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EARTHWATCH

This charitable American organisation underwrites scientific research projects all over the world by arranging for interested volunteers to join professional researchers in the field and share in the work as well as the costs of the expedition.

Over the past eight years Earthwatch and the affiliated Center for Field Research, have sponsored 390 expeditions in 48 countries with 4,000 people participating. In 1980 the organisation is supporting 65 projects, with some 750,000 dollars being contributed to the research by 1200 participating amateurs.

With a view to increasing its support to European Institutions and scientists, and to encourage public involvement in science, Earthwatch have recently opened an office in London.

Any BCG member interested in applying for support for their research, or in joining one of the expeditions, or simply finding out more about the organisation should contact Joan Hastings, Earthwatch, 81 Victoria Road, Kensington, London, W85 R4. (01-937-8313)

A catalogue is available indicating the range of projects for 1980, which includes six in Britain.

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