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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

The history of the Office of International Programs (OIP) can be traced to October 1969 when the Office of Environmental Sciences (OES) was established under the Assistant Secretary for Science. Irvin Eugene Wallen, who had served since 1962 as Assistant Director for Oceanography, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) and Head of the Office of Oceanography and Limnology, was appointed Director of OES. William L. Eilers replaced Wallen as Director in 1971. Programs and offices under OES direction included: the Ecology Program; the Oceanography and Limnology Program (OLP), including the Smithsonian Oceanographic Sorting Center and the Mediterranean Marine Sorting Center; the Center for Short-Lived Phenomena (CSLP); and the Chesapeake Bay Center for Environmental Studies (CBCES), which became an independent bureau in 1973.

In October 1973, OES was merged with the Office of International Activities to form the Office of International and Environmental Programs (OIEP). Wymberley D. Coerr, former Ambassador to Ecuador and Uruguay, was appointed Director of the new office. Eilers became Deputy Director of OIEP. Programs under the direction of OIEP included the Smithsonian Foreign Currency Program and the International Liaison Program, as well as the programs administered by its predecessor, OES. In May 1975 OIEP was renamed the Office of International Programs (OIP).

Descriptive Entry

This record unit consists of files created primarily by OES, 1970-1973, and OIEP, 1973-1975. Also included are some records of OIP, 1975-1976. Files predating the creation of OES in October 1969 are those of Irvin Eugene Wallen, in his capacity as Assistant Director for Oceanography, NMNH, and

Head of the Office of Oceanography and Limnology, 1964-1969. The records consist of correspondence and memoranda, project proposals and reports, and publications; and include a file documenting the administration and operation of the Center for Short-Lived Phenomena, 1967-1976, and administrative records, 1964-1975. For other records of OES and OIEP see Record Units 218, 271, and 273.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Environmental sciences
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Oceanography
Research

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Manuscripts

Names:

Center for Short-lived Phenomena (Cambridge, Mass.)
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Smithsonian Institution. Office of Environmental Sciences
Smithsonian Institution. Office of International Activities
Smithsonian Institution. Office of International and Environmental Programs
Smithsonian Institution. Office of Oceanography and Limnology
Wallen, I. E. (Irvin Eugene), 1921-

Container Listing

Series 1: CENTER FOR SHORT-LIVED PHENOMENA FILES, 1967-1976.

The Center for Short-Lived Phenomena (CSLP) was established in January 1968 with Robert Citron as Director. CSLP operated as a global alert network and clearing-house designed to notify scientists of unexpected, ephemeral environmental events. CSLP was located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in order to utilize the facilities of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. From its creation in 1968 until December 1970, CSLP was an independent Smithsonian Bureau reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Science. In December 1970, CSLP became an administrative unit of the Office of Environmental Sciences (OES). CSLP remained under the direction of OES and its successors the Office of International and Environmental Programs (OIEP) and the Office of International Programs (OIP) until December 1975. At that time, CSLP's affiliation with the Smithsonian ended and it became an independent, non-profit, privately funded organization. All federal functions of CSLP were transferred to the newly created Scientific Event Alert Network (SEAN) of the National Museum of Natural History.

This series consists of records maintained by OES, OIEP, and OIP documenting the administration, operation, and termination of CSLP. The records include correspondence, memoranda, reports, and publications concerning projects conducted by CSLP; film and television programs on CSLP; CSLP relations with scientific organizations and government agencies; and the transition of CSLP from a Smithsonian bureau to an independent organization.

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This series consists of records documenting the administration and operation of the Office of International Programs (OIP), 1975, and its predecessors, the Office of Environmental Sciences (OES), 1969-1973, and the Office of International and Environmental Programs (OIEP), 1973-1975.

Records prior to October 1969 were created by Irvin Eugene Wallen in his capacity as Assistant Director for Oceanography, NMNH, and Head of the Office of Oceanography and Limnology. The records consist of correspondence and memoranda, reports, proposals, manuscripts and publications concerning office administration; projects conducted in cooperation with the Agency for International Development; relations with Smithsonian bureaus and scientific organizations; and environmental programs in foreign countries.

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