

IGY was primarily for this third category. The Congress appropriated funds for these purposes and they were specifically identified in the budget for the National Science Foundation. Disbursements of these funds were in general, at the request of the Academy USNC/IGY technical panels. Evaluations and decisions supporting these disbursements were made by these panels.

In contrast, financial support to US/IBP and projects will be provided, if available, directly to the proposal originator by the appropriate granting agency on the basis of evaluations and decisions made within the agency. Integrated research programs accepted and funded by granting agencies, will include provisions for the administrative staffs required for program support.

c. The operational phase of the IBP is considerably longer than that planned for the IGY, which had a formal operational period of 18 months (July 1957 - December 1958), with a low-key extension of one more year (1959) of normal work in participating countries, no new funds or programs being involved. Although several other international programs developed on the model of the IGY, e.g., IQSY, the World Magnetic Survey, The International Indian Ocean Expedition, and others, the IGY itself concluded its work on schedule and dissolved. The IBP is expected to generate a significant number of successive international programs lasting many years. The flexibility of decentralized control seems advantageous toward promoting the complex program goals of the IBP.