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THE ROYAL DANISH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Royal Danish Geographical Society was founded on the 18th of November 1876, and the first volume of *Geografisk Tidsskrift* appeared the following year. The rapidly increasing collections of books, periodicals and maps were placed and catalogued during the period 1877-1885. In 1885 Professor *Ed. Erslev* retired from the post as secretary and was succeeded by Knight Commander *Otto Irminger* who functioned until 1903, when Professor *O. Olufsen* took over the post and reorganized finances as well as the publishing activities. The following years a considerable expansion took place brought about by the many expeditions; after World War I the character of expeditions changed. They were no longer travels for the sake of exploring unknown countries, but more expeditions with well-defined research goals and so, the Society had to adapt its activities to the demands and possibilities of a new era. In 1923 Professor *Olufsen* was succeeded by the major-general *E. Castonier* as secretary of the Society, and in 1931 Dr. phil. *Niels Nielsen* took over this post. In 1959 an attachment to the Geographical Institute of the Copenhagen University became a natural development and enabled the Society to adapt its activities to presentday's research work. In 1956, Professor *Axel Schou* was appointed secretary general from which post he retired in 1971.

Møder i sæsonen 1986-87

1. møde den 7. oktober 1986:
Lektor *Kr. M. Jensen* og lektor *Anette Reenberg*: Danmarks landbrugsgeografi – udvalgte emnekredse fra det netop udkomne Landbrugsatlas Danmark.
2. møde den 4. november 1986:
Opmålingschef *Stig Dilling*: Det moderne matrikelkort.
3. møde den 25. november 1986:
Festaften med udnævnelse af æresmedlem og uddeling af Egede medaljen og Vitus Bering medaljen.
Oberst *Søren Haslund-Christensen*: Filmekspeditionen til Centralasien.
4. møde den 3. februar 1987:
Professor *Preben Gudmandsen*: Udforskning af de polare områder ved hjælp af radiotekniske metoder.
5. møde den 3. marts 1987:
Kontorchef *Fl. Duus Mathiesen*: Landbrug og miljø.