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THE FUCHS FOUNDATION

In this column of *Polar Record*, No 111, September 1975, we announced the establishment of a new charitable trust, the Fuchs Foundation, to mark the retirement of Sir Vivian Fuchs as director of the British Antarctic Survey. At that time, the Foundation was still awaiting registration as a charity and was unable to receive donations from outside the Survey. Now, however, registration is complete, and donations may be sent to The Treasurer, The Fuchs Foundation, c/o British Antarctic Survey, Madingley Road, Cambridge, England, CB3 0ET. Cheques should be made payable to the Fuchs Foundation. Enquiries should be addressed to the Foundation's secretary at the same address.

NEW PLACE-NAMES IN THE SOVIET ARCTIC

The following new place-names have been approved for Soviet use. *Mys Ponomarenko* for the western tip of Ostrov Ploskiy in the island group of Ostrova Chell'mana in the Kara Sea. Vitaliy Ivanovich Ponomarenko was a hydrographic surveyor who worked in the Soviet Arctic in the 1950's.

Poluostrov Daurkina for the peninsula at the eastern end of Chukotka, facing Bering Strait, and bounded by Kolyuchinskaya Guba in the west and Mechigmenskiy Zaliv in the south. Nikolay Ivanovich Daurkin (original name Tangitan) was a Chukcha who entered Russian service in 1760. As cartographer and interpreter he took part in a number of expeditions to the far north-east of Asia, including that led by Captain Joseph Billings in 1785–95.

OBITUARY

PAUL MARINUS HANSEN, who headed Grønlands Fiskeriundersøgelser [Greenland Fisheries Investigations] for 23 years, died on 28 January 1976 at the age of 74. He first went to Greenland in 1925 as a student on board the research vessel *Dana*, and worked with fisheries research in Greenland waters ever since.

For many years he studied the Cod stocks in relation to hydrographic conditions (especially water temperature), and his doctoral thesis, *Studies on the biology of the Cod in Greenland waters*, was published in 1949. It was in 1946 that he became director of the Greenland Fisheries Investigations—under the Ministry for Greenland—and in that position he also studied other fishery resources such as the stocks of deep-sea shrimps and salmon. In 1948 he discovered extensive prawn grounds which became of the greatest importance for the local economy. He was much engaged in international fishery research work, especially through the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF), an organization in which he was active since its formation in 1949. Over the years he produced a considerable number of publications, most of which were published in annual or occasional series of ICNAF and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). He retired from the post of director on 31 December 1969.

Erik Smidt

The few biographical details published below are in memory of the three members of the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) who set out from the Argentine Islands base on 3 September 1976 to follow an approved field programme which included climbing to the summit of Mount Peary. They successfully scaled the peak but the contact with them was lost on the descent. A week later the three men were assumed to have died in conditions described as 'beyond those of human endurance'.

GEOFFREY HENRY HARGREAVES was born in Preston on 13 July 1955. He was educated at Preston Grammar School and Preston Sixth Form College, and graduated from the University of Manchester Institute of Technology with an ordinary degree in Paper Science. In 1974 he spent some time mountaineering in the Mont Blanc massif. The following year, on 31 July, he joined BAS as a meteorologist. Three months later he sailed to Argentine Islands in RRS *Bransfield*.

MICHAEL ALAN WALKER was the cook at Argentine Islands. He was born on 4 January 1955, in Liverpool, and went to the Parade Secondary School for Boys. He qualified as a cook at the Collquit Street College of Crafts and Catering and served his apprenticeship as a chef at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool. He joined BAS in early November 1974 and straightaway sailed to Argentine Islands, in the *Bransfield*.

GRAHAM JAMES WHITFIELD was born in Rotherham on 18 August 1952. He attended Rotherham Grammar School and in 1968 was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. He went on to Liverpool University, where he graduated with an honours degree in geophysics. In 1970 he went as a voluntary field assistant to the British Honduras for six months on a geological and geochemical survey for the Institute of Geological Sciences. In the summers of 1971 and 1972 he took part in expeditions organized by the University of Liverpool Exploration Society; in 1973 he climbed Mont Blanc and the Aiguille du Midi. He originally applied to join BAS as a field geophysicist, but was eventually taken on as an observatory physicist, on 1 July 1974. He sailed to Argentine Islands in the *Bransfield* on 7 November of the same year.

A memorial service, attended by members of the British Antarctic Survey and representatives of other Antarctic organizations, was held on 8 October 1976 at Coton Parish Church, near Cambridge. A second service was held in Rotherham the next day.

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Polar Record, Vol. 17, No. 108, September 1974, p 317. The heading in Table 2 'Population in millions' should read 'Population in thousands'.

SCAR Bulletin, No 54, September 1976, p 325 [163], line 39, and p 326 [164], line 5. *Delete*. Fossil Bluff and Siple stations were closed during the Antarctic winter 1976.