

International Polar Year: Invitation to workshop



Important dates

- » 15 September: deadline for submission of abstracts
- » 22 September: notification of accepted abstracts
- » 1 October: last day for workshop registration
- » 12-14 November: workshop

Workshop organizing committee

Kjell Danell, IPY Joint Committee; Sverker Sörlin, Swedish IPY Committee; David Hik, Canadian IPY Committee; David Carlson, IPY Director; Odd Rogne, AMAP and IPY IPO; John Calder, NOAA; Volker Rachold, IASC.

Local organizing committee

Local organizer is the Swedish IPY Committee, hosted by the Swedish Research Council: Håkan Olsson, Swedish IPY Committee; Anders Clarhäll, Swedish Research Council; Olle Melander, Swedish Polar Research Secretariat; Lars-Anders Baer, Sami Parliament of Sweden; Volker Rachold, IASC.



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Further information

Please visit the workshop web site, www.arcticobserving.org, or contact Anders Clarhäll at the Swedish Research Council: Anders.Clarhall@vr.se, +46 8 546 44 149.



Welcome to the first IPY workshop on

Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks

November 12–14th, 2007, Stockholm, Sweden

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Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks. *The need for well coordinated and sustained international arctic observing networks that meet scientific and societal needs has been identified by the Arctic Council, as well as by a large number of scientific meetings and reports. During the International Polar Year (IPY), many new observing activities will be undertaken. A newly defined IPY activity will address the foundations for future sustained arctic observation networks and their linkages to societal needs in a series of three workshops.*

Three workshops planned

There will be a series including three workshops, the first takes place in Stockholm, November 2007. The following workshops are planned to be held in Canada in spring 2008, and in Finland in autumn 2008. The workshops will review societal needs and address the following key questions:

- » What Arctic observing sites, systems and networks currently exist?
- » What spatial, temporal and disciplinary gaps exist?
- » How will gaps be filled and the observation effort sustained?
- » How are these activities to be coordinated and integrated?
- » How can free, open and timely access to data be achieved?

Workshop No:1, Stockholm 2007

The first workshop will address the question:

'Are current data collection and information management activities concerning the Arctic environment sufficient to meet user needs?'

The plenary sessions will focus on user needs in the areas of:

- » Climate and Weather;
- » Human Health and Well-being;
- » Biodiversity and Ecosystems;
- » Social and Economic Development;
- » Data and Information Management.

There will also be thematic break out groups.

Participation in the workshop

Attendance is open to all interested representatives for organisations with an interest in sustained Arctic observations. The maximum number of participants will be limited to 150. Oral speakers will be selected mainly by invitation. Voluntary contributions are welcomed as posters. Abstracts (maximum 500 words) for the posters will be part of the workshop documentation.

Where and when

November 12-14th, 2007, in Stockholm, Sweden. Venue in Stockholm, and information about hotel booking and travel advice, will be provided at the workshop web site, www.arcticobserving.org. Deadline for registration is October 1st.