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Report to GENIP for May 11, 2003 meeting.

- 1) On an accelerated publication schedule, the new editor of *FOCUS on Geography*, Gregory Chu, has produced three issues in six months with a special issue on Greece to come out in early June.
- 2) The *FOCUS* reader for Advanced Placement courses to be produced by NCGE with the assistance of AGS is underway. Assistant Editor of *FOCUS*, Catherine Lockwood, who is editing the volume, has proposed a group of articles from which she recommends those for inclusion be selected. Martha Church has told us that NCGE has decided to reproduce the articles in color, as they appeared originally, if AGS will help with the production costs to make that possible. We believe we can.
- 3) Within a week there will have been three issues of the *Geographical Review* published this year. That will conclude the seven-year editorship of Paul Starrs. The new editors, Viola Haarmann and Douglas Johnson, expect to bring out two issues before the end of the year, resulting in five issues for the year.
- 4) The “fieldwork” issue of the *Geographical Review* has completely sold out, and the reprint order has been received and is in stock. The readability of the entries in the volume makes it suitable for high school students as well as university level classes.
- 5) With funding assistance from the U.S. Airlines Insurance Group, AGS’s “Fliers’ & Explorers Globe” is being restored by the Williamstown Art Conservation Center. A display case and shipping cases are also being constructed to make it possible for the globe to be shipped to various locations for educational exhibits. Delta Air Lines and Marsh Inc. will be joining with USAIG to finance and sponsor those exhibits, focused on the history of flight and exploration and the risks human beings take to expand knowledge of the earth and, increasingly, of the cosmos. The 68 signers of the globe to date range from early polar explorers and record-setting deep sea divers to astronauts. On May 14th leadership from AGS will meet with executives at Marsh to negotiate the dimensions of support from the company and plans for the exhibit program. The plan is to put the globe with accompanying educational material on display in various locations around the country and, perhaps, abroad as well eventually.
- 6) A research team from the M.B.A. program at the University of Georgia is conducting research on the probable market for high-end reproductions of the globe.

- 7) AGS is awaiting word on the funding allotted in the federal budget to NOAA. Depending on that funding, AGS is committed to working with NOAA on the forum for ocean research, intended to educate the general public and mobilize stakeholders.
- 8) Despite the Iraqi war and SARS, the AGS Travel Program is continuing to grow but, obviously, not as rapidly as would otherwise have been the case. Bookings are running only 30% higher than in 2002 instead of the 60-80% we had expected. One customized and elaborately planned trip to China will almost certainly be cancelled. The trips with the largest bookings are all in North America.
- 9) The application deadline for the McColl Family Fellowship for 2004 is October 15th, 2003. Teachers are encouraged to apply for this fellowship, which covers travel to anyplace in the world to do fieldwork that results in an article suitable for publication in *FOCUS on Geography*.
- 10) The AGS Council goes to Sioux Falls, South Dakota on May 23rd for a day of private briefings at the U.S. Geological Survey EROS Data Center.
- 11) Recent interns at AGS from Kenya and England are being followed this June by a geography major from the University of Toronto and a Japanese-American student from the Department of Geography at Hunter College in New York City.