



A Polish glaciologist appointed as SCAR Executive Officer



Dr. Marzena Kaczmarek, from Poland, joined the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) Secretariat at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, UK, on June 1st 2005. SCAR came into existence in 1958 as an international and non-governmental organization which prompts and coordinates scientific activity in Antarctica and Southern Ocean.

Marzena Kaczmarek was born in Czeladź, Poland. After graduating from the Emilia Plater Secondary School in Sosnowiec, Poland in 1991, she studied Geography at the University of Silesia. In 1996, she obtained her M.Sc. thesis *Analysis of the methods glacier mass balance equilibrium line reconstruction for Pleistocene glaciers*. Her

supervisor was a glaciologist and polar researcher Professor Jacek Jania and he also lead her through the Ph.D. studies. Marzena Kaczmarek received her Ph.D. degree in Glaciology from the University of Silesia, Faculty of Earth Sciences, in 2001. The title of her Ph.D. thesis was *Intensity of calving of Arctic tidewater glaciers on the background of the climatic regions*. During her Ph.D. studies, Marzena was participated in many seminars and workshops organized by the Department of Geomorphology at the University of Silesia. She also taught undergraduate students on “Mapping Methods”, “Analysis of Air Photographs” and “Introduction to Remote Sensing”.

Her conscientiousness, fluent knowledge of English allowed to take advantage of the glaciology course within the University Courses on Svalbard (UNIS), at Longyearbyen, on Spitsbergen in spring 1998.

In April 2000 she became a Research Assistant at the Norwegian Polar Institute in Tromsø working on Arctic and Antarctic ice core data, mass balance data from Svalbard glaciers, and sea ice charts from the Barents Sea.

In 2001 she was employed as a post-doctoral fellow in the same institute. During the following three years, she was involved in Antarctic research and palaeoclimate issues. Marzena’s post-doc position was a part of the European Programme for Ice Coring in Antarctica (EPICA), and the Norwegian Antarctic Research Expedition Programme (NAREP). Marzena also spent two consecutive austral summer seasons (2002/03 and 2003/04) at the EPICA deep drilling site in Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica. In the beginning of 2005 Dr. Kaczmarek worked at the Climate and Cryosphere (CliC) Project Office. She helped to organize the First CliC International Science Conference in Beijing, China (April 2005). She attended several training programmes for students and post-doctoral researchers in Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, and Poland. Marzena Kaczmarek has pub-

lished several scientific papers and she often presents her latest achievements at the international conferences and workshops.

Marzena is a keen traveller. She has visited several countries in different parts of the world, and describes herself as cosmopolitan. She has extensive ski mountaineering experience both from the mountains in Northern Norway as well as mountain ranges in Greenland (she took part in the East Greenland Telemark Ski Expedition in May 2004), Bolivia, and the Alps. She also enjoys cross-country skiing and hill walking.

We congratulate Marzena on her new appointment and we wish her further successes and all the best in the private life.

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