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PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK REPORT : USSR/PAMIRS/90

17 cavers in three locations in USSR over six weeks in July / August 1990, as 11 cavers in Uzbekistan for 3 weeks, followed by 11 cavers in the Caucasus for 1½ weeks and in the Ukraine for 1½ weeks.

COSTS:		INCOME:	
Travel England to Moscow	£5355.00	BCRA/SC	£1200.00
Internal flights USSR	£2400.00	MGS	£500.00
Internal USSR costs	£6251.00	MEF	£400.00
Insurance	£1099.00	RGS	£400.00
Equipment	£3100.00	<u>Personal</u>	<u>£15701.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£18,201.00</u>		<u>£18,201.00</u>

MEDICAL.

There were no major medical problems. There was the expected diarrhoea. Two people had diarrhoea for the whole of the expedition. There was one case of septic tendon of the finger joint. This was treated over several days in a Ukraine hospital.

THE EXPEDITION.

The first half of the expedition was spent on the Kirktau plateau at the western end of the Zeravsanksiy mountain range (just south east of Samarkand) in Soviet Central Asia. We were the first British group to this area but we found that it had been well worked over by previous Russian expeditions. However we found 3 new potholes that had been missed, made a detailed survey of the whole of the plateau, (and got to -750m down Kievskaja)

The expedition then changed over and we went for 1½ weeks to the Arabika massif in the western Caucasus (from sea level to 2300 m in 6 hrs in jeep) and camped at the entrance of Ilyukhin system. There were 3 main recci's and an area has been found 2 days away from this camp that has several going leads for future exploration. We then moved to the Ukraine and explored Ozernaja (107 km) and Optimisticeskaja (165 km) with the russian cavers.

A presentation was made at the BCRA National Conference in September.