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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We were very pleased to have such a good turnout of GIS members at the annual meeting activities in Cincinnati, October 25-29. In fact, at several GIS meetings, latecomers had to drag in chairs from adjacent rooms. A number of our activities, such as the Database Forum, the GeoRef Workshop, and the Symposium, continue to attract an audience that extends beyond our membership, indicating that GIS is responding to the information needs of the geoscience community.

The Symposium, "Preserving Geoscience Imagery," opened with a paper by Mary Scott, who discussed five problem areas associated with the preservation of digital cartographic data. Mary's presentation was followed by an animated discussion in the audience over issues of responsibility. Connie Wick's description of the successful DEZ mass deacidification project at Harvard listed data showing this process to be cost-effective, as well as non-destructive, for most high-use materials. Isabella Hopkins discussed the history of the mandate for preserving photos, field records and other materials at the USGS. She then

showed some of the preservation problems associated with these materials. Liz Clancy spoke directly to geologists about the steps necessary to organize and preserve their personal photo and slide collections. In a paper by Julia Golden, a collection of more than 10,000 glass plate negatives of geologic images from 1880's to 1920's Iowa served as an example of collections whose survival will depend upon expanded institutional support. Alan Fusonie, Ron Young and Dick Myers spoke about federal initiatives that have resulted in preservation of public domain photographic images on prototype laser disk databases. They emphasized the need for incorporating laser disk preservation into institutional preservation programs. Jim Wallace, of the Smithsonian Institution, was unable to attend the meeting, however, Dick Myers summarized some of Wallace's main points.

The common thread of concern over the physical and chemical deterioration of geoscience literature was woven through other GIS activities, in addition to the Symposium, Poster Session, and the Exhibit. The video *Slow Fires: On the Preservation of the Human Record* was shown to a comparatively large audience at the Science Theater. The October *GSA Today* Forum articles on preservation by Connie Wick and Susan Klimley drew attention to GIS activities. GSA's daily conference newspaper *Down to Earth* featured an article on GIS preservation-related activities that was published on the morning of the Symposium. I was also able to announce the Symposium to the preservation and the map librarianship communities through several print and electronic media in September. This leaves GIS poised on the brink of assuming a leadership role in preserving geoscience literature. I expect to create a standing committee on preservation issues, and I invite any interested members to volunteer.

In fact, I am making 1993 committee appointments at this time. The list of committee vacancies was printed in the V-P's Column in the October newsletter issue. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to serve on a committee or as a representative. There are many committee and representative opportunities that do not require annual meeting attendance, or even electronic mail.

I represented GIS at two GSA meetings on Thursday, October 29. At the Associated Presidents' breakfast, I

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GIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Research articles and technical reports should be submitted to the Editorial Board for review and possible publication. Information reports, officer and committee reports, publication notices, job announcements, and other news items should be submitted to the News Gathering Editor.

Material for the February, 1993 issue of the GIS Newsletter should be received by the editors no later than January 20, 1993. If possible please send materials on IBM-compatible disk (Wordstar 3.3, Wordperfect 5.1, or ASCII format) or by e-mail to Connie Manson.

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

spoke with GSA officers and representatives from other societies. The Geochemical Society has continuing concerns about publishing an electronic journal. Journal prices and library subscription cancellations are difficult issues for societies which depend upon library subscriptions for income. I also heard that NAGT is considering the "electronic classroom" as a session theme for 1993.

At a meeting of the Joint Technical Program Committee (JTTC), comprised of GSA staff, division reps and reps from associated societies, I was joined by Dena Hanson and Connie Wick. We learned about GSA's intention to foster better communication among its divisions and associated societies by holding a planning session after the paper-acceptance-and-scheduling session which the GIS VP attends each August. In August 1993, Connie will represent GIS at this meeting in Boulder, but she will have to bring some ideas for GIS activities to be held at the 1994 annual meeting in Seattle. Thus, I have asked Dena Hanson, new Chair of the Nominating Committee, to attempt to complete the GIS election process by May 1, 1993. The VP-elect will not take office until October of 1993, however this person will have an opportunity to formulate ideas about the 1994 program and communicate them to Connie. Because JTTC reps will also discuss the 1995 meeting (New Orleans), Connie will be able to report back to us ideas from GSA and other groups about both the 1994 and 1995 GSA meetings.

Another issue at the October JTTC meeting is of concern to GIS. In an effort to make more efficient the sorting and scheduling process for volunteered papers, several suggestions had been floated by JTTC reps at the August Boulder meeting. In a subsequent development, it appears that AGI is able and willing to quickly index the volunteered abstracts for the JTTC reps. As a result, it would be possible for AGI to produce an index for the respective GSA Abstracts with Program volume. Conference attendees could then search the index for papers of interest. The records for the abstracts would be added to GeoRef about one year sooner than they are entered now. GSA and AGI are planning to test this procedure on future regional GSA meeting abstracts before implementing for an annual meeting.

Finally, some thanks are in order. I want to acknowledge the help and support I received from the 1992 Executive Board, the Program Committee, and the committee chairs and members who worked on sessions. I also want to thank Susan Klimley and the Exhibit Committee for an excellent Exhibit and John Kawula for his service as GIS photographer. The GSA annual meeting staff were incredibly helpful, and I am very grateful to Mary Riestenberg for the opportunity to show *Slow Fires* at the Science Theater. My thanks go to Dr. Paul Potter for an excellent field trip. And many, many thanks to Richard Spohn whose efforts over the past twelve months made this a memorable meeting.

The Cincinnati meeting was excellent, with many GIS members in attendance. But now it's already time to start thinking about next year! GSA meets next year in Boston, from October 25-28, at the Hynes Convention Center. I get the sense that GSA is expecting a large turn-out for the meeting, particularly since so many members have some academic ties to the New England area. And it has been over 35 years since GSA has met in Boston, so there is the novelty factor!

Plans are already underway for the GIS symposium and technical session. The GSA theme is "Charging into the Future", and the emphasis will be on environmental issues. Several GIS members told me of their interest in giving talks or poster sessions next year. (I wrote down your names, and even if you didn't volunteer, I probably wrote down your name, anyway!) There is a lot of interest in papers on information resources for environmental studies. Also heading the list of topics is the interest in a symposium on geoscience publishing. There are many related topics here, but this would be the perfect avenue to follow up on the discussion that we hope will be generated by the upcoming *GSA Today* forum article on serials prices.

The GSA flyer indicates that there will be a dizzying assortment of field trips, 36 in all, for next year. However, that does not rule out a GIS trip. I got lots of suggestions at the meeting, but I would still welcome more ideas....

Following Louise Zipp's precedent, I am going to plan for the upcoming meeting with the help of a Program Committee, and will be meeting shortly with local area members Kathy Keefe and Karen Campbell of MIT's Lindgren Library.

At the meeting of the Joint Technical Program Committee of GSA, we heard the news that the Boston GSA meeting will be "wired" for Internet access! Does this suggest some possibilities to anyone? One idea is to provide conference-goers with a sampling of earth science information resources available on the Internet. Perhaps this could be done as a poster or part of the GIS Exhibit Booth. Please let me know what other uses you would like GIS to make of this technological opportunity.

Planning is also underway for workshops and other GIS activities. I encourage you to be thinking NOW about what you would like to see in the program next year. And if you are thinking of presenting a paper or poster session, but weren't at the Cincinnati meeting, please let me know. My e-mail addresses are: cswick@harvarda (bitnet) or cswick@harvarda.harvard.edu (internet).

MINUTES

GIS Executive Board Meeting Geoscience Information Society Sunday, October 25, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Dena Fracoli Hanson, GIS President. Officers of the Society and visitors were then introduced. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held in San Diego, California on October 20, 1992, were approved and reports were then given by the officers, appointed officials, representatives, and committee chairpersons.

Old business discussed consisted of:

1. A report on the new GIS Information Brochure and an announcement that it had been published and was being distributed to members with the Directory. It was also noted that the membership form has been revised and the new form is being used.
2. A discussion of the guidelines for awards committees which standardized criteria, policies and procedures for awards and the award certificates.
3. A discussion of ideas on how to increase financial support for the Society since expenses were increasing and income decreasing due to less interest being earned on Society's accounts and a decrease in membership and some sales of publications.

New business consisted of a discussion of what roles GIS could play in addressing two concerns:

1. One reported on by Connie Manson was the need for more detailed indexing of theses and other maps in the USGS GeoIndex product. This resulted from a conversation which Connie had with Jack Hillhouse, Branch Chief, Branch of Western Regional Geology, USGS.
2. The second reported on by Claren Kidd was the feasibility of GIS serving as a facilitator in redistributing geological literature by connecting organizations who the literature with those who need it.

Other topics addressed in the reports given were:

- A review of GIS accounts by the Treasurer and the need to investigate whether these accounts are now serving the needs of the organization.
- Ideas to increase revenue for the Society.
- Promoting better outreach in the library and geoscience community and support for a National Data Repository.
- To have a member serve as Publicity Officer to insure adequate publicity of the Society and its publications.
- The effects of publications cost increases for the Society.
- A request to officers to send materials regularly to the Archives.
- GeoNet, its subscribers and other earth sciences listservers, where GeoNet might be listed.
- Supporting the proposed National Data Repository facility.

- Financial support to AGI.
- The exhibit at the GIS booth.
- Ad-Hoc Committee report on the Media award.
- Plans of the Collection Development Issues Committee to do a Forum column article on the pricing of geoscience literature in the February issue of *GSA Today*.
- Issues concerning the marketing, format, and pricing of the forthcoming *Directory of Geoscience Libraries*.
- Update from the committee to revise the Constitution and Bylaws.
- An announcement of the GIS Database Forum.
- Need to inform members that papers written by members of the committee are ineligible for consideration of the Best Paper Award.

GeoRef User's Group Geoscience Information Society Sunday, October 25, 1992

AGI Report - John Mulvihill

About 74,000 new entries will have been added to GeoRef by the end of the year. This will bring the total number in GeoRef to 1.78 million. This has been a transition year from the datapoint system to a new production system. Next year the number of references added to the database will probably increase to 80,000 or more. The new computer system was acquired through grants from NSF and USGS. In addition, AGI is receiving about \$125,000 worth of older computer equipment from Exxon. The new equipment will allow workstation indexing on Ethernet with IBM clones.

GeoRef will be produced in-house and be online in-house. This will allow immediate access to different subsets of the system such as theses. It has not yet been loaded onto the system, although the storage capacity exists.

The bibliography of geoscience theses is almost finished. The survey taken regarding access points for the thesis information was mixed. The bibliography will be arranged alphabetically by author. There will be a section arranged by school and then by author within the school. An extensive subject access system was developed for the thesis bibliography. It will allow more specific searching, no longer use the three levels of indexing, and will result in more direct access points. The index will take up about two-thirds of the thesis bibliography. AGI attempted to make the thesis bibliography as comprehensive as possible but realizes that some theses on geoscience topics outside of geology departments have been missed.

The type of indexing developed for the thesis bibliography will be used in the *Bibliography and Index of Geology*, beginning with the January 1993 issue. This change

in the printed index will not affect the online index terms except that general terms such as "analysis" and "methods" formerly used as subdivisions in the index sets will occur less.

The 6th edition of the *GeoRef Thesaurus* is due out any minute. About 3,600 new terms were added, and 2,300, mostly geographic, terms were modified. All geographic hierarchies were reviewed and countries were added to cities and some political regions, based on past usage. For example, Odessa was dropped and Odessa City Ukraine, Odessa Meteorite, Odessa Texas, Odessa Ukraine and Odessa Washington were added, with with its appropriate hierarchy. The relationships BA, BT, BX and BZ became simply BT. Some new hierarchies were added. Terms were categorized as geographic, stratigraphic, etc. Indexer notes were modified to suit the new printed index.

Tiered pricing for the GeoRef CD-ROM in academic institutions, making the database more affordable for small schools, will begin in 1993. Price will be based on a combination of the number of the faculty and geology majors. If the total is less than 20, then the cost will be \$950, at 21 to 60 the cost will be \$1,850, and the largest will pay \$2,800. These costs apply if the library does not subscribe to the *Bibliography and Index of Geology*. Cost will be lower if they do. In 1994 the price of the paper version of the Bib and Index will also be prorated according to the size of the institution and will range from \$500 to \$ 1,295. There will be no change for non-academic or foreign subscribers to either format. There is a possibility of instigating a single fee for the "for profit" online database users. AGI is still checking with the database vendors on this.

Some universities, the University of California and Cornell, have indicated that they want to tie into GeoRef at Stanford, where it is loaded on their online public access catalog (OPAC). The agreement must be made with Stanford, and AGI will charge \$4,800 per institution, the equivalent of a wide area network (WAN) CD-ROM set up. The tapes cost Stanford \$12,000 for the back files and \$3,000 per year for monthly updates. Stanford provides the search software, which matches that on their OPAC. Charlotte Derksen, of Stanford, said that Stanford is interested in the arrangement. She also commented that the programming written for the Stanford database is available to all SPIRES consortium members.

Questions from those in attendance followed:

Jim O'Donnell asked if SilverPlatter discs would be reloaded to place them in better chronological order. Mulvihill said that AGI will re-sort the records, and they would then be reloaded on CDs. Marilyn Stark asked if there was a time frame on the disc reload. Mulvihill said no, but it is a high priority. The new thesis file is of high quality and will replace the current thesis records in the database.

O'Donnell asked if cryptic abbreviations in early records would be cleaned up. Mulvihill said yes, they would be fixed by matching ISSN numbers. However, in some cases, this will result in the citation being for the current title of the journal, not the original title, if there was a title change.

Midge King asked if records from GEOSCAN had been loaded into GeoRef yet. Mulvihill said not yet, they have been concentrating on getting the new system going and keeping it up. There was no big gap when Ethernet was brought in. When asked when certain actions will take place, Mulvihill said, "I don't make promises any more." He said that AGI will soon be hiring a person to handle exchanges.

Marie Dvorzak asked about the turnaround time of indexing in GeoRef. Her people compare it to Biosis, which is much quicker. Mulvihill said that not much progress has been made. Dropping three-level indexing should decrease indexing time per record, so the new system should improve. AGI is aware of the problem.

Mulvihill was asked when SilverPlatter will allow library holdings and call numbers to be meshed with the GeoRef CD-ROM database. He said that AGI will push it when they are renegotiating with SilverPlatter, which is soon.

Suzanne Larsen suggested that there be a way to limit searches on the CD-ROM to core journals.

O'Donnell asked when the 1991 cumulation of the bound index will appear. Mulvihill said it was at the printers and should be out soon.

Mulvihill was asked if it was possible to separate out portions of the citation which are now combined into fields in the SilverPlatter format. Many users are now wanting to dump their downloaded records into citation organizers and this makes it difficult. Mulvihill said he would look into it.

Stark asked if people were interested in looking into the list of core journals. O'Donnell noted that some journals had changed names and that titles on the list may need to be deleted or added to. All in attendance agreed that this would be a good idea. Stark will put out a call on e-mail or in the newsletter for volunteers for the project.

Dena Hanson suggested that GIS consider a workshop for end users (researchers and students) that would provide hands-on experience. O'Donnell said that "training" isn't that important, people just play with it. Louise Zipp suggested that it might be useful for people who do not have access to the CD-ROM. Hanson suggested maybe a booth located next to AGI at GSA where people try GeoRef might be useful. Anne Krum acknowledged that CD-ROMs were increasing for office and personal use and that the general population would be interested. Barbara DeFelice said that outside people have been interested in

the past. Larsen concurred that there were people out there who did not have access to a CD-ROM and agreed with the suggestion that AGI provide a booth for GeoRef. She also suggested that GIS provide volunteers to facilitate the end-user, rather than having vendors do it. This would tie into the AGI attempt to make GeoRef more affordable to the small school.

Mulvihill said that it will now be possible for academic subscribers to get a second copy of the GeoRef CD-ROM for only \$500 per year more for use at the same site (campus). This offer will not be extended to non-academic users at this time but may be considered. A suggestion was made that AGI consider selling a CD-ROM with only certain years on it. Consultants with limited resources might be interested.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Nominating Committee: Call for Nominations

The GIS Nominating Committee will soon be drawing up a list of candidates for the 1993 election. We are planning an earlier election this year so that the incoming Vice-President will have the opportunity to take part in the longer-range planning that GSA expects to do for the 1994 annual meeting.

Therefore, a Vice-President/President Elect and Treasurer will be nominated during early spring, and elections will take place during the months of March and April. Please send your suggestions by January 29, 1993 to one of the following Nominating Committee members:

Dena Fracolli Hanson (Chair)
Marilyn Stark
Miriam Sheaves
Joni Lerud

The duties and responsibilities of the officers we'll be electing are briefly outlined below. If you are interested in a more detailed description of either position, please send a request for additional information to Dena Fracolli Hanson.

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

It should be emphasized that this is a three year commitment, the first year being Vice-President, the second year President, and the third year Immediate Past President. The incumbent serves on the GIS Executive Board for the entire three-year term.

Vice-Presidential Year: As stated in the GIS Bylaws, the Vice-President serves as the Program Chair for the annual meeting. This is the Vice-President's major responsibility. The V.P. serves as the Society's chief liaison with GSA in planning the annual meeting. Therefore, the V.P. has to integrate the society's arrangements with those of

the GSA organizing committee and the GSA staff. GSA has numerous conference planning deadlines that need to be met throughout the year. The V.P. in conjunction with the president, may select other people to assist with meeting arrangements, field trips and other planned events.

Specific tasks include:

- (1) Planning the symposium - Selecting a theme, organizing the symposium, arranging for appropriate speakers.
- (2) Planning and/or scheduling GIS events - generally there are between 12 and 15 events including the technical session, poster session, workshop(s), forum(s), annual business meeting, executive board meetings, general committee meetings and any other special activities/events.
- (3) Appointing reviewers for the Society's symposium and technical sessions and usually serving as one of the reviewers.
- (4) Serving as the Society's representative to GSA's Joint Technical Program Committee, which usually meets in August to select abstracts and finalize plans for the annual meeting.
- (5) Keeping officers, appropriate committees and the membership informed on the status of the annual meeting.
- (6) Writing a Vice-President's column for each *GIS Newsletter*.

Presidential Year: After the annual business meeting, the V.P. becomes President. S/he presides over the final Executive Board Meeting at the annual meeting. Following the annual meeting, the first order of business is to appoint new committee members and chairs and the Society's liaisons with other societies. Committee charges need to be conveyed to committee chairs early in the year. The President writes acknowledgments to annual meeting speakers and session organizers and others who helped with the annual meeting. By early January the President should have obtained all the papers to be published in the annual Proceedings, and by February the completed Proceedings should be sent to the Publications Manager for printing and distribution.

Other duties include: serving as an advisor to the V.P. in planning the annual meeting, establishing the schedule and agenda for, and presiding over, the Executive Board conference calls (usually 3 per year); and writing a President's Column for each *GIS Newsletter*. At the annual meeting the President presides over the first Executive Board meeting and the annual business meeting. The President is responsible for establishing the agenda for all meetings over which s/he presides.

Immediate Past-Presidential Year: After the annual meeting, the Past President writes acknowledgments to retiring officers and representatives and all committee chairs who served under him/her. S/he writes the annual review article on geoscience information for *Geotimes*. It is customary for the Past President to chair the Nominating Committee. The Past President is a member of the Executive Board and acts as senior adviser to the Board;

the Past President also takes minutes for the Executive Board conference calls.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer serves a two-year term in office and is a member of the Society's Executive Board. Principle duties include: receiving the Society's income; paying its debts; and keeping the accounts. As monitor of the Society's financial interests, the Treasurer verifies that expenses are legitimately incurred in the performance of the official duties for the Society. Where possible, the Treasurer attempts to ensure that expenses have been incurred in the most economical way. S/he is responsible for more than one checking account and savings account, and the establishment of new accounts. A major responsibility is ensuring that there is sufficient and proper documentation for all financial transactions. Financial records are kept current either by electronic or manual methods, and annual audits are arranged for by the Treasurer.

NEWSLETTER NEWSGATHERING EDITOR

Judy Geitgey has decided to relinquish this appointment after eight years of service. Many thanks to Judy for her efforts in making the Newsletter a vital part of GIS.

We need one or two volunteers willing to accept a two-year appointment to do all, or part, of the following:

- receive all material submitted to the Newsletter and forward it to the Manuscript Preparation Editor (Connie Manson) by the 20th of the month prior to publication;
- prepare midyear and annual reports;
- request publication reviews and reviews of Newsletter manuscript submissions from the Newsletter Advisory Board, as appropriate;
- solicit columns and news from GIS chapters, committees and members;
- browse the library & information science and geoscience literature for items of interest, e.g., product reviews, employment opportunities, information industry news, geoscience community news, and especially, publication announcements;
- monitor GEONET-L, MAPS-L and other relevant electronic media for items suitable for publication in the Newsletter;
- proofread (via fax) for Connie Manson.

Annual meeting attendance is recommended (not required), particularly to make contact with GIS members. For all functions, access to fax is necessary. Electronic mail is required only to monitor the listservers.

If you are interested in doing any or all of these tasks, please contact me as soon as possible. I'll be glad to fax you more details. Thanks. Louise S. Zipp, GIS President.

Committee/Representative Appointments

Although the full list of appointments will appear in the February 1993 Newsletter, the following new appointments have been made:

Individual appointments:

Publicity Officer: Barbara Haner, 1992-Oct. 1993

Representatives:

AGI, Member Society Council: Dena Hanson, 1992-1995
ALA, ACRL, Science & Technology Section: Thomas Zogg, 1992-1995

Association of Earth Science Editors: Robert Heidlage, 1992-1995

Western Association of Map Libraries: Michael Noga, 1992-1995

Committees:

Exhibits Committee:

Dona Dirlam, Chair, 1992-1994

GeoRef Users' Group Steering Committee:

Charlotte Derksen, 1992-1995

Dena Hanson, 1992-1995

Suzanne Larsen, 1992-1995

Carolyn Laffoon, 1992-1995

Nominating Committee:

Dena Hanson, Chair, 1992-Oct. 1993

Joanne Lerud, 1992-Oct. 1993

Miriam Sheaves, 1992-Oct. 1993

Marilyn Stark, 1992-Oct. 1993

ANNUAL REPORTS

Committees

Digital Data Committee: The committee provided 3 columns to this year's newsletter. In addition, many different digital products were examined for suitability for bringing to the Digital Database Forum. Nine different producers/vendors were approached regarding the possibility/suitability of speaking at the forum.

It was decided to ask Fred Durr of NISC to discuss GEOARCHIVE, since several members of the society had said that this would be helpful. He will also talk about the new oceanographic CD-ROM. The most requested demonstration is for the Digital Line Graph Data; Pat Phillips of the USGS is giving this demonstration. After three years of trying and lengthy negotiations STN is finally providing Vincent Drago to talk about the non-bibliographic files of interest to geoscientists. Because the producer of *World WeatherDisk* found that he couldn't come to Cincinnati after all, Steve Hiller of the committee, who knows the product well, will talk about it.

With the proliferation of Earth Sciences materials in digital form, it seems that there will be plenty for this committee to do in the coming year.

HINTS FOR GEOREF
 FINDING U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PUBLICATIONS
 by Charlotte R. M. Derksen

United States Geological Survey publications comprise a very large part of GeoRef. Due to the longevity of the GeoRef file, the name of the USGS as it is entered in the database is not consistent throughout the file. The following phrases will retrieve most, if not all, of the items sponsored or authored by the USGS.

u s geol surv <-- This gets 90% of USGS items.

These three additional phrases are necessary to retrieve the remainder of the USGS items:

u s geo surv or usgs or u s geological survey

This information is in the Corporate Source field for both DIALOG and STN and the Organizational Source field of the Silver Platter version of GeoRef.

The USGS series names are also rather hard to find consistently. Thus, searching via the ISSN or CODEN of the series can be very useful.

===== Prefixes, CODENs, and ISSNs of USGS series =====

USGS Series Name	Letter PREFIX	CODEN	ISSN
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Bulletin	B	XDIGAS	8755-531X
Circular	C	XICIA5	
Geological Atlas Folio	GF	XGSGBW	
Open-file Report	OFR or OF	XGROAG	0196-1497
Professional Paper	P	XGPPA9	
Water Supply Paper	W	0886-9308	
Water Resources Investigation	WRI	WRIND3	0092-332X
Antarctic Geologic Maps	A	XGAMAR	
Circum-Pacific Maps	CP		
Coal Investigations	C	XGCMA3	
Geologic Quadrangle	GQ	XGQMA5	
Geophysical Investigation	GP	XGIMAX	
Hydrologic Investigation Atlas	HA	XGHAAQ	0375-7978
Land Use Land Cover	L		
Misc. Investigations	I	MSUSD9	
Misc. Field Studies	MF	SMFSDD	
Oil & Gas Investigation Charts	OC	OGICD9	
Oil & Gas Investigation Maps	OM	XGOMAT	

Two map series have neither coden nor ISSN. Most series have one or the other. Topographic map series are not generally covered in GeoRef.

This information is part of a talk given at the Advanced GeoRef workshop at the annual meeting of the Geoscience Information Society in held in October, 1992.

Open-File Reports Published since the March 1991
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New Pubs of USGS Issue	Receipt, of issue	Receipt of fiche	Total OFRs	Total OFRs with discs	Total discs	Other formats	
984	7/90	3/91	4/91	71	11	11	2
985	8/90	3/91	6/91	61	0	0	0
986	9/90	3/91	1/92	48	8	8	0
987	10/90	3/91	6/91	49	1	1	0
988	11/90	3/91		76	8	32	3
989	12/90	4/91	1/92	87	8	18	0
990	1/91	4/91	7/91	105	8	9	1
991	2/91	5/91	8/91	35	2	2	0
992	3/91	6/91	9/91	22	1	1	0
993	4/91	8/91	12/91	57	26	49	2
994	5/91	9/91	12/91	97	8	20	1
995	6/91	9/91	12/91	41	3	6	0
996	7/91	8/91	3/92	67	4	4	0
997	8/91	11/91	4/92	11	1	2	0
998	9/91	1/92	3/92	49	5	8	0
999	10/91	1/92	4/92	72	3	6	1 CDROM
1000	11/91	2/92	7/92	71	14	18	0
1001	12/91	4/92	7/92	47	6	9	1 CDROM
1002	1/92	6/92		79	7	7	0
1003	2/92	6/92		61	7	29	0
1004	3/92	6/92		24	0	0	0
1005	4/92	8/92		114	26	38	3 incl. CDROM
1006	5/92	8/92		50	13	15	0
TOTALS			1394	170 (12%)	293	14	

CORE JOURNAL LIST REVISION

Are you interested in reviewing the GeoRef Core Journals List? AGI preferentially indexes about 100 core geoscience journals quickly to get those entries into GeoRef faster than other materials. At the GeoRef User's Group meeting in Cincinnati, GIS members agreed that we should review the list and recommend changes.

If you would like to participate, let me know by e-mail, phone, or FAX. We will review the list, suggest deletions, show journal name changes, and add new jour-

nals as appropriate. If you cannot participate, but have hot new journals to be considered, send me those names. As John Mulvihill said in Cincinnati, indexing should be faster with the new system, so this is our chance to help GeoRef be a better database.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's New From AGI?

The 6th edition of the GeoRef Thesaurus came out at the end of October and we can also look for some changes to the indexing structure in the *Bibliography and Index of Geology* (BIG).

Beginning with the 1993 issues of the BIG, users will no longer have to search through a three-tiered indexing format to find desired references. Because of the change in indexing structure, many more specific terms will be included in the index and there will be extensive cross-references from broader terms, synonyms, and other related terms. The cross-references are derived from the new edition of the GeoRef Thesaurus, which became available in October, 1992. The 6th edition contains new hierarchies and 3,600 new terms. All geographic terms have been reviewed and countries have been added to city and county names. The concept of "autoposting" has been simplified so there is no need to deal with BA, BZ, BX, NA, NX, and NZ. Instead, there are now just BT (Broader Term) and NT (Narrower Term), with all NTs autoposted to the respective BT. Multiple hierarchies are employed for some terms, and the entire hierarchy is provided with each Thesaurus entry. PT (Prior Term) has been merged into UF (Used For). And as a result of the new Bibliography

index structure, most of the Indexer Notes (IN) have been substantially shortened or eliminated. The 6th edition of the GeoRef Thesaurus is available for \$95.00 from the American Geological Institute.

On another AGI matter, they're gotten a number of calls about GeoRef's tiered pricing. The enclosed table is a good summary of the 1993 prices for the CD and the BIG.

AGI has published a new edition of the GeoRef Serials List. It includes entries for 12,106 journals that have been or are currently cited in GeoRef. The list is given in two parts: by title and by publisher. The title section lists each serial alphabetically by title and gives the title, publisher, alternate titles, ISSN, and CODEN. The publisher section gives name, city and country of publisher, and serials that have been or are currently cited in GeoRef. The list is 378 pages, unbound and prepunched and sells for \$95 plus shipping and handling. Order from: AGI Publications Center, P.O. Box 205, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701; phone 301/953-1744.

TIERED PRICING FOR GEOREF ON CD-ROM - as of 11/23/92				
FOR 1993 SUBSCRIPTIONS	A1** Students & Facul. ≤ 20	A2** Students & Facul. 21-60	A3** Students & Facul. ≥ 61	Regular
Bibliography and Index of Geology (BIG)	\$1295* (\$500 in 1994)	\$1295* (\$950 in 1994)	\$1295*	\$1295*
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The Pergamon PLUS Plan

The following is the full text of the letter sent to the Pergamon Press journal Editor:

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1. Pergamon Plus will initially be offered to authors in selected Pergamon earth science journals. This will enable us to measure reaction, monitor performance and iron out any problems prior to full scale implementation. It is planned to launch the scheme for the earth science journals in early 1993.
2. It is planned to launch the full scheme for all Pergamon journals for the 1994 subscription year.

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As an Editor of a Pergamon journal, you will be kept informed of progress on Pergamon PLUS on a regular basis.

Should you wish to have further specific information, please contact:

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Geoscience Duplicates Exchange Network

A Geoscience Duplicates Exchange Network is being established. Participating libraries would send at least one printed duplicates list to other participants per year. To join, send your address to: Claren Kidd, Geology Library, Univ. of Oklahoma, 100 E. Boyd R220, Norman OK 73019-0628. Lee Regan said, "Offering duplicates on GeoNet is a welcome endeavor; this 'new' duplicates network would enable more libraries, especially foreign institutions to share usefull resources."

Smithsonian Phases Out International Exchange Service

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. has phased out its International Exchange Service. As the service has evolved, its principal purpose is no longer the exchange of scholarly information but the distribution of publications to foreign scholars, libraries, and other institutions. A management review of all Smithsonian programs was done to ensure that all programs related strongly to the overall goals of the institution and the limited resources for programs was reallocated.

To donate publications overseas, see Claren Kidd's paper, "Schemes for redistributing geological literature," in the GIS Proceedings, v. 22, p. 75-87.

Selected Water Resources Abstracts Set Available

A printed, unbound set of *Selected Water Resources Abstracts*, 1971-1991, is available FREE from: Frances Drone-Silvers, Illinois State Water Survey Library, 2204 Griffith Drive, Champaign, IL 61820; 217/333-4956; fax 217/333-6540; internet: frances@sun.sws.uiuc.edu

Joint Task Force on Text and Image

The reports of the Joint Task Force on Text and Image numbers 5 and 6 will appear in the February, 1993 *GIS Newsletter*. The reports will include information on the evaluation on the products and our experiences in the GIS booth.

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READINGS IN GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION

Connie Wick has written a bibliographic essay, "Geologic Events: Volcanoes and Earthquakes," in the November, 1992 issue of *Choice*, v. 30, no. 3, 1992. The essay is about finding information about geologic events and covers sources appropriate for the undergraduate and other non-specialist library users.

There have been lively discussions on the GeoNet-L about journal prices, libraries, and scientific communication. An editorial on these subjects, "The Crisis in Scientific Publishing", by John Costa and Art Sylvester (editors of *GSA Bulletin*) is scheduled to appear in the January 1993 issue of *GSA Today*. The GIS Collection Development Issues Committee is preparing a Forum piece for *GSA Today*, now scheduled for the March, 1993 issue. Another thought-provoking article is, "Cost-Effectiveness of Science Journals", which was published in *Publishing Research Quarterly*, v. 8, no. 3, Fall 1992, p. 72-91.

There is an article, "Mapping the future of map librarianship," by Laura Lang in the Nov. 1992 issue of *American Libraries* that discusses CD-ROMs, computers, and GIS.

Rosalind Walcott's article, "Characteristics of citations in geoscience doctoral dissertations accepted at United

States academic institutions 1981- 1985," has been published in *Science and Technology Libraries*, v. 12, no. 2, p. 5-16.

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