

PLC (POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUY)

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Polar Libraries Colloquy (PLC)
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The Polar Libraries Colloquy, founded in 1971, is an independent “international collegium of individuals dealing with or having an interest in the collection and dissemination of information on the polar regions” (Andrews, 1992). PLC meets every other year, alternating between sites in Europe and North America, and will co-sponsor a joint meeting with IAMSLIC in Reykjavik, Iceland in 1998. PLC produces the PolarPac CD-ROM, directories, and newsletters. There are a number of IAMSLIC members who attend both IAMSLIC and PLC meetings and the organization is excited about developing a cooperative program for the joint meeting as well as exploring future cooperative ventures.

IOC (INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION)

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The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, part of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), promotes all aspects of ocean sciences in coordination with its 125 member states. The International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) and the Group of Experts in Marine Information Management (GEMIM) are two major components of IOC. These groups have conducted a number of workshops and meetings resulting in many cooperative projects around the world. IAMSLIC has been, and continues to be, helpful to IOC projects. Projects in the areas of document delivery to developing country libraries and assisting with the International Directory of Marine and Aquatic Scientists are examples of ways in which IAMSLIC has and can continue to cooperate with IOC.

IOC announced at the 1996 IAMSLIC Conference that they will print and distribute IAMSLIC's Directory of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries. Future cooperative ventures may include IOC approaching IAMSLIC for expert advice on projects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Following brief descriptions of each of these organizations, the audience participated in an open discussion about cooperative ventures. Much discussion focused on ways in which we can work to expand IAMSLIC's links to freshwater sites and institutions around the world. Suggestions were made that we might work with these associations to help us identify potential members who are affiliated with international waterfowl groups, municipal water districts and water boards. It was also suggested that we work with ASFA, because this database contains a listing of author addresses and affiliations.

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