

MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP NEWSLETTER – 2001

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1) NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Year two of the Mountain Geography Specialty Group (MGSG) has been busy! I have been and am involved in several mountain related projects, some are now completed and some are ongoing. Below I briefly discuss our activities and ask for your support.

We now have 81 members! We're getting closer to AAG barrier of 100 after three years for continued recognition. We are on our way.

Our listserv, in partnership with The Mountain Institute (TMI), continues to keep us informed. Once again, I wish to publicly thank Baker Perry for serving as moderator, and Jason Espie and Elizabeth Byers at TMI for making this possible. And, thanks to TMI and The Mountain Forum for hosting us!

In addition to our listserv, MF-GEOGRAPHY, please let me encourage you to subscribe to MTN-FORUM, and/or any of the regional mountain forums such as MF-NAMERICA, MF-AFRICA, MF-ASIA, MF-EUROPE, and MF-WOMEN. Each provides region specific information. Some of the information on MF-NAMERICA has been of especial interest to me here in the US. Simply visit www.mtnforum.org and sign-up. There are a variety of options for weekly summaries so your e-mail box does not fill up each day.

2002 – The International Year of the Mountains is now just 10 months away! All other regions of the world are taking this seriously, but not much is happening in the US or in the rest of North America. What are YOU doing for this event? I encourage you all to participate fully. At a minimum I plan many papers sessions and at least one field trip at the Los Angeles Annual Meeting. However, other activities such as special journal issues; collaborative writing projects; and what else(?) are possible. Do you sit on any editorial boards? Would you be willing to guest edit a special journal issue devoted to mountain geography? Do you have involvement with any other mountain organizations and would like to better publicize mountain environments and resources? Now is the time. I will be happy to coordinate, please contact me.

I attended the International Geographical Congress in Seoul this past August and participated in both the pre-Congress Mountain Workshop as well as the main Congress. The workshop was sparsely attended but WOW what a fabulous trip through the Korean Highlands. The International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission of Mountain Geoecology was reborn as the IGU Study Group on Diversity in Mountain Systems with a new Chair, Prof. Dr. Jörg Stadelbauer, Institut für Kulturgeographie, Universität Freiburg, Germany. I will have details of IGU Mountain activities at the 2002 Panel Session in New York.

We are sponsoring seven sessions at the AAG this year, and there are many papers and posters with the word "mountain" in the title throughout the meeting. This is great! Let's work to include all those doing mountain work in the MGSG.

OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE:

At the AAG meeting in New York next week we are sponsoring a Plenary Session, "Mountains III: Organized Mountain Activities: 2002 International Year of the Mountains and Others." Please attend this important meeting as we can use the time to brainstorm and plan. The business meeting will be just that, business, but this session can serve as a catalyst for our work over the next year. I look forward to your participation.

Donald Friend

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2) NEW YORK EVENTS

- a) Call for nominations:
 - i) MGSG Secretary – one year term, then become Chair after one year. If you are interested, please notify Don Friend (outgoing Chair) or Dave Butler (outgoing Sec'y and Chair-Elect)
 - ii) Listserve moderator, indefinite term. Please notify Don Friend.
 - iii) Awards committee member, three year term. Please notify Don Friend.

b) BUSINESS MEETING (PRELIMINARY AGENDA) – MEETING TO BE HELD, FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND, 7:00 -- 8:00 PM

- i) Welcome (Friend)
- ii) Chair's Report (Friend)
 - (1) Officer Update (Friend)
 - (2) Membership
 - (3) Budget
 - (4) New York Activities
 - (5) IGU links (Friend and others)
- iii) Approval of 2000 Minutes (Friend)
- iv) Amend By-Laws (Friend)
- v) Election of Officers (Friend)
- vi) 2002 International Year of the Mountains (Friend, Richter & Others)
- vii) Other Business
- viii) Awards (Dexter)
- ix) Closing (Friend)

c) PAPER, POSTER & PLENARY SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE MGSG

SPONSORED SESSIONS

5.3.27 Friday, March 2, 1:00 pm - 2:40 pm

MOUNTAINS I: PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT (Sponsored by Mountain Geography Specialty Group)

Organizer: Donald A. Friend, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Chair: Kevin Blake, Kansas State University

1:00 Fausto Sarmiento, University of Georgia, Breaking Mountain Paradigms: Montology of Tropandean Landscapes

1:20 Kevin Blake, Kansas State University, Field Methods in the Geography of Sacred Mountains

1:40 James S. Gardner, University of Manitoba, Changing Risk from Natural Hazards in the Himachal Pradesh Himalaya

2:00 Arnd Holdschlag, University of Bonn, Individualizing Village Systems in the Hindu Kush - Lessons from Chitral (Pakistan)

2:20 Matthias E. Schmidt, University of Bonn, Water Utilization in High Asia: Irrigation Systems and Water Rights in Baltistan (Karakoram, Pakistan)

5.4.27 Friday, March 2, 3:00 pm - 4:40 pm

MOUNTAINS II: INTERACTIONS OF EARTH, ATMOSPHERE, AND BIOTA (Sponsored by Mountain Geography, Biogeography, Climate, and Geomorphology Specialty Groups)

Organizer: Donald A. Friend, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Chair: David Butler, Southwest Texas State University

3:00 Mark Welford, Georgia State University, Landslides, Earthquakes, and Tropical Montane Trees - a Possible Connection

3:15 David R. Butler, Southwest Texas State University, Exposed Solifluction Risers at Alpine Treeline and Possible Effects on Tree Advance

- 3:30 George P. Malanson, Southwest Texas State University, Variability of Soil Depth in Alpine Tundra and Possible Effects on Tree Advance
- 3:45 Carmen de Jong, Free University of Berlin, Peter Ergenzinger, Free University of Berlin Dynamics of Evaporation and Transpiration in the High Alpine Tundra - an Example from the Dischma Valley, Switzerland
- 4:00 Ian McKendry, University of British Columbia, Interception of Trans-Pacific Air Pollution by the Western Cordillera: A Modeled Example
- 4:15 Alton Byers, The Mountain Institute, Historical and Contemporary Landscape Change in the Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) National Park, Khumbu, Nepal

5.5.27 Friday, March 2, 5:00 pm - 6:40 pm

MOUNTAINS III: ORGANIZED MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES: 2002 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE MOUNTAINS AND OTHERS (Sponsored by Mountain Geography Specialty Group)

Organizer: Donald A. Friend, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Chair: Donald A. Friend, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Panelists: Leland Dexter, Northern Arizona University, Fausto Sarmiento, University of Georgia, Alton Byers, The Mountain Institute, Donald Friend, Minnesota State University-Mankato, Michael Richter, University of Erlangen

5.6.27 Friday, March 2 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

MOUNTAIN GEOGRAPHY SPECIALTY GROUP BUSINESS MEETING

Organizer: Donald A. Friend, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Chair: Donald A. Friend, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Secretary: David Butler, Southwest Texas State University

CO-SPONSORED SESSIONS

3.1.38 Wednesday, February 28 8:00 am - 9:40 am

LONG-TERM ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCE OF DISTURBANCE AND ITS IMPLICATION FOR ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT, SESSION I

(Sponsored by Biogeography and Mountain Geography Specialty Groups)

Organizer: Andrea Brunelle-Daines, University of Oregon, Kurt Kipfmüller, University of Arizona

Chair: Andrea Brunelle-Daines, University of Oregon

8:00 Chris Larsen, SUNY Buffalo, Has Fire Control Modified Fire Frequency and Forest Composition in Boreal Northern Alberta?

8:20 Charles W. Lafon, Texas A&M University, Patterns and Consequences of Ice Storms in Forested Appalachian Landscapes

8:40 Sarah L. Schafer, University of Oregon, Potential Future Changes in Pacific Northwest Vegetation Patterns and Fire Regimes: Implications for Ecosystem Management

9:00 Gabrielle L. Katz, University of Boulder, The Consequences of Historic Flood-Disturbance and Current Flood Control for Semi-Arid Riparian Forests

9:20 Andrea Brunelle-Daines, University of Oregon, Holocene Relationships Between Fire, Climate, and Vegetation as Recorded From Four Northern Rocky Mountain Sites

3.2.38 Wednesday, February 28 10:00 am - 11:40 am

LONG-TERM ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF DISTURBANCE AND ITS IMPLICATION FOR ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT SESSION II

(Sponsored by: Biogeography and Mountain Geography Specialty Groups)

Organizers: Andrea Brunelle-Daines, University of Oregon, Kurt Kipfmüller, University of Arizona

Chairs: Andrea Brunelle-Daines, University of Oregon, Kurt Kipfmüller, University of Arizona

10:00 Kurt Kipfmüller, University of Arizona, Subalpine Forest Structure, Composition and Time-Since-Disturbance in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area

10:20 Joseph A. Donnegan, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Variability in Fire Regimes Through Time Along the Colorado Front Range

10:40 Dominik W. Kulakowski, University of Colorado Boulder, Influences of Fire History on the Effects of a Catastrophic Blowdown in a Subalpine Forest in Northwestern Colorado

11:00 Colin J. Long, University of Oregon, Holocene Fire and Vegetation History of the Oregon Coast Range

3.5.27 Wednesday, February 28 5:00 pm - 6:40 pm

ROCK AND MINERAL WEATHERING III (Sponsored by Geomorphology, Mountain Geography, and Cryosphere Specialty Groups)

Organizer: Steven J. Gordon, U.S. Air Force Academy, Charles E. Allen, University of Illinois

Chair: Alice V. Turkington, Queen's University-Belfast

5:00 Sean Campbell, University of Arkansas, Modeling the Spatial Variability of Chemical Weathering Rates in Karkevagge, Swedish Labland

5:20 Charles E. Allen, University of Illinois, Weathering Regimes and Pedogenic Variability on Large Boulders in Karkevagge, Northern Sweden

5:40 Colin E. Thorn, Ground Temperature and Weathering on a Glacier Foreland, Storbeen, Jotunheimen, Norway

6:00 John C. Dixon, University of Arkansas, Rock Weathering Rates at the Soil Surface in an Arctic Alpine Environment

6:20 Thomas C. Meierding, University of Delaware, Weathering of Serpentine Stone Buildings in the Philadelphia Region

4.1.36 Thursday, March 1 8:00 am - 9:40 am

ILLUSTRATED PAPER SESSION: RECENT ADVANCES IN CRYOSPHERE AND MOUNTAIN RESEARCH (Sponsored by: Cryosphere and Mountain Specialty Groups)

Organizer: Susan W. Millar, Syracuse University

Chair: Susan W. Millar, Syracuse University

8:00 Hillary B. Hamann, University of Colorado Boulder, Alpine Snow Depths and Soil Temperatures, Results From Three Years at Niwot Ridge, Colorado

8:05 Stephan Harrison, Coventry University, Late Holocene Mudflows in a High Mountain Permafrost Environment, Northern Zailiiskiy Alatau, Tian Shan Mountains, Kazakhstan

8:10 Brian Hanson, University of Delaware, Buckling Rate and Overhang Development at a Tidewater Glacier Calving Face

8:15 Kenneth M. Hinkel, University of Cincinnati, Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Thaw at CALM Sites in Northern Alaska

8:20 Anna E. Klene, University of Delaware, N-Factor-Based Maps of Active-Layer Thickness in the Kuparuk River Basin, Alaska

8:25 Michael W. Mayfield, Appalachian State University, Glacier Retreat in the Northern Cordillera Real, Bolivia

8:30 Susan W. Millar, Syracuse University, Periglacial Colluviation in Western New York?

8:35 Allison Payton, University of Southern California- Santa Barbara, Cloud Optical Depth at the Antarctic Coastline: Comparisons of Ground and Satellite-Based Retrievals

8:40 Brice R. Rea, Cardiff University, Relationships of Plateau and Valley Glacier Systems: Some Examples From North Norway

8:45 John F. Schroder, Jr., University of Nebraska at Omaha, Geomorphic Change in Nanga Parbat Himalaya

8:50 Michael T. Walegur, University of Delaware, Climatic Implications of Blockfield Distribution in the Central Appalachians

8:55 Brian Whalley, Queen's University, Rock Glaciers and Their Interpretation: past Behavior and Future Performance

d) OTHER PRESENTATIONS OF INTEREST (I.E., THOSE WITH "MOUNTAIN" IN THE TITLE)

3.1.34 Wednesday, February 28 8:00 am - 9:40 am

LAND USE CHANGE

Chair: Christina B. Kennedy, Northern Arizona University

9:20 Christina B. Kennedy, Northern Arizona University, Will There Still Be Cattle? Ranching in the Arizona-New Mexico Mountains Ecoregion

3.3.36 Wednesday, February 28 1:00 pm - 2:40 pm

ILLUSTRATED PAPER SESSION: APPLIED BIOGEOGRAPHY (Sponsored by Biogeography Specialty Group)

Organizer: Kenneth R. Young, University of Texas-Austin

Chair: Kenneth R. Young, University of Texas-Austin

1:05 Nina Hewitt, DePaul University, Modeling Tree Colonization in Fragmented Forests: A Management Tool for Biodiversity Protection

1:10 Joy N. Mast, Northern Arizona University, Dendroecological Study of Black Cottonwood Dynamics Along Regulated and Unregulated Rivers in British Columbia

- 1:15 Joy J. Wolf, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Exotic Invasion Control: Using Prescribed Fire and Nitrogen Fertilization in the Montane Grasslands of Rocky Mountain National Park
- 1:20 Beth E. Krisko, Miami University, Ecological Heterogeneity in a Complex Environment: Determining Community Resistance to Invasion by *Lonicera Maackii*)
- 1:25 Valery J. Terwilliger, University of Kansas, Information About Carbon Source-sink Relationships During Leaf Development in Panamanian Forests
- 1:30 Andrew Millington, University of Leicester, High-altitude Woodlands in Bolivia: Domestic Energy Demand and Biogeographical Impacts
- 1:35 Michael Batek, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Natural and Anthropogenic Influences on Native Andean Woodland Changes in the Department of Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 1:40 Kenneth R. Young, University of Texas, Landscape Controls on the Composition and Structure of Tropical Montane Forests

3.3.42 Wednesday, February 28 1:00 pm - 2:40 pm

POSTER SESSION: NATURE AND HOW SHE ENLIGHTENS US

- Jacob Bendix, Syracuse University, Use of GIS to Analyze Wildfire Shape
- David M. Cairns, Texas A&M University, Predicting Carbon Balance at the Deciduous-Coniferous Ecotone in Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- James Doerner, University of Northern Colorado, Holocene Environmental Change in Rocky Mountain National Park, USA
- Paulette K. Falk, University of Wisconsin Madison, Modeling Complex Hillslopes in Southwestern Wisconsin
- Jory S. Hecht, Clark University, Corporate-community Relations Development Projects Near Peruvian Gold Mines
- Steven A. Jennings, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Determining Forest Changes on the South Slope of Pikes Peak Using Historical Photographs
- Amit Kesarwani, Indiana State University, Using Laser Altimetry for Rapid Assessment of Post Flood Erosional and Depositional Changes
- Dongwook Ko, The Pennsylvania State University, The Regeneration Status of Quaking Aspen (*Populus Tremuloides*) in Lake Tahoe Basin, California
- Ginger Shmid, Southwest Texas State University, Soil Characteristics of the Alpine Treeline-Tundra Ecotone in Glacier National Park, Montana
- Mark M. Van Steeter, Western Oregon University, Historic Analysis of Meander Activity and Controlling Factors on Oregon Coast Range Streams
- Tennille J. M. Williams, University of Denver, Evidence of Late Quaternary Environmental Change from Fens on Grand Mesa, Western Colorado
- Susy Svatek Ziegler, University of Minnesota, Fire on the Mountain: Regeneration Patterns in an Adirondack Forest

4.2.03 Thursday, March 1 10:00 am - 11:40 am

ECOSYSTEM RESPONSE TO CLIMATE VARIABILITY: PAST AND PRESENT II (Sponsored by: Biogeography and Climatology Specialty Groups)

- Organizers: Amy Hessel, University of Washington, Michael Pisaric, Queen's University
- Chair: Amy Hessel, University of Washington, Michael Pisaric, Queen's University
- 10:00 Lisa J. Graumlich, Montana State University, Millennial-Length Records of Climate Variability and Its Impacts On the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
- 10:20 Amy M. Bloom, University of Utah, Diatoms in Eastern Sierra Nevada Lake Sediments: Indicators of Past Climates and Environmental Change
- 10:40 David Porinchu, University of California Los Angeles, The Use of Chironomidae (Insecta: Diptera) in Paleolimnology, Paleoecology and Paleoclimatology
- 11:00 Daniel B. Fagre, U.S. Geological Survey, Taking the Pulse of Mountains: Ecosystem Responses to Climatic Variability

4.2.25 Thursday, March 1 10:00 am - 11:40 am

MAPPING AND EXPLAINING THE CHANGING AMERICAN WEST (Sponsored by: Population and Rural Development Specialty Groups)

- Organizers: Gundars Rudzitis, University of Idaho, Peter Nelson, Middlebury College
- Chair: John Cromartie, USDA
- 10:00 Paul Lorah, University of St. Thomas, Mapping the New West 1
- 10:20 Gundars Rudzitis, University of Idaho, Mapping the New American West 2

10:40 Christine von Reichert, University of Montana, The Population Structure of the Mountain West: Does Migration Change It?

11:00 William B. Beyers, University of Washington, Culture, Services, and Regional Development in the Rural West

5.2.25 Friday, March 2 10:00 am - 11:40 am

Development and Environmental Hazards (Sponsored by Department of Geography and Urban Analysis at California State University-Los Angeles)

Organizer: Killian Ying, California State University-Los Angeles

Chair: Christopher Boone, Ohio University

10:20 Dafna Kohn, California State University-Los Angeles, Detecting Stand Age in the Santa Monica Mountains Using Hyperspectral Remote Sensing

5.3.12 Friday, March 2 1:00 pm - 2:40 pm

CRYOSPHERE AND CLIMATE (Sponsored by Climate and Cryosphere Specialty Groups)

Organizers: Anne W. Nolin, University of Colorado, Allan Frei, University of Colorado

Chair: Allan Frei, University of Colorado

8:00 Daniel J. Leathers, University of Delaware, Hydroclimatology in the Northern Great Plains: Snowmelt, Surface Energy Fluxes and Synoptic Patterns

8:20 Daniel Y. Graybeal, University of Delaware, Snow Hydroclimatology of the Central and Southern Appalachian Mountains, USA: A Pilot Study

8:40 Nellie Elguindi, University of Delaware, Investigation of Enhanced Snowmelt Caused by Local Advection Using A Mesoscale Atmospheric Model

9:00 Rob Hellstrom, Bridgewater State College, Forest Cover Algorithms for Estimating Meteorological Forcing in a Numerical Snow Model

9:20 Andy Barrett, University of Colorado, Using Satellite-derived Maps of Snow Covered Area to Update Snow Cover in a Hydrologic Model

5.3.43 Friday, March 2 1:00 pm - 2:40 pm

PRACTICING HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY I: CRITICAL HISTORIES AND ARCHIVAL METHODOLOGY

(Sponsored by: Qualitative Research, Historical Geography and Cultural Geography Specialty Groups)

Organizers: Elizabeth Gagen, University of Cambridge, Jamie Winders, University of Kentucky

Chair: Karen Till, University of Minnesota

1:00 Rebecca Sheehan, Louisiana State University, Method Mixing: Finding the Appropriate Approach in Place Identity Studies

1:20 Karen Morin, Bucknell University, Roybn Longhurst, University of Waikato, Lynda Johnston University of Edinburgh, (Troubling) Spaces of Mountains and Men

1:40 Jamie Winders, University of Kentucky, Making it Up Along the Way?: Travel Writing & the Production of Knowledge

2:00 Toni Alexander, Louisiana State University, The "Stocking" Money Myth: Working "Okie" Women in Depression California

Discussant: Garth Myers, University of Kansas

5.5.36 Friday, March 2 5:00 pm - 6:40 pm

ILLUSTRATED PAPER SESSION: WATER RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Nicholas P. Kohler, University of Oregon

5:00 Nancy Lee Wilkinson, San Francisco State University, The Least-wanted List: The Status of Opposition to Large Dams in California

5:04 Christopher Lant, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Understanding the Social Context of Ecological Restoration in Multiple Ownership Watersheds

5:08 Roxane Fridirici, California State University-Sacramento, Water Supply and Climate Change in the Upper Deschutes Basin, Oregon

5:12 Jerry Davis, San Francisco State University, Watershed Assessment and Salmonid Habitat Enhancement in a Suburban Landscape: San Pedro Creek Watershed

5:16 William J. Smith Jr., University of Delaware, An Equity-Based, Participatory and Low Cost Source Water Protection Plan for Less Wealthy Countries

5:20 Jean C. Walker, Montclair State University, Surface Weathering and Erosion of Marble Tombstones in Northeastern New Jersey

- 5:24 Nicholas P. Kohler, University of Oregon, Environmental Conditions in Mainland Southeast Asian Conservation Areas
- 5:28 Alan F. Arbogast, Michigan State University, Application of a Modified Perched Dune Model to Dunes Along the Au Sable River in Michigan
- 5:32 Robert Rose, University of Wisconsin-Madison, The Spatial Analysis of Wildlife Crop Raiding Using Remote Sensing and GIS
- 5:36 Filippo Catani, University of Firenze, Implications of Hillslope Dynamics for the Environmental Impact Assessment in Mountainous Areas
- 5:40 Thad Wasklewicz, University of Memphis, Unnatural Flow Regime: Hydrologic Response of the Mississippi River to Human Modification
- 5:44 Amanda Keen, University of Arkansas, The Effects of Erosion from Increased Urbanization on Scull and Mud Creeks in Fayetteville, Arkansas
- 5:48 Janet R. Pinneo, Florida Atlantic University, Plant Succession on a Highly Disturbed Floodplain of the Kissimmee River Floodplain in South Florida

6.1.18 Saturday, March 3 8:00 am - 9:40 am

RECENT POPULATION CHANGES IN RURAL AMERICA (Sponsored by: Population and Contemporary Agricultural and Rural Land Use Specialty Groups)

Organizer: Max Lu, Kansas State University, J. Matthew Shumway, Brigham Young University

Chair: J. Matthew Shumway, Brigham Young University

8:00 Larry Long, U.S. Census Bureau, Alfred Nucci, U.S. Census Bureau, The Timing of Change in Net Migration for Different Elements of the National Settlement System

8:20 Tyrel G. Moore, University of North Carolina Charlotte, The Rural Rebound in Central Appalachia

8:40 John B. Gromartie, U.S.D.A., Persistence of Net Migration Patterns in the Rural South, 1970-1999

9:00 Max Lu, Kansas State University, The Elusive Rural Rebound in the Great Plains

9:20 J. Matthew Shumway, Brigham Young University, Spatial and Temporal Variations in Nonmetro Mountain West Population

Patterns During the Rural Rebound of the 1990s

6.1.39 Saturday, March 3 8:00 am - 9:40 am

NEW VOICES IN CRITICAL GEOGRAPHY I: TRAVEL, TOURISM AND SPORT: GEOGRAPHIES AND GENDER (Sponsored by: Socialist Geography Specialty Group)

Organizer: Scott Salmon, Miami University

Chair: Pamela Moss, University of Victoria

9:00 Susan Frohlick, York University, Who is Lhakpa Sherpa? Geographies of Access and Excess in Himalayan World Mountaineering

6.1.40 Saturday, March 3 8:00 am - 9:40 am

GIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING I (Sponsored by: GIS, Spatial Analysis of Modeling, Biogeography, and Water Resources Specialty Groups)

Organizer: Ling Biam, University at Buffalo

Chair: David Mark, University of Buffalo

8:00 David Mark, University of Buffalo, Do Mountains Exist? Ontology of Landforms and Topography

8:20 Barry Kronenfeld, SUNY-Buffalo, Visualizing Fuzzy Vegetation Regions in the Eastern U.S.: A Prototype GUI

8:40 Jeremy L. Mennis, The Pennsylvania State University, Prototype Implementation of a Semantic GIS Database Model

9:00 Jeffrey C. Brunskill, University of Buffalo, Subject Perception of Meteorological Map Representations: Presence of a North-South Temperature Gradient

Discussant: Helen Couclelis, University of California Santa Barbara

3) NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS, MEMBERS, COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS (Presented in order of date received)

please repeat the reminder in your newsletter for donations to Baltit Fort Documentation Centre and Library which I sent to you last year.

I am still collecting textbooks, offprints related to mountain research concerning Northern Pakistan and neighbouring regions (Hindukush, Karakoram, Himalaya).

Thanks for your support

Yours sincerely

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We are celebrating Month of Mountains in Pakistan starting from April 2001.

Here are information about this project:

Ecotourism Society Pakistan (ESP) along with Technical University Vienna, University of Peshawar Pakistan and Rural Development Society Austria and celebrating Month of Mountains. For further information, please visit www.mountains2002.org.pk

with regards

Ecotourism Society Pakistan

Geography of the West Field Camp:

Oregon's Basin & Range and Cascade Volcanoes

16 July-19 August 2001

Central Washington University

Setting: Oregon's Basin & Range and Cascade Volcanic provinces are miles and environments apart. The Basin & Range fault blocks lie in the semiarid cattle country of sparsely populated southeastern Oregon. Conversely, the high Cascade volcanoes tower over the humid, coniferous forest-cloaked Cascade Range and are within an hour's drive of much of Oregon's population. These distinct regions have in common public lands, wilderness designation, and rugged topography shaped by volcanism and extreme weather and climate.

Description: The field camp involves exploration and research components. Students explore the biophysical, human, and resource geography east of the Cascade crest through field observation, discussion, presentations, and readings. Ultimately, students conduct intensive research at Steens Mountain in the Basin & Range and at Mount Hood in the northern Oregon Cascades. In the new Steens Mountain Wilderness, students: 1) inventory, map and assess the biophysical condition of backcountry campsites; and 2) create a geomorphic map. At the Mount Hood Wilderness, students survey and map the current, historic and Little Ice Age glacier termini. Through intensive research, students enhance critical thinking, field observation, topographic map analysis, airphoto interpretation, data collection, mapping, writing, and presentation skills.

Prerequisites: Instructor's permission.

Course & Credits: Geog 479--Geography of the West*10 quarter credits.

Class Size: 11 students maximum.

Logistics: Students: 1) travel in CWU vans; 2) van travel and backpack to Steens Mountain sites; 3) backpack to Mount Hood Wilderness sites; and 4) share in cooking & clean-up duties. Students may stay on-campus while in Ellensburg.

Cost: \$1550 U.S. (est.) includes undergraduate tuition & fees, field food, camping, and transportation. Add ~\$380 for CWU graduate credit.

Info/Application: Contact me via US mail, email, or see the department web page for more information. To apply, submit: 1) brief application letter explaining why you wish to participate; 2) photocopy of college transcripts; and 3) faculty letter of recommendation. All application materials should be received by 1 May 2001 but later applications will be considered on a space available basis.

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The Andean Mountain Association is planning its IV International Symposium on Sustainable Mountain Development, to be held in the Los Andes University, in Merida, Venezuela, at the end of the year. Please contact <maximina@cantv.net> for details.

A regional network for Latin American Ethnobotanical Sister Gardens was created to support the development of mountain ethnobiology in the region. Representatives of 7 countries met at the VII International Congress of Ethnobiology and developed the initiative that was endorsed by the International Society of Ethnobiology, as one of the regional demonstration programs for the International Year of the Mountains (IYM) in 2002. Sister gardens are operating now in Chiapas, Mexico; Guacimo, Costa Rica; Huerta Grande, Argentina; Cumanda, Ecuador. New sites are planned for Parque Omora, Isla Navarino, Chile; Reserva Ngkui in Jaen, Peru; Parque Etnobotanico Comunitario in Pisac, Peru; and the Parque Villa Ludovica in Santa Marta, Colombia.

The Ruta Condor Viracocha is a cultural/natural conservation strategy that is taking shape among the regional conservation organizations to help local initiatives of Andean grassroots organizations lead by the Indigenous People Biodiversity Network and the NGO Andes of Aymara and Quechua. The initiative was presented at the International Workshop on Landscape Stewardship where it reached support from the WCPA-IUCN Protected Landscapes and the Quebec Labrador Foundation/Atlantic Center for the Environment. Potential nodes in the conservation route include Sierra Nevada (Santa Marta), Colombia; the Quijos river valley (Baeza), Ecuador; the Cocha Pacasmayo (Huaraz) and the Potato Park (Cuzco) in Peru; the Sajama park (Sajama) in Bolivia.

Thanks.

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**Graduate Research Assistantships
Mountain Research Center
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT**

The Mountain Research Center (MRC) is inviting applications for two fully funded graduate research assistantships. The MRC develops, synthesizes, and disseminates knowledge on the natural and socio-economic processes influencing mountain ecosystems. In addressing the impact of human activities on mountain systems, the MRC focuses on how global changes are manifest at regional scales. Faculty and graduate students associated with the MRC conduct research and educational activities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem as well as in mountains around the world. For more information, please consult <http://mountains.montana.edu>. Graduate students associated with the MRC can pursue degrees in several departments, including Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, Ecology, and Earth Sciences (Geology and Geography). For more information about these positions, please contact Dr. Lisa Graumlich (lisa@montana.edu; 406-994-5320).

Dendroclimatology Position: Research objectives: characterize climatic variability at Glacier National Park (Montana) using tree-ring records; relate long-term climatic trends to observed trends in alpine glaciers and alpine treeline. **Funding:** two years funding for GRA salary plus field work. Potential for continued funding is high. **Collaboration:** This project is a collaboration between the MRC and Dr. Dan Fagre of the USGS Northern Rocky Mountain Research Center (<http://nrmsc.usgs.gov/research/global.htm>). **Desired qualifications:** undergraduate degree in a natural science, strong undergraduate record, experience in dendroclimatic research, excellent physical condition, and experience working at high-elevation in remote wilderness settings.

Fire Ecology Position: Research objectives: characterize the factors that control the frequency, severity, and spread of natural fires across Northern Rocky Mountain landscapes and how have these factors changed during the past 100 years; address how management activities have affected natural fire regimes in wildland ecosystems. **Funding:** two years funding for GRA salary plus field work. Potential for continued funding is high. **Collaboration:** this project is a collaboration between the MRC and Drs. David Parsons and Carol Miller of the USFS Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute (http://www.wilderness.net/leopold/research.htm#nat_dist). **Desired qualifications:** undergraduate degree in a natural science, strong undergraduate record, experience in fire history research, excellent physical condition, and experience working in remote wilderness settings.

Application Procedure.

Send a cover letter detailing qualifications and interest with specific reference to one or both positions, along with 2 letters of recommendation, to:

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Email applications are encouraged.

Applicants are urged to complete a pre-application to the graduate program at Land Resources and Environmental Sciences (<http://landresources.montana.edu/Degrees.htm>).

Screening of applications begins immediately and continues until a suitable candidate is hired. **Priority will be given to applications received by March 15, 2000.**

Hi!

This may be a stretch, but I think "**urban mountains**" can fit within the Mountain Geography Specialty Group. If you have room, you might mention that students at Montclair State have been conducting research on the Watchung Mountains of suburban New Jersey. Dr. William Solecki led a graduate seminar that produced an "environmental management paper" for the Watchung Mountain region, including the suburban townships, regional parks, and trail networks. Students in my Fall Geomorphology class are presenting a poster on the structural geomorphology of the Watchung Mountains at the 2001 Northeast Regional GSA Meeting in Burlington, VT. Finally, I have a chapter specifically on the Watchungs in the 2001 AAG meeting guidebook, Snapshots of the New York Metropolitan Region. We encourage applicants to our Environmental Studies MA programs, where, among other things, we'd like to develop a working group in this sort of study.

See you soon in New York, and hope you enjoy our little field trip in Central Park!

-Greg Pope

Will Rense, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, delivered a paper to the Spring Specialty Conference of the American Water Resources Association in Anchorage, Alaska, last May. The theme of the conference was Water Resources in Extreme Environments and Dr. Rense's paper was entitled "Hydrologic Impact of Climatic Change in the Colorado Front Range." Using the Thornthwaite Water Budget, Will was able to model streamflow of Boulder creek, and, by extension, other streams in the Front Range, under conditions of changed temperature and precipitation. The focus was on possible climatic changes during the "Little Ice Age" and under possible conditions of "Global Warming." Reprints of the paper, as published in the refereed Conference Proceedings, are available.

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WORLD MOUNTAIN SYMPOSIUM IN SWITZERLAND, 30.9.-4.10.2001

Dear Sir or Madam

In preparation for the International Year of Mountains, IYM2002, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) mandated the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) to organise an international symposium to be held from 30 September to 4 October 2001 in Interlaken, Switzerland, the World Mountain Symposium (WMS2001). We believe that you might be personally interested, or know people who are. In the latter case please forward this e-mail to them.

A special homepage containing all current information about the WMS2001 including a registration form can be found at:

www.wms2001.ch

You are invited to send your notice of interest in the Symposium by 31 March 2001, at the latest. In case you do not have access to

the Internet, please complete the below listed registration form and return it to us by e-mail.

Given the importance of the theme and the need to prepare carefully for IYM2002, we are looking forward to an interesting meeting in a challenging mountain environment.

With best personal regards

Ulrich Lutz, WMS2001 Coordinator, SDC
Hans Hurni, Co-Director CDE

Notice of intention to participate

Name:

First Name:

Title:

Position:

Organisation:

Full mailing address:

Tel. Fax:

Email:

Please note: Interested participants who have completed and sent in this form will be invited to register. Registration fee for the Symposium will be U\$ 100.- payable upon registration. Deadline for registration is 30 June 2001.

Please answer the following where appropriate:

I request assistance for booking overnight facilities (hotel reservation only)
yes/no

Accompanying person(s), if any:

Number of accompanying person(s).....

Names:

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I apply for (partial) financial support to attend the symposium
yes/no

Deadline for applications: 31 May 2001. Support will be considered for participants from developing and transition countries (CIT) who have no access to foreign support/funding.

I intend to submit a short paper related to the symposium theme, for possible publication in the proceedings and will provide a short abstract not later than 31 March 2001.
yes/no

Title of paper:

I am interested in participating in the pre-symposium email discussion (starting in February 2001)
yes/no

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Proposal for an excursion of American and German Mountain Geographers:

Next year the German working group on high mountain ecology would like to present some of our recent activities within two or three sessions at the AAG-conference at LA. Combined with this event I look forward to organizing a joint-excursion for some 12-15 American and German mountain geographers. The idea is to have a two week low budget-trip for the Sierra Madre de Chiapas (including climbing on Tajumulco or Tacaná) and the Central Mexican Mountains (Malinche, Iztacihuatl). Start would be at Guatemala, end at LA. I would plan a pure field-trip (sleeping bags, dorming mostly in schools, everything organized on the spot), however in a region, where I know more or less every stone, a lot of its plants, its climate and morphological processes... Interpretation from Spanish to English won't be a problem if interviews or answers of local people are desired. Contact with some interesting persons within the different altitudinal belts and talks about the extremely various land-use methods or problems would be guaranteed.

On the other hand, it will be a hard trip, sometimes at least 25 km per day, however in the dry season (that means mostly without shower...), and , if not on foot, always travelling by public buses. I assume total expenses from Guatemala up to Tijuana around 500 US\$.

Interested parties can contact me at the working group session at NY.

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Presidential Plenary Session

KOFI ANNAN, seventh SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE ROLE OF GEOGRAPHY IN THE UNITED NATIONS IN AAG President Susan Cutter's Presidential Plenary Session scheduled for NOON ON THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2001 in the Grand Ballroom East of the New York Hilton Hotel. Mr. Annan, the first Secretary-General to be elected from the ranks of United Nations staff, began his term on 1 January 1997.

Mr. Annan's priorities as Secretary-General have been to revitalize the United Nations through a comprehensive program of reform; to strengthen the UN's traditional work for peace and development; to encourage and

advocate human rights, the rule of law and the universal values of equality, tolerance and human dignity found in the United Nations Charter; and to restore public confidence in the UN by, in his words, "bringing the United Nations closer to the people."

Mr. Annan was born in Kumasi, Ghana. He completed his undergraduate work in economics at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN in 1961. From 1961 to 1962, he undertook graduate studies in economics at the Institut universitaire des hautes études internationales in Geneva. Annan joined the United Nations system in 1962 as an administrative and budget officer with the World Health Organization in Geneva. Before being appointed Secretary-General, Mr. Annan served in numerous capacities in many UN programs and projects, including as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and as Under Secretary-General.



FIRST CIRCULAR

The Commissions on Political Geography and on Public Policy and the Study Group "Diversity in Mountain Systems" of the International Geographical Union, the Stavropol State University (SSU) and the Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IGRAS) organize in Stavropol and Kislovodsk (Russia) on September 12-17, 2001 the international conference:

Settlement Systems, Ethnocultural Mosaics and Geopolitics of Mountainous Regions

The main objective of the conference is an interdisciplinary analysis of contemporary transformations of settlement systems in mountainous regions in relation with their geopolitical role, political and administrative division, ethnocultural situation and economic processes.

It is supposed to consider mountainous regions in close connection with plains. Comparative studies of mountains are especially welcome. The focus will be made on Caucasus, including its Russian northern part and Transcaucasia.

It is suggested to discuss the following questions.

Part 1. The demographic situation, migrations, settlement systems and political geography of mountainous regions

1. Reproduction of population and demographic potential.
2. Migrations, social mobility and ethnopolitical situation.
3. Urbanization and sustainable social and political development.
4. Isolation or risks of globalization: communications' system and geopolitics.
5. Nation-states, ethnic and regional identities: mountains vs plains.
6. Ethnic conflicts and territorial claims in mountainous regions.
7. Mountains and plains in the administrative division.
8. Uncontrolled areas and self-proclaimed states in mountainous regions in the contemporary world geopolitical order.
9. Environmental problems and geopolitical risks.

Part 2. Dynamics of settlement and ethnopolitical conflicts in Caucasus.

1. Caucasus on the world and the post-Soviet map.
2. Migrations, deportations and urbanization: history and contemporary consequences.
3. Increasing cultural diversity and political risks.
4. Economic crisis, restructuring and interactions of mountains and plains.
5. Sovereignty, territorial integrity and geopolitical situation in North Caucasus and Transcaucasia.
6. The Chechenian conflict, its roots and geopolitical role.

Official languages of the conference will be English, French and Russian. Simultaneous translation will be available in Stavropol.

The conference will begin in the city of **Stavropol**, the capital of a subject of Russian Federation, situated on the heights dominating North Caucasian plains and keeping relict woods. It is connected with Moscow and some other cities with daily flights. The second part of the conference will take place in the small city of **Kislovodsk** (about 200 km from Stavropol), in a picturesque part of the North-Caucasian piedmont famous for its mineral waters.

Excursion. Participants are invited to a two-day tour. From Stavropol, they will go to picturesque high mountains climbing the valley of the river of Bolshoi Zelenchuk in the Republic of Karachaevo-Cherkesia. On the way, they will visit the administration of the Adyge-Khabl district and will get acquainted with the ethnic and cultural heterogeneity of population of this district settled by Cherkesians, Abazins, Russians and Greeks. They will be told about the present-day situation in agriculture and in former collective farms (*kolkhoz*) and stop in a village. In the afternoon, participants will reach the Cherkesian village of Arkhyz and overnight in the small high-mountain resort. They will go up to a water-fall, try mineral waters and local specialities (lamb *shashlyk*).

On the next morning, participants will leave to the town of Cherkessk, the administrative center of Karachaevo-Cherkesia. They will meet there highest officials and discuss ethnic relations, identity problems and the administrative structure of the republic. They will continue to Kislovodsk reputed as one of the best resorts of the former Soviet Union known for its favorable climate, for the unique and vast natural park in the piedmont of North Caucasus, for beautiful mountain panoramas, and for sources of mineral water. A short bus tour and a walk in the park are planned at the arrival. On the next day, participants will have an opportunity to go up to the nearest summit and to admire a view on the Main Caucasian mountain range. They will be a reception at the municipality of Kislovodsk where post-Soviet problems of turism in Northern Caucasus can be discussed. After the end of the conference, participants will go by bus to the airport of Mineralnye Vody (55 km) and will take plane to Moscow (see the tentative program).

Registration

To register for the conference, please complete the registration form.

The fee of USD 100 for participants is inclusive of:

- participation in all meetings and in two receptions and dinners; coffee breaks; a guided tour in Moscow: the full cost of two days field trip (transportation/ guiding/ meals/ entrance fees);
- transfers from the hotel of the Academy of Sciences to Vnukovo airport on September 11 and from Vnukovo to the hotel on September 17;
- transfer from Kislovodsk to the airport of Mineralnye Vody on September 17;
- a guide-leaflet on the conference and on the region;
- a copy of the conference proceedings.

Accommodation and other costs. An overnight in Moscow (hotel of the Academy of Sciences situated in the center of the city, in front of two metro stations) costs USD 35 in a regular single room and USD 65 in a more comfortable (recently renovated) single room.

In Stavropol, accommodation in a single room costs about USD 10 in the hotel "Turist" and about USD 15 in a more comfortable "Inturist" hotel. Both of them are situated in the very center of the city and within a walking distance from the University, where the conference is held.

Tickets for meals (USD 10 per day) will be available at the registration desk.

The airfare Moscow - Stavropol and Mineralnye Vody – Moscow costs USD 162 (economic class).

Deadlines. Registration forms and titles of papers should be sent by email to one of local organizers as soon as possible. Detailed abstracts in English or French (15-25,000 characters, Word 6.0/ 7.0) are required not later than April 15, 2001.

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The tentative program

Monday, September 10 or Tuesday, September 11: arrival to Moscow

Tuesday, September 11

10:00 – 13:00. Bus tour of Moscow guided by specialist in urban planning and in economic and social geography of the city

18:30 – departure to Stavropol by plane from Vnukovo airport

20:30 – arrival to Stavropol.

Wednesday, September 12

10:00-10:30. The opening ceremony, greetings.

11:00 – 13:00. First session.

13:00-14:30. Lunch.

14:30-16:00. Second session.

16:00- 16:15. Coffee break.

16:15 – 18:00. Third session and discussion.

19:00. Reception in the Regional Duma (legislative assembly).

19:30. Dinner.

Thursday, September 13.

9:00 –11:00. Fourth session

11:00- 11:15. Coffee break

11:30-13:30. Fifth session.

13:30-15:00. Lunch

15:00 - 17:00. Sixth session.

17:15- 19:15. Bus tour around Stavropol

20:00. Dinner

Friday, September 14

8:30. Departure to Adyge-Khabl by bus

10:00 – 11:30. Meeting with the head of administration of the Adyge-Khabl district, Republic of Karacheavo-Cherkesia and visit of a former kolhoz.

11:30. Departure to Arkyz.

14:00. Arrival to Arkhyz, lunch.

15:30- 19:00. Walk to the Sophia glade.

20:00 – shashlyk (Caucasian-style barbecue) at the bank of the river of Bolshoi Zelenchuk.

Saturday, September 15

8:30. Departure to Cherkessk.

10:30 - 12:00. Meeting with one of the incumbent political leaders of the Republic of Karachaevo-Cherkesia.

12:00. Departure to Kislovodsk. Lunch on the way

15:00. Arrival to Kislovodsk.

16:00 - 18:00. Bus tour around Kislovodsk and walk in the resort's park.

19:30. Reception at the municipality of Kislovodsk
20:00. Dinner

Sunday, September 16

9:00 - 11:00. Seventh session (working languages –English and French)
11:00 -13:00. Ascent to the Djinail mountain range by elevator.
13:00 -15:00. Lunch on the top of the mountain.
15:30 - 18:00. Eighth session and general discussion
19:00. Reception at the City Musical lounge and dinner

Monday, September 17

8:00. Departure to the airport “Mineralnye Vody”
10:15. Departure to Moscow by plane
12:15. Arrival to Vnukovo airport in Moscow

4) MINUTES FROM THE 2000 (PITTSBURGH) MEETING

Minutes of the AAG Mountain Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting, Friday, April 7, 2000, 6:00-7:15 PM

- 1) Chair Don Friend welcomed everyone attending to the meeting. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.
- 2) Chair Friend provided his Chair’s Report. Highlights included
 - a) Office Update – Don reported that Dick Marston had reluctantly resigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the group. He also reported that Carol Harden was cycling off the Awards Committee, and thus both a new Secretary-Treasurer and a new member of the Awards Committee would need to be elected (see below).
 - b) Membership – 170 individuals are currently signed up on the group Listserve, with 80 AAG members and 70 members from overseas.
 - c) Budget – The Group has a handsome operating budget of \$245!
 - d) Pittsburgh Activities – Friend reported that the group had sponsored 5 paper sessions at the Pittsburgh AAG meeting, several co-sponsored with other groups.
- 3) Friend reported that Lee Dexter had recorded the written minutes for the 1999 organizational meeting in Honolulu. David Butler moved their acceptance, seconded by George Malanson, and the minutes were unanimously accepted with thanks to Dexter.
- 4) Friend spoke briefly concerning the By-Laws of the group, and thanked Jack Ives for his help in drafting the By-Laws with appropriate language. Dues are \$5/year for regular AAG members, and free for students. Jack Ives moved acceptance of the By-Laws and was seconded by David Butler. The group unanimously accepted the By-Laws.
- 5) An election was held for a new Secretary-Treasurer for the Group, who will serve in that role during 2000-2001, and ascend to the Chair position at the end of the New York AAG meeting in 2001, serving through the 2002 Los Angeles AAG meeting. Don Sullivan, Carol Harden, and Kathy Hansen simultaneously nominated David Butler for the position. No other nominations were forthcoming. Nominations were closed, and Butler was elected to the position unanimously.
- 6) Friend discussed the forthcoming 2000 IGC meeting in Seoul, Korea. Friend will convey greetings to the IGC from our Group, and provide descriptions of our activities. Friend and Jack Ives discussed the nature of IGC events. Friend mentioned the AAG grants program as a way to defray the costs of attending such a meeting.
- 7) The 2002 UN-designated Year of the Mountains was discussed. The discussion included ways in which the Group could be actively involved.
 - a) Friend showed the new-style, UN-supported *Mountain Research and Development*, and noted that the journal is eagerly soliciting manuscripts.
 - b) Friend suggested that the Group become involved in Special Issues of appropriate journals, and mentioned that he had contacted Dick Marston of *Geomorphology* toward that end. Other journals mentioned included *Mountain Research and Development*, *The Geographical Review*, and *National Geographic*.

- c) Friend encouraged thinking about cool field trips into mountains that could be sponsored by the Group during the 2002 Los Angeles AAG meeting, with the thought that more formal proposals for field trips could be offered at the New York 2001 meeting.
 - d) Alton Byers of The Mountain Institute called for additional ideas to commemorate the Year of the Mountains, and hoped for the generation of a list of ideas; discussion ensued. Barbara Brower asked for clarification on the purpose or objective of such a list. Dan Fagre requested clarification on what audience group activities would be for. Carol Harden suggested that the group attempt to learn from the FAO meetings in Rome. Jack Ives noted the difficulty in getting continent-wide cooperation in North America for any large-scale initiatives. Jim Doerner suggested an integrated website on mountains for use by teachers, to be presented to them by coordinators of the state geographic alliances. Most of the group suggested that creation of a list was premature, and that going home and ruminating over the idea was called for. The group did endorse the ideas of Specialty Issues, and the website and alliance-related initiative to be spearheaded by Jim Doerner. Dan Fagre and Debbie Elliott-Fisk volunteered to contact the U.S. National Park Service about distributing information to the general public about the Year of the Mountains during their visits in 2002.
- 8) The Alpine Research Center (ARC) of Silverton/Durango Colorado was described. The center is headed by Rob Blair, a geologist at Fort Lewis State College in Durango. The group was very interested in the center, as students of Mel Marcus and Jack Ives have long been interested in the San Juan Mountains area. Don Friend described the plans for the center, and volunteered to disseminate information about it as it develops.
- 9) In Other Business, Friend urged members to think about planning joint sessions with groups such as Biogeography, Cryosphere, and Geomorphology next year, to avoid scheduling conflicts such as affected attendance at some sessions this year. He also urged the group to consider methods whereby membership in the group would be deemed desirable by human geographers engaged in mountain research.
- 10) Carol Harden, Chair of the Awards Committee, took the floor.
- a) Carol announced that Kathy Hansen had agreed to serve as the incoming member of the committee, taking Carol's place.
 - b) Carol noted that she spoke on behalf of the Committee (Lee Dexter and Dennis Dahms comprise the rest of the committee).
 - c) Carol described the criteria for the Student Presentation Awards (student is a member of the Group and the AAG; student provided committee with an extended abstract; student presented paper at AAG Annual Meeting), and announced that two students were to receive Awards. The awards included a certificate, and a copy of the book *Mountains of the World*, autographed by Jack Ives. Awards went to Matt Bekker and Carolyn Kelly.
 - d) Carol asked Kathy Hansen to take the floor. Kathy read the Letter of Nomination and Recognition for the Distinguished Career Award, received by Jack Ives. Jack noted that he was deeply touched, thanked the group, his former students, and especially his wife Pauline.
- 11) Friend thanked the group for a great year and meeting, and called the meeting to a close at 7:15 PM, exactly on schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Butler

Secretary-Treasurer, Mountain Geography Specialty Group, 2000-2001