortuigend van mening dat die uitstappie met 'Alpe' tonele en wonderlike uitsigte oor die hele eiland, beslis die moeite werd was. Francois en Leo het die pad na Kildalkey toe aangedurf en hulle rapporteer 'n wonderlike gesig van duisende Konings- en Macaronipikkewyne op die gewilde baai. Na 'n daglange stap het 'n voetseer en doodmoeë Leo ewe droog opgemerk dat sy verste uitstappie van nou af die magnetiese waarnemingshut is. Sowat 300 meter.

Sakkie en John het weer op hul beurt na Boot Rock gestap en op 'Gony Plain' honderde Koningspikkewyne ver van die see af gesien.

Henk en Frikkie het hulle vrye tyd bestee deur blinklywe uit te sleep. Op een so 'n dag was daar uitstekende geleentheid vir puik fotos deur roofwalvisse gebied. Hulle het tot teen die rotse geswem. Die fotografe het kameras aanmekaar laat klik. Een spesifieke