## Historical Notes on the Limnological Research Center

## H.E. Wright

The incentive for these notes comes from the initiative of Geoff Seltzer to assemble as many of the LRC alumni and alumnae as could be found on short notice for a photograph on the steps of Pillsbury Hall on the occasion of the American Quaternary Association meeting in June (1994). Everyone was arrayed chronologically on the steps, and a list was compiled with names and periods of tenure. I thought it would be interesting to provide some notes to supplement the bare chronology, and to add the names of those graduate students and post-docs in or near the LRC who frequented Pillsbury Hall and who are not represented in the photograph.

The LRC was preceded by the pollen laboratory, initiated in 1956 by a grant from the Hill Family Foundation. In 1963 the LRC was established by a separate grant from the Hill Family Foundation, and the pollen laboratory was incorporated within it. The pollen laboratory revolved in successive years around the year-long visits of experienced paleoecologists from European laboratories, starting with Magnus Fries from Sweden and followed by Saskia Jelgersma from The Netherlands, Willem van Zeist from The Netherlands, Bill Watts from Ireland, Roel Janssen from The Netherlands, Maj-Britt Florin from Sweden, Krystyna Wasylikowa and Kazik Wasylik from Poland, Johanna and Eberhard Grüger from Germany, Elizabeth Haworth from England, John and Hilary Birks from England, and (in later years) Rick Battarbee from England, Svante Björck from Sweden, and Jan Janssens from Belgium via Canada. Several of these persons returned in subsequent years, notably Bill Watts, Roel Janssen, John Birks, and Svante Björck. Foreign visitors for several months included Richard West and Kevin Edwards (England), Jan Mangerud (Norway), Norio Fuji (Japan), and Alojz Sercelj (Yugoslavia). On the neolimnological side Gunilla Lindmark came from Sweden and Dragica Matulova from Czechoslovakia. This foreign flavor was supplemented by students from Ireland (Alan Craig, Norman Allott, Henry Lamb, Joan Lennon, Roger Dutton), Japan (Junko Ogawa), Finland (Liisa Koivo), Canada (Vern Rampton), Sweden (Kerstin Griffin, Elisabeth Almgren, Karin Ahlberg), The Netherlands (Rik Jansen), and Belgium (Dirk Verschuren). In the last few years with the coming of Kerry Kelts from Switzerland the foreign contingent has included postdocs from Spain (Bias Valero-Garces), Germany (Antje Schwalb), France (Babette Truze), and Canada (Brian Cumming), as well as students from China (Juanjuan Xia, Jun-Qing Yu, Zhigang Gong, Yue Han). Non-foreign post-docs have included Ed Cushing, Bob Megard, Linda Shane, Paul Glaser, Dan Engstrom, Sheri Fritz, John Bradbury, Mel Whiteside, Dick Brugam, Tom Crisman, John Kingston, Brian Haskell, and Michael Rosen. Jean Waddington managed the pollen laboratory for many years before Linda Shane. Tom Johnson of the Geology faculty was closely affiliated with the LRC just before moving to Duluth, and Emi Ito has recently become an active member. Of course many other were associated with the LRC over the years, such as technicians, secretaries, and undergraduate helpers, and many of these were critical for the social ambience.

In the following list the numbers before the names are keyed to the photograph. The dates were provided by those present or were extracted from annual reports of the LRC or other sources. Current locations are given where known [in 1994]. Any corrections and up-dating would be appreciated.

[John Birks has updated the list as far as possible – further corrections and updates would be appreciated. John's edits are in blue.]

## POLLEN LABORATORY AND LIMNOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER 1956-1994

4. H.E. Wright 1956 to present (deceased)

5. Ed Cushing 1956 to present – Ecology Dept., Univ. Minnesota
6 Jock McAndrews 1957-63 – Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto

Magnus Fries 1958-59 (deceased) Harvey Patten 1958-61 – Covington, La.

Tom Winter 1958-62 – U.S. Geological Survey, Denver (deceased)

Lou Maher 1958-61 – Geology Dept., Univ. Wisconsin

Anne McKnight Bent 1958-61 - Raleigh, North Carolina

Bob Bright 1958-63 – Ecology Dept., Univ. Minn. (deceased)

Saskia Jelgersma 1959-60 – Geological Survey of The Netherlands (deceased)

3. Dick Baker 1960-64 – Geology Dept., Univ. Iowa

Willem van Zeist 1960-61 – Inst. Biol. Archaeology, Groningen, The Netherlands

Richard West 1960 – Botany School, Cambridge Univ.

1. Bill Watts 1961 to present – Botany Dept., Trinity College, Dublin (deceased)

2. Barbara Hansen 1961 to present

Red Watson 1961-63 – Washington Univ., St. Louis

Roel Janssen 1962-64 – Lab. Palaeobotany, Univ. Utrecht, The Netherlands (deceased)

8. Tom Shay 1962-70 – Dept. Anthropology, Univ. Manitoba (now at Welton, Brough, E. Yorks.,

UK)

Bob Megard 1962-66 – Ecology Dept., Univ. Minn.

Kerstin Olson Griffin 1963-68 – Museum of Archaeology, Stavanger, Norway Henry Quade 1963-65 – Dept. Biology, Mankato State Univ., Minnesota

Joe Shapiro 1964 to present Maj-Britt Florin 1964-65 (deceased)

Vern Rampton 1964-69 – Terrain Analysis and Mapping Services, Carp, Ontario

Krystyna Wasylikowa 1964-65 – Polish Acad. Sci., Krakow

Kazik Wasylik 1965 – Jagiellonian Univ., Krakow, Poland (deceased)

Alan Jacobs 1965 – Pittsburgh Jean Waddington 1965-74 – Minneapolis

Elizabeth Haworth 1966-67 – Freshwater Biol. Assoc., Ambleside, England

Donna Stark 1966-71 – Lakeland, Florida

Jim Yanko 1966 – Chicago

Bob Carlson 1966-72 – Biology Department, Kentucky State Univ., Kentucky, Ohio

Johanna Grüger 1967-69 – Göttingen, Germany

Junko Ogawa 1967 – Kyoto, Japan

Liisa Koivo 1967-70 – Univ. Tampere, Finland

Eberhard Grüger 1968-69 – Inst. Palynology, Univ. Göttingen, Germany Alan Craig 1968 – National Parks and Monuments, Dublin, Ireland

Mel Whiteside 1968 – Biology Dept., Univ. Minn. Duluth

Al Swain 1968-72 – Madison, Wisconsin

David Adam 1968 – U.S. Geol. Survey, Menlo Park, California

Steve Tarapchak 1968-73

Judy Barrett 1968-69 – Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Steve Anthony 1968-71 – Minneapolis

John Platt Bradbury 1968-73 – U.S. Geological Survey, Denver (deceased)

14. Paul Glaser 1968 to present

Gail Garrison 1968-70

Donna Amundson 1969-74 – MD, Minneapolis Chris Synerholm 1969-72 – California

Fletcher Driscoll 1969-75 – Geraghty and Miller, Minneapolis

Dragica Matulova 1969-70 – Prague

Kay Baker 1970-73 Rocky Colingsworth 1970-72

Dick Wright 1970-74 – Norwegian Inst. Water Research, Oslo, Norway

John Birks 1970 (+ intermittently 1971-82) – Botanical Institute, Univ. Bergen, Norway (now Dept.

Biology, Univ. Bergen, Norway)

Hilary Birks 1970 – Botanical Institute, Univ. Bergen, Norway (now Dept. Biology, Univ. Bergen, Norway) 1970-71 Mark Mantuani Nancy Sather 1970-74 – Natural Heritage Program, Minn. Dept. Nat. Res. Paula Mellott 1971-73 – Butler, Pennsylvania. Vince Lamarra 1970-75 – Logan, Utah 1971-74 – Minn. Dept. Health David C. Foster 1971-75 – Quaternary Research Institute, Univ. Maine, Orono 12. George Jacobson Jan Mangerud 1972 - Geological Institute, Univ. Bergen, Norway (now Dept. Earth Science, Univ. Bergen, Norway) 1972-77 - Univ. Oregon, Eugene Mike Lynch Greg Lie 1973-77 – Hennepin County Mark Saporito 1973-75 Mary Rutter 1973-75 Nancy Eyster-Smith 1973-79 – Dept. Natural Sciences, Bentley College, Waltham, Mass Roxanne Martin 1973-75 1973-77 Greg Lie Mark Sheehan 1974 Hazel Delcourt 1974-78 – Program in Ecology, Univ. Tennessee, Knoxville 1974-78 - Dept. Geology, Univ. Tennessee, Knoxville Paul Delcourt 1975-80 – Manaus, Brazil Bruce Forsberg Dick Brugam 1975-78 – Dept. Biology, Southern Illinois Univ., Edwardsville 13. Tom Crisman 1975-77 - Dept. Environmental Engineering, Univ. Florida, Gainesville Barbara Speziale 1975 Norio Fuji 1975 10. Eric Grimm 1975 - Illinois State Museum, Springfield 1976-78 - Botany Dept., Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland Norman Allott 11. Henry Lamb 1976-78 – Institute of Earth Sciences, Univ. College, Aberystwyth, Wales Gunilla Lindmark 1976-77 Val Smith 1976-82 – Univ. Kansas, Lawrence 1976-78 - Dept. Geology, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA Barry Goldstein John Almendinger 1976-85 – U.S. Forest Service, Deer River, Minn. John King 1976-80 – School of Oceanography, Kingston, R.I. Ed Swain 1977-84 – Minn. Pollution Control Agency Linda Shane 1978 to present 18. Dan Engstrom 1978 to present – Science Museum of Minnesota 19. Sheri Fritz 1978 -94 – Dept. Geology, Lehigh Univ., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (now at Univ. Nebraska, Lincoln) Eric Smeltzer 1978-80 - Vermont 30. David R. Foster 1978-83 – Harvard Forest, Harvard Univ., Petersham, Mass. 1978-88 – U.S. Geological Survey, Roseville, Minn. (now at Science Museum of 17. Jim Almendinger Minnesota) Nancy Radle 1978-81 – Minn. Dept. Transportation, St. Paul 16. George King 1979-87 – E.P.A. Environmental Sciences, Corvallis, Oregon Dave Wright 1979-88 – Minnesota Dept. Nat. Resources 40. John Halfman 1980-82 – Dept. Geology, Notre Dame Univ. Kerry Keen 1980-83 – Summit Environmental Services, Minneapolis Dora Barlaz 1980-82 – New York City John Kingston 1980-82 – Memorial Univ., Newfoundland (deceased) George Zoto Jan Janssens 1980-1989 – Ecology Dept., Univ. Minnesota 1981 – Dept. Geography, Univ. Oregon, Eugene (now at Montana State University, 15. Cathy Whitlock Bozeman) Kristine Bradof Rick Battarbee 1981-82 - Dept. Geography, University College London, England 1981-82 – Geological Institute, Univ. Copenhagen, Denmark (now Quaternary Svante Björck Geology, Dept. Geology, Lund Univ., Sweden) 1981-84 – Div. Waters, Minn. Dept., Nat. Resources Amy Loiselle

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Scott Murchie

1981-84

20. Pietra Gardetto-Mueller 1981-86 – Illinois State Museum, Springfield

George Ganf 1982 -- Univ. Adelaide, Australia

29. Geoff Seltzer 1982-90 – Dept. Geology, Syracuse Univ., Syracuse, NY (deceased)

Kevin Edwards 1983 - Dept. Geography, Univ. Birmingham (now at University of Aberdeen, Scotland)

27. 1984-88 - Dept. Botany, Duke Univ., Durham, NC Jim Clark

Liz Almgren 1984-88 – Inst. Quaternary Geology, Univ. Goteborg, Sweden

22. Heather Almquist-Jacobson 1984-86 - Botany Dept., Univ. Maine, Orono

Joan Lennon 1984-86 Bill Lamberts 1985 to present Jeff Groen 1986-90

1987-93 - Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul 31. Amy Ollendorf

35. Sharon Locke 1987-94 - Dept. Geology, Univ. Minn., Duluth

Roger Dutton

23. Juanjuan Xia 1987 to present

1988-94-Dept. Biology, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn. 21. Virginia Card

24. Karin Ahlberg 1989 to present Katrina Allen Kennedy 1989-91

32. Kate Laird 1990 to present 38.

Dirk Verschuren 1990 to present

1991 – Umea Univ., Sweden Ingemar Renberg Kerry Kelts 1991 to present (deceased)

36. Emi Ito 1991 to present Brian Haskell 1991 to present 25. 34. Blas Valero-Garces 1991 to present Lora Stevens 1991 to present 28. Yue Han 33. 1991 to present

> 1991-94 – Med. School, Univ. Minn. Dave Olson

41. Jun-Qing Yu 1991 to present Kristina Miller 1991 to present 1991-93 Babette Truze Shannon Lotthammer 1992-93

37. Zhigang (Eric) Gong 1992 to present

> Michael Rosen 1992-93 - Wairakei Research Centre, Taupo, New Zealand

Charlie Tiller 1992 to present 1992 to present Elena Litchman Mark Abbott 1992 to present 26. Becky Teed 1992 to present Antje Schwalb 1993 to present

39. **Brian Cumming** 1993-94 - Queen's Univ., Kingston, Ontario, Canada Rik Jansen 1993 – University of Utrecht, The Netherlands



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