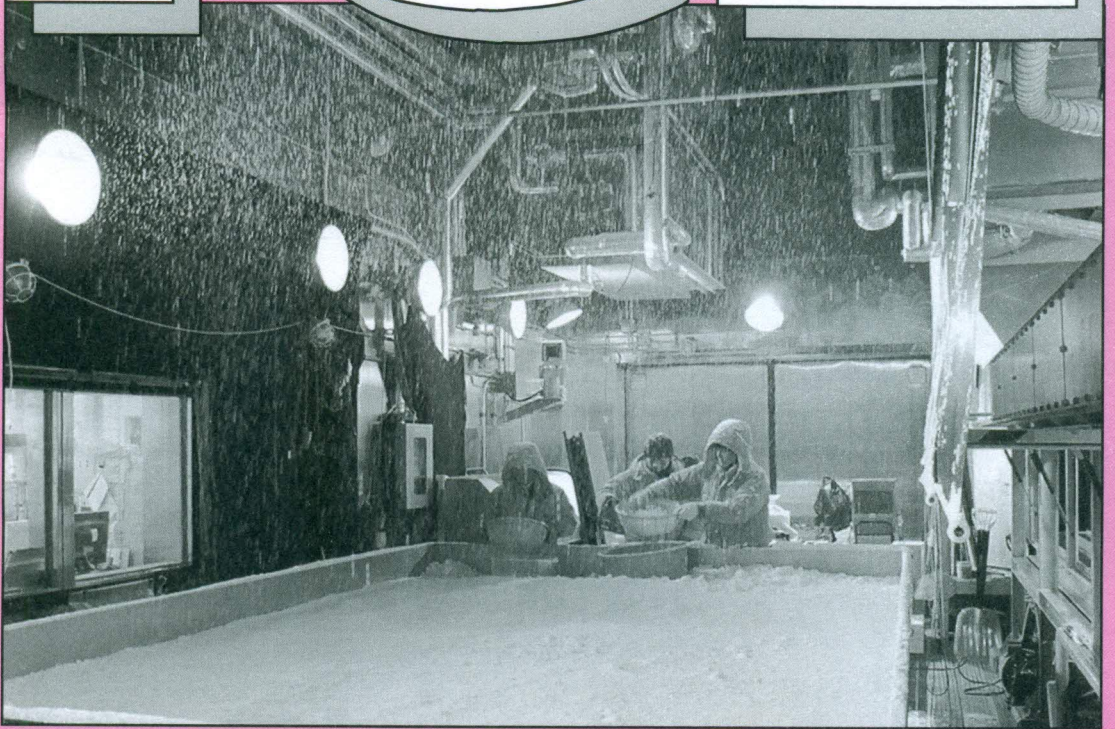




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Cover picture: Cryospheric environment simulator in operation at Shinjo Cryospheric Environment Laboratory, Japanese National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience. Photo by G. Okawa.

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Opening of the IGS Southern Hemisphere Library, Valdivia, Chile

Dear *ICE* readers,

It is with great pleasure that I report that in February 2017 we opened the IGS Southern Hemisphere Library, located on the second floor of the brand new glaciology laboratory building of Centro de Estudios Científicos (CECs) in Valdivia, Chile.

In 2016, the Secretary General was looking for a new home for the IGS book collection. This valuable group of texts needed to be together, in a safe, secure and comfortable place, where scholars, students and general public interested in glaciology could access them for teaching or research.

The collection, comprising nearly 500 volumes published between the end of the 19th century and the present day, covers a wide variety of interesting glaciological research carried out all over the world. Among the numerous amazing texts that might be mentioned are several classic texts such as *Louis Agassiz: sa vie et sa correspondance* (1887), *Ahlmann's Land of ice and fire* (1938), *Flint's Glacial and Pleistocene geology* (1957), *Lliboutry's Nieves y glaciares de Chile* (1956) or *Nakaya's Snow crystals* (1952). Also, it must be mentioned that most of these books have no digital versions and are therefore unique publications with high historical value. Most are in English, French or German, but there are several texts in Russian and Polish.

The quest for a new home came just at the right time for us, since our glaciology laboratory of CECs was building new facilities, including a three-storey edifice where many rooms were available. After discussing this initiative with Claudio Bunster, CECs director, we realized that our new building was the ideal location for such a prestigious collection, not only because its brand



The main book shelves.

new construction was of good enough quality to accommodate all the books, but also for the meaning of moving the old texts from the North to the New World in the South.

We immediately volunteered ourselves to take care of the library, funding all the expenses related to shipping and moving the collection to Southern Chile. This was formally proposed to the Secretary General, who after consulting with the IGS Council approved this initiative in June 2016.

Once the decision was made, the IGS headquarters worked very hard with the books, organizing the shipment and preparing the boxes for transportation. The shipment finally arrived in perfect shape in Valparaiso, Chile, at the end of July. Then we transported everything by truck to Valdivia, where we received the collection in early August. The selected room for the collection was designed by Fernando Basilio, our Architect in Residence, who finalized the construction by November 2016. Then our Antarctic season delayed the final phase of the project until January, when we unpacked the books, organized



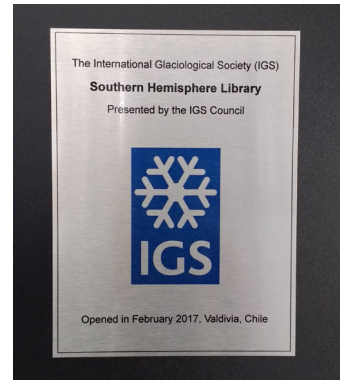
General view of the Valdivia Science walkway (notice Antarctica on the ground and a Foucault's pendulum tower on the right) and CECs facilities at the back. On the left, the building with the flag is the Schuler house (biology laboratory), in the centre is the three-storey glaciology building (the IGS Southern Hemisphere Library is on the second floor).



There is a table with eight seats for meetings or readers. On the wall behind are some old flags.



Keith Makinson, (BAS), Mike Bentley (Durham University), David Vaughan (BAS) and Andy Smith (BAS) visiting the library during a workshop at CECs in early March 2017.



The commemorative plaque at the main entrance to the library.

them on the specially designed shelves and adorned the walls with flags and banners used by CECs in Antarctica and Patagonia.

The IGS Southern Hemisphere Library, as it will be called from now on, was finally opened to the public in February 2017. The Library comprises the 485 books donated by the IGS together with nearly 100 more from our own collection. The library is a 40 m² space with a reading area and a table with eight seats. The room has a privileged view of the Science walkway on the Valdivia riverside, which in front of our premises has a square with a map of Antarctica and the Chilean glaciers carved on the floor. At the main entrance there is a commemorative plaque with the IGS logo welcoming all visitors.

The Library has been already visited by several members of the IGS in recent weeks and all have enjoyed the general design and the view of the river. I have included some photos.

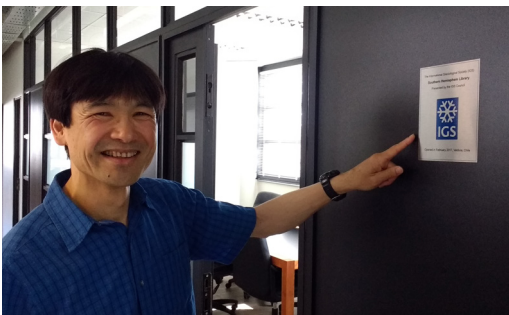
Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have glaciological books to share or need a new home. I will be very happy to receive more texts, especially if you have some numbers of *Annals of Glaciology* and *Journal of Glaciology* that are missing from our collection. We are now building a new exhibition area with old equipment and tools used in early glaciological research, so we can grow a bit more with books and memorabilia. For this new project we will also welcome any donation.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank our IGS President and all the members of the Council for approving this initiative. Also, I would like to thank Magnús and Louise for their help and hard work towards the success of this nice idea.

I hope to see you in Valdivia soon,

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IGS Council member Shin Sugiyama visiting the new library on 15 March 2017.



The reading area boasts a couple of comfortable chairs and an old field campaign banner on the wall.