

To PPS Arctic participants

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The network group of the integrated IPY core project “Present day processes, Past changes and Spatio-temporal variability of biotic, abiotic and socio-environmental conditions and resource components along the Arctic delimitation zone” (PPS Arctic) had a short planning meeting at the International Conference on Arctic Research Planning II” (ICARP II) in Copenhagen Nov 12, 2005. The following participants were present at the meeting (research and IPY subprojects are listed):

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Agenda

1. Presentations

Annika Hofgaard chaired the meeting. First, the participants presented themselves, their affiliation and research. Then Annika Hofgaard made a PowerPoint presentation of the structure of PPS Arctic and its different subprojects. The participants that had presented posters at the conference, i.e. Vesa Juntunen, Karen Harper, David Cairns and Nancy Doubleday, informed about their projects.

2. Website

The PPS Arctic needs to establish a website, in order to communicate and inform the scientific community about their activity. Annika Hofgaard said that the group could temporarily establish a link through the NINA website, but it has to be updated continuously. The website has to be set up in accordance with the IPY data policy, and it should be distinguished between data accessible to the public and data only accessible to the PPS Arctic members or steering group members.

3. Funding

Since IPY does not have its own funding, the IPY core projects have to pay for themselves. The participants discussed different possible sources, i.e.

- international (EU, IASC, AC, Nordic, others)
- national (Canada, US, Finland, others)

The participants were encouraged to look for possibilities for funding of their respective subprojects from national or international sources.

4. Meeting

The participants decided to have a project forming meeting as soon as possible to discuss the following matters:

- Funding possibilities
- Structure and content of the PPS Arctic integrated project
- Re-interpretation of already published and collected data (Bjartmar Sveinbjörnsson)
- Website
- Links to other integrated projects

It was decided that the meeting should take place next February in Canada, preferably February 16-18, 2006, at Laval University in Quebec, where two of the subprojects have their affiliation. The invitation should be mailed to all subprojects (Expressions of Interest) within PPS Arctic. Annika Hofgaard promised to send formal invitations to the whole consortium in December, and to encourage people to order cheap flights and accommodation. Karen Harper would ask Serge Payette to host the meeting and to provide funding to the Russian participant.

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