

If the main purpose of international symposia is for scientists to tell each other what they have been up to, this was clearly a successful symposium, and to have the proceedings published in just over a year is no mean feat. Despite the swingeing price, every academic and institutional library will need this volume on its shelves. Every polar ecologist will need to keep it handy, and a sabbatical six months or a long sea voyage to absorb it. (Bernard Stonehouse, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER.)

### BRIEF REVIEWS

**GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE OF MAC.ROBERTSON LAND (EAST ANT-ARCTICA).** Ravich, M. G., Solov'ev, D. S. and Federov, L. V. 1985. Rotterdam, Balkema. (Russian Translations Series 24). 247 p, illustrated, hard cover. ISBN 90 6191 439 6. £20.75.

Translated from *Geologicheskoye Stroyeniye Zemli Mak-Robertsona (Vostochnaya Antarktida)*, published in Leningrad in 1978, this summarizes studies by Soviet geologists from 1971 to 1974 in Mac.Robertson and Princess Elizabeth Lands, which form part of the East Antarctic craton. 'Besides the Archean crystalline basements geologists were able to identify thick Proterozoic fold formations in the narrow troughs of the craton and Permian coal-bearing deposits in the grabens. The tectonic structure of this region allows us to separate a continental rift zone possibly filled with Meso-Cenozoic rocks. The book also provides data on metamorphic and igneous rocks [and] analyses of all the facies of regional metamorphism and a scheme of development of intrusive complexes.'

**SMEERENBURG.** Hacquebord, L. 1984. Groningen, Hacquebord. 311 p + plans, illustrated, soft cover. ISBN 90-70319-08-3.

In Dutch, with an extended summary in English, this is an account of 17th century Dutch whalers on Spitsbergen, especially at the settlement of Smeerenburg, Amsterdam Island. It examines the effects of early arctic whaling on the Arctic ecosystem, and living and working conditions in the seasonal whaling settlements at a time when climate and oceanic conditions were changing radically. Conclusions based on data from excavations are compared with information from written sources.

**TO KEEP THE PAST ALIVE: THE POINT LAY CULTURAL RESOURCE SITE SURVEY.** Neakok, W., Neakok, D., Bodfish, W., Libbey, D., Hall, E. S. and the Point Lay Elders. 1985. 111 p + plans, illustrated, soft cover. \$10.00.

As part of a scheme to document Native subsistence and cultural activities, North Slope Borough of Alaska has for some years '... been gathering information from its communities detailing the ways that their areas are used. These studies include cultural/historical associations the communities have with the coast. Reports based on this information are used as resource documents for the Borough's land management programs to assure that local needs and concerns are not overlooked in the planning effort.' This report is available from the North Slope Borough Planning Department, PO Box 69, Barrow, Alaska 99723.

**YUKON WILDLIFE: A SOCIAL HISTORY.** McCandless, R. G. 1985. Edmonton, University of Alberta Press. 200 p, illustrated, soft cover. ISBN 0-88864-093-5. Can\$14.95.

This book examines the social development of the Yukon Territory from the Gold Rush to the 1950s, with particular reference to the wildlife laws that governed market hunting,