

**THE SHACKLETON MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT THE SCOTT POLAR
RESEARCH INSTITUTE: A NEW INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE FOR THE
STUDY OF THE POLAR REGIONS**

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Abstract: The Shackleton Memorial Library is a major extension to the existing Institute library. It is dedicated to the memory of the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and his son, the statesman and explorer, Lord Edward Shackleton. In addition to providing space for the rapidly growing library, archives and photographic collections, a special facility is included to accommodate up to 17 Visiting Scholars. Networked access will be provided to a range of in-house and Internet information resources. This poster outlines construction developments since the start of building in September 1997. The associated new information resources are described at this conference in the paper *SPRILIB MULTIMEDIA: new databases at the Scott Polar Research Institute*. The Shackleton Memorial Library will be opened officially on 20 November, 1998.

**SCIENTISTS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND THEIR INFORMATION-
SEEKING HABITS -- POSTER**

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ABSTRACT: Both qualitative and quantitative methodology was used to research access of scientists to information and their information seeking habits. The scientists work in small research institutes (with staff from ca 35 to 120) in the natural sciences in Iceland. In-depth unstructured interviews with 15 scientists, Sept. 1996 to May 1997, showed great difference in varieties of methods in gathering information. Most scientists agreed that the invisible college; contacting colleagues, working in national or international groups and attending conferences and meetings, were the most important factors in keeping up to date. Some relied solely on colleagues but other were