SCAR/SCAGI Activity Report

France
(Elisa Dupuis - TAAF)

On behalf of the Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises (TAAF), I would like to thank the members of SCAGI for their invitation to this meeting. I very much regret that I cannot be here myself, and I am most grateful to Jean-Yves Pirlot, who kindly agreed to be my stand-in for the presentation of this report.

1. French members of SCAGI

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2. Miscellaneous information

- The Heritage and Toponymy service ceased to exist at the TAAF in 2017. Elisabeth Calvarin, of the TAAF Legal Department, and myself remain the interlocutors in this field.

- In July 2018, a new heritage agent, Laëtitia Therond, will join the Institution. This will certainly involve her contacting SCAGI members. Moreover, this new arrival should help to bring the *TAAF Heritage and Toponymy Commission* up to date, and to resolve some issues pending since October 2016.

- In addition, the TAAF website, currently being restored, will soon be able to receive updated versions of Adélie Land place-name databases. We also hope to enhance, on that interface, the scope of the tools developed at national and international levels for toponymy and geographical information.

3. Toponymy

The TAAF wish to bring to the attention of the Committee the adoption of three new place-names in Adélie Land, presented to the TAAF Heritage and Toponymy Commission in October 2016, in order to finalise the allocation procedure with the SCAGI.

They are toponyms proposed by the French Polar Institute (IPEV), in tribute to Robert Guillard, a pioneer figure of the French Polar Expeditions (EPF) and also in memory of Anthony Mangel and Frédéric Vuillaume, who died in 2010 during a helicopter crash in Adélie Land. When presenting these proposals, the Commission benefited from the recommendations of Elisabeth Calvarin. The referral forms are presented below.

The TAAF thank in advance SCAGI, and in particular Carlo Baroni and Jacqueline Muller, for the future integration of these three toponyms into the *Composite Gazeteer of Antarctica*; we remain at their disposal during the procedure and will provide additional documents as necessary.

I wish SC-AGI a fruitful meeting.
Robert GUILLARD

1/10/1919–11/1/2013

Over 37 years devoted to polar expeditions, whether within the EPF, TAAF, CNRS, or CNFRA, Robert Guillard carried out 44 missions (about 15 in Greenland), 16 major overland convoys, 18 missions. The first, in 1956 (called S1) was to install the living quarters for the International Geophysical Year (3rd International Polar Year); the last in 1977 (TA27). Altogether he participated in the construction of 6 polar bases, and developed a number of polar techniques ranging from the use of mechanized equipment to air operations.

Robert Guillard is one of the emblematic figures of the EPF and, alongside Paul-Emile Victor, of the French presence in Greenland and Antarctica.

With a mechanic's certificate, he was at first a pilot in the Air Force. Then he became a mountaineer and, still in the army, he specialized in snow-tracked vehicles. His first meeting with Paul-Emile Victor was in April 1947, in Austria, during a parachute jump at high altitude in the mountains. Robert Guillard was then at the High Mountain Military School as a skier-parachutist. Paul-Emile Victor knew the executives of the school who had invited him to attend this presentation. He was very interested, as he was already working on what would become the French Polar Expeditions, the parent of IPEV. Paul-Emile Victor invited Robert Guillard in Paris to help him prepare the first expeditions ... to Greenland!

Robert Guillard ended his career as an Unclassified Engineer at the CNRS. He was promoted to Commander of the Legion of Honour in 2005. He returned to Terre Adélie in 2004 for his 85th birthday.

In 2011, he self-published a book "Time and the ice are masters" which retraces his career and relates the history of French Polar Expeditions from 1947 to 1984.

« Station Robert Guillard »
66°41’15.39”S - 139°54’25.81”E

Given the very important role played by Robert Guillard in Terre Adélie, in the areas of construction of the Dumont d'Urville base, the use of air assets and land expeditions, the proposal is to rename the Franco-Italian station in Cape Prudhomme as "Station Robert Guillard". In fact, this base never had a definite name, only its geographical location, on Cape Prudhomme, being used to designate it.
Anthony MANGEL
Mechanic for Overland Convoys

Died at the age of 27 during a helicopter crash in Adélie Land

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CE TA 58 Oct. 2007 to March 2008
CE TA 60 Dec. 2009 to March 2010
CE TA 61 : campagne en cours

Anthony Mangel worked for four years on overland convoys, as a mechanic assigned to the maintenance of equipment, tractors and sledges, at the Cap Prudhomme base, so it is natural, in order to honour his memory, to choose a site related to this activity. This is why we propose to give his name to the platform currently called D3 (non-official name), located 600 m from the Cap Prudhomme Station, about 40 m above sea level. This constantly snow-covered platform is used for the storage of sledges and caravans when not in use.

« Plateau Anthony Mangel »

66°41'31.00"S - 139°53'47.00"E

D3, the storage platform for sledges and caravans, seen from the Cap Prudhomme station in the foreground.
Frédéric VUILLAUME
Manager in charge of overland convoys from Cape Prudhomme to Concordia

6/6/1971 – 28/10/2010
Died at the age of 39 during the helicopter crash in Adélie Land

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A CE TA 60 Oct. 2009 to March 2010
CE TA 61 : mission

« Anse Frédéric Vuillaume »
66°41'25"S – 139°55'00"E

Frédéric Vuillaume worked for more than ten years on the overland convoys, either as a convoy leader or as a mechanic supervising the maintenance of equipment, tractors and sledges, at the base of Cape Prudhomme. It is therefore natural, in order to honour his memory, to choose a site related to this activity. This is why we propose to give his name to the cove at the bottom of the Lejay Bay which opens the gateway to the Antarctic continent, where a gantry of landing equipment is currently in place, at D0.

Cove situated at the bottom of the Lejay Bay, between Cape André Prudhomme and Midwinter Island