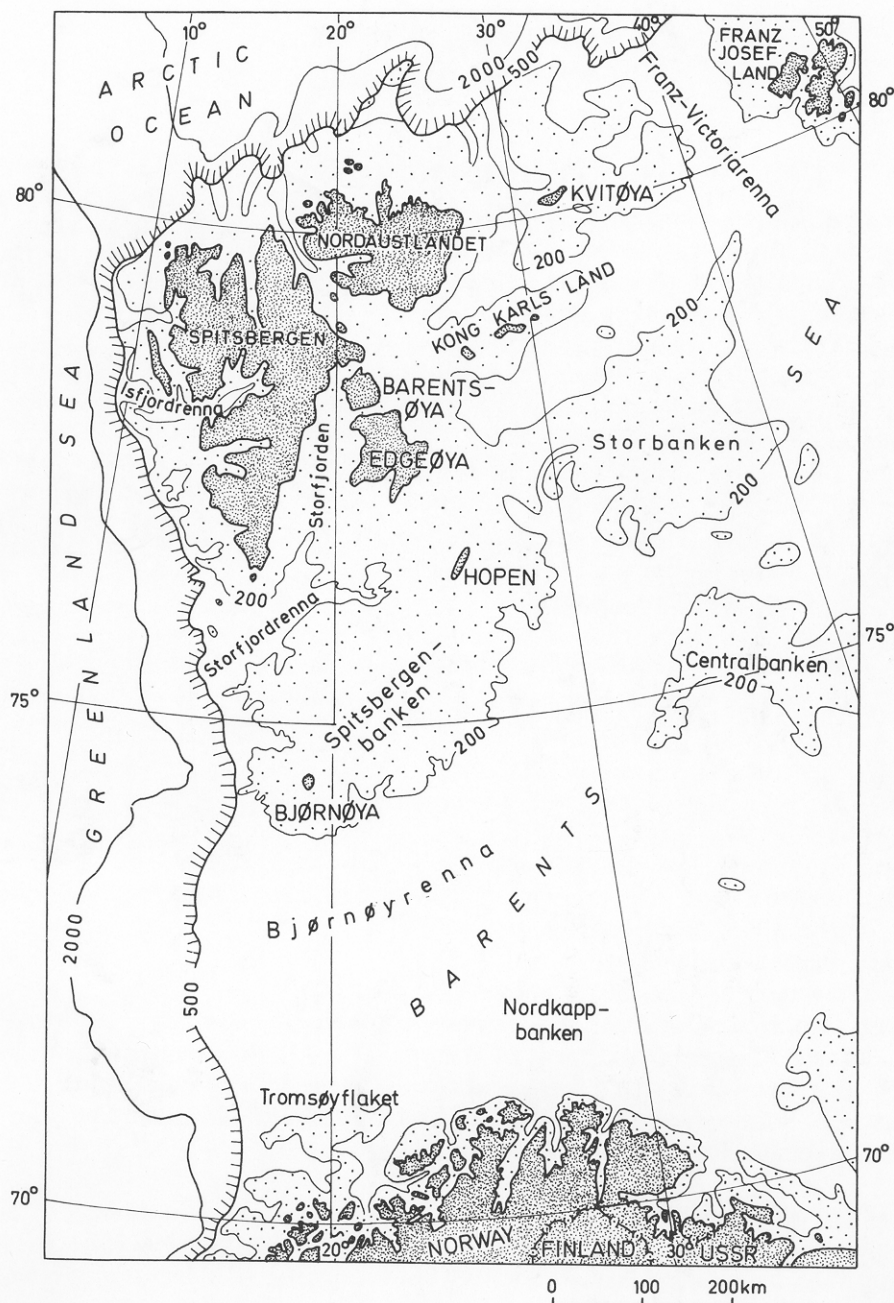


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Geographical position of the Svalbard archipelago (Spitsbergen, Nordaustlandet, Kvitøya, Kong Karls Land, Barentsøya, Edgeøya, Hopen, Bjørnøya, and adjoining smaller islands), in Polish Geological Research in Svalbard, by Krzysztof Birkenmajer, this issue.

EDITORIAL

SCORES, IMPACT AND MONEY

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My last editorial titled SCORES AND IMPACT had impact. You may remember that I drew attention to the inflation of commercial journal costs and compared the prices commercial publishers charge with those of the cost of *Earth Sciences History*. Then I related my experience with a prospective author who withdrew his manuscript because *Science Citation Index (SCI)* does not cover *Earth Sciences History* and the author's dean and chairperson carefully assess his annual citations in *SCI*. He felt compelled to submit his paper to a commercial publisher of the kind whose annual subscriptions range from \$2188 for *Tectonophysics* to \$1085.25 for *Marine Geology* and which *SCI* covers.

One of the responses to this editorial was a letter to the Editor of the *Newsletter of the Geoscience Information Society* which after repeating the message of my editorial stated that the absence of *Earth Sciences History* in *SCI* "is not surprising or alarming. *SCI* is slanted towards the hot areas in science." So now we know where we stand. Further this letter relates how coverage by *SCI* is available. The only way researchers who wish to "support" *Earth Sciences History* could "influence" *SCI* would be to write articles for journals currently included in *SCI* (read: commercial publish-

ers) and, in them, cite articles in *Earth Sciences History*.

Almost before the ink on my editorial was dry I received a letter from the president of the institute which publishes *SCI*. He received a copy of my editorial "from an anonymous source. It was mailed in a AAAS envelope." "Having read your editorial, I can understand your dilemma," he explained. He then invited me to submit a copy of *Earth Sciences History* for evaluation. Apparently he must have forgotten that we went that route only 1½ years ago and were turned down. Perhaps we should try inclusion in the *Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)*. I noted in the *SSCI* Guide for 1991 that the *Journal of Sport History* is covered. I really appreciated that; I am a baseball fan.

Now about money. Our financial emergency is still with us. In the last issue my column *Interesting Publications* was cut off at the letter H. This issue completes last issue's *Interesting Publications* column. Nothing has been added; we are now six months behind. This issue is as small as the last issue. Hopefully in the interim we will be able to raise sufficient funds to bring the size of each forthcoming issue to the standard size which you remember from the past.