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### 4th IASC Council Meeting, Ilulissat, West Greenland, May 1994

The 4th Meeting of IASC (*International Arctic Science Committee*) took place in Ilulissat (Jacobshavn), West Greenland, from 2 to 6 April, 1994. It was organised by the Danish Polar Center (Copenhagen). The participants were the IASC Council Members and the observers from Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA, the Regional Board members from eight Arctic countries (Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and USA), as well as the Danish Polar Center and the IASC Secretariat members.

The number of the IASC Council members increased to 15 by admission of Switzerland.

The new IASC Executive consists of Prof. M. Magnússon (President, Iceland), Prof. B. Bolin (V-President, Sweden), Prof. D. Fütterer (V-President, Germany), Akad. I. S. Gramberg (V-President, Russia), Dr O. R. Young (V-President, USA), Dr G. S. H. Lock (Regional Board Chairman) and Mr O. Rogne (Executive Secretary, Norway).

Poland was represented in the 4th IASC Meeting by Prof. K. Birkenmajer (IASC Council Member) and Dr S. M. Zalewski (Observer).

Among the most important actions and initiatives of IASC since its last meeting in Abisko, Sweden (1993), may be mentioned the following:

- An International Conference for Arctic Research Planning will take place on 5–9 December, 1995, in Hanover, New Hampshire (USA). Its programme will include: (1) Impacts of global changes on the Arctic region and its peoples; (2) Arctic processes of relevance to global systems; (3) Natural processes within the Arctic; (4) Arctic resource use/ecosystems dynamics;

- An IASC conference on Arctic Sciences is planned for 1997 or 1998, most probably in Tromsø, Norway;

- There is further progress in the activities of the IASC Working Group on the Global Change in the Arctic under Prof. G. Weller (Fairbanks, Alaska). The results of the first symposium have been published (Scientific Plan for a Regional Research Programme in the Arctic on Global Change, 1994.

- Proceedings of the Workshop at Reykjavik, Iceland, 1992). Another workshop, on the IASC „Science Priorities in Global Research in the Arctic” was scheduled for October 1994, in Stockholm;

- The ISIRA (International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic) programme has already started. Its major activity in the near future will include: (1) organisation on 24–30 September, 1995, in Rovaniemi (Finland), of a working session on „Disturbance and Recovery of Arctic Terrestrial Ecosystems”; (2) continuation of the project „Laptiev Sea Geosystem” (German–Russian co-operation), as part of a multi-discipline international project LOICZ (Land–Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone). This project will incorporate two draft proposals prepared by the IASC W. G. on Marine Geology: the „Laptiev Sea System” and „Quaternary River Discharge in the Arctic Ocean and Climate Change”, with special attention being paid to the Lena River delta; (2) compiling data directory and digitalizing of the Russian (Soviet) Arctic seismic data;

- The IASC *ad hoc* Working Group „Arctic Glaciers” has been formalized as the IASC W. G. „Arctic Glaciology”. The W. G. held its first formal workshop in Wisła, Poland 18–22 September, 1994, with Prof. J. Jania (Poland) acting as its convener.

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