

**Mary Alice McWhinnie**  
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Dr Mary Alice McWhinnie died in Chicago in March, 20, 1980 following a long illness. She was the participant of more than ten Antarctic expeditions and the first woman who stayed over the winter on the sixth continent while doing research in 1974 at the American McMurdo station. She was known to all Poles working at King George Island. She visited Arctowski Station every year from the moment when the station was founded. In 1973 Dr. McWhinnie visited Poland as a guest of the Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology. At this time a cooperative American — Polish programme of biological research was set up within the USARP (United States Antarctic Research Programme). The work had been carried out in the Eklund Laboratory at McMurdo. Dr. Mary Alice McWhinnie was professor at the De Paul University in Chicago. Her kindness and sympathy towards Poles was known. She had many friends among us and was esteemed for her modesty, sensitivity and industrious work. She bid farewell to Antarctica in April 1979 when she last visited the Polish wintering group at Arctowski Station. The memory of Dr. McWhinnie will stay with many of us.

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