

Glacier Bay Symposium Proceedings Available

In September 1983, more than 135 persons from federal and state agencies, academia, independent research institutes and privately pursued projects gathered at Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve for the first Glacier Bay Science Symposium – dedicated to the memory of William Skinner Cooper (1884-1978) and jointly sponsored by Friends of Glacier Bay and NPS.

The occasion itself generated great excitement in the somewhat restricted scientific circle present. Now comes the *Proceedings* of that historic meeting, and the excitement can spread through the printed word.

This well-designed, illustrated, 95-page publication manages to convey the spirit of what was a remarkable blend of scientific fact and human emotion. William E. Brown's keynote address evoked the power and glory of John Muir, John Burroughs, Richard Goldthwait, William O. Field, Donald Lawrence, and even Cooper himself, as the NPS historian traced the majestic impact of "this ancient academy" on the handful of scientists, artist, and humanists who, over the past century, have braved its halls.

The panels and programs covered geology, glacial activity and climatology; terrestrial ecosystems;

marine and aquatic ecosystems; resource management; and the humanities. All the papers are presented in this volume along with the recommendations from each of the science panels. A map of the glacier Bay region and a list of all participants and their affiliations are included.

In a Postscript to the *Proceedings*, the editors describe "the real essence of the First Glacier Bay Science Symposium" as extending beyond the usual scientific objectivities and quantifications. "The prevailing mood of the gathering – among scientists and laypersons alike," they said, "was marked by a deep-seated, mutual concern about the proper relationship of science to the fundamental values of Glacier Bay *the place* and Glacier Bay *the Park and Preserve*. "What is so special about the land and water and life of Glacier Bay—" the editors ask. "What is and should be the character of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve? What role does science have here?"

The Symposium focused sharply on these questions and the concern is reflected in the pages of the *Proceedings*. Copies may be obtained by writing Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Gustavus, AK 99826.