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Information Paper**International Collaborations on Scientific Activities on King George Island**

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A. Cooperations with Chile and Peru

Taking into account the decision of the Antarctic Treaty Parties to designate the 1991-2000 as the *Decade of the Antarctic International Scientific Cooperation*, the Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute (KORDI) and the Instituto Antartico Chileno (INACH) signed in 1996 an Agreement on Scientific, Logistic and Technological Cooperation in Antarctica. KORDI and INACH will jointly develop and coordinate scientific, medical, technological, logistic and environmental research projects for the purpose of protecting the Antarctic environment and dependent and associated ecosystems.

Conscious of the importance of the scientific research and within the spirit of the Antarctic Treaty for promoting and assuring cooperation in the Antarctic, the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Republic of Peru signed in 1996 an Agreement on Scientific, Technologic, and Logistic Cooperation in Antarctica. The executive committees of this Agreement are the KORDI for the Republic of Korea and the National Commission of Antarctic Affairs (CONAAN) for the Republic of Peru.

As a first step to set out these collaborations, several scientists from Chile and Peru will be invited to an International Antarctic Symposium which will be held in Korea this August (details in the following section).

- * Chile and Peru along with Brazil and Uruguay had provided us aircraft services from Punta Arenas to King George Island during the 1996/1997 when the Korean Antarctic Summer Research Party had difficulties in transporting scientists and cargo due to problems in the operation of the chartered vessel. We highly appreciate the efforts exerted by these countries.

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B. International Antarctic Symposium

The polar Research Center of the KORDI holds the Fifth International Symposium on Antarctic Science on 19-21 August in 1997, KORDI, Ansan, Korea. The Symposium has been held every two years in Korea since 1988. Ten to fifteen scientists from several countries will be invited to the symposium and present papers on *Polar Biology: Ecological Processes related to Environmental Changes*.

