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1 OPENING AND REPORTING *(April 24, 09.00-09.30)*

1.1 WELCOME AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Secretariat did not receive any comments on the minutes of the last meeting.

- *The minutes of the last meeting are given in ANNEX 1.2.*

Council is asked for approval.

1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1.5 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

2 IASC GROUPS *(24 April, 09.30-12.00)*

2.1 WORKING GROUPS

Under this agenda item, the Chairs of the five Working Groups (WGs) will present brief status reports of the WG activities in 2014 and an outlook on their future plans.

Detailed information on the activities of the IASC WGs is available on the IASC website and in the IASC Bulletin 2015, which will be distributed at the meeting. The WG budgets will be presented in the Executive Session of the Council Meeting.

Council is asked to note the reports and invited to provide comments. The WGs are the core elements of IASC and, thus, their activities carry the IASC logo and have IASC's endorsement.

2.2 NETWORKS

Networks are IASC-endorsed, thematic groups with a specific scientific mission enhanced by affiliation with IASC. IASC networks are international, address specific scientific issues on a circum-arctic scale and strive to involve early career scientists. IASC Networks do not have an annual budget from IASC, but they are entitled to apply for IASC workshop and early career scientist funding. Networks may be created by IASC or may apply for affiliation with IASC. Once accepted as IASC networks, they carry the IASC logo. IASC currently endorses the below Networks.

- Arctic Coastal Dynamics (ACD)
www.arcticportal.org/acd
- Arctic Climate System Network (ACSNet)
<http://iasc.info/index.php/home/networks/arctic-climate-system-network-acenet>
- Arctic Freshwater System Synthesis
<http://www.iasc.info/home/networks/arctic-freshwater-synthesis>
- Arctic Palaeoclimate and its Extremes (APEX)
www.apex.geo.su.se
- Arctic in Rapid Transition (ART)
<http://www.iarc.uaf.edu/en/ART>
- Polar Archaeology Network (PAN)
www.polararchaeologynetwork.blogg.no

- Network on Arctic Glaciology (NAG)
www.iasc-nag.org
- Circum-Arctic Lithosphere Evolution (CALE)
www.cale.geo.su.se

The International Study of Arctic Change (ISAC) [<http://www.arcticchange.org>] was recently approved as an IASC Network.

➤ ***An ISAC status report is given in ANNEX 2.2.***

Council is asked to note the report.

2.3 ARCTIC DATA COMMITTEE

End of last year, the recently established data management committees IASC and Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) jointly met in Potsdam, Germany. During this inaugural meeting, members of each committee agreed to merge to form a single Arctic Data Committee (ADC). The ADC will include representatives appointed by IASC and SAON national bodies, but will be open to all interested and engaged individual and organizational participants. Under this agenda item, the ADC Chair Peter Pulsifer will provide a short report.

Council is asked to note the report and invited to provide comments.

2.4 SECRETARIAT

The Executive Secretary will provide a status report on the main activities of the IASC Secretariat, including an overview of outreach and communication activities, e.g. the IASC Bulletin 2015 and the IASC History Publication, which will be available at the meeting.

Since the last meeting at ASSW 2014, three IASC member countries confirmed additional support for the IASC Secretariat:

- The Canadian Polar Commission (CPC) had decided to provide secretarial support for the Social and Human Sciences WG. Susan File accepted the responsibility for two years and started June 2014.
- The Japanese National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR) agreed to provide support for the Cryosphere WG. Tetuso Sueyoshi started September 1st and will serve for two years.
- The Polish Center for Polar Research offered additional support. Maja Lisowska start on January 1st 2015 as the coordinator for the IASC



Fellowship Program and other IASC mechanisms to support Early Career Scientists. The Polish support is also confirmed for two years.

The Executive Secretary will summarize the process and outcome of the 2015 IASC Fellowship Program for which 95 applications were received.

- ***The concept of the IASC Fellowship Program is given in ANNEX 2.5.***

Council is asked to note the report. The longer-term future of the IASC Secretariat will be discussed in the Executive Session.

3 THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARCTIC RESEARCH PLANNING (ICARP III) (24 April, 12.00-12.30)

Under this agenda item, former President David Hik, who is chairing the third International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III), will present an overview of the ICARP III process, the various activities and the products and outcome.

Council is asked to note that the main ICARP III event is the ASSW 2015 symposium on 27-30 April.

4 IASC PARTNERSHIPS

(24 April, 14.00-14.45)

Under this agenda item, updates on joint activities with IASC's partner organizations will be presented and discussed.

4.1 ARCTIC COUNCIL

IASC is an observer organization of the Arctic Council and was, during the last years, represented at most Arctic Council meetings through its Executive Secretary. Under this agenda item, the Executive Secretary will present a brief overview of IASC's involvement in current Arctic Council activities.

Council is asked to note the report.

4.1.1 Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON)

IASC's main joint venture with the Arctic Council is the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON). Former President David Hik, who is the Vice-Chair of the SAON Board, and the Executive Secretary, who is a member of the Board and who is also providing secretarial support, will provide a status report.

SAON's main activities of the last months were related to the formation of two committees:

- (a) SAON's Committee on Data and Information Services (see agenda item 2.3 Arctic Data Committee)
- (b) SAON's Committee on Observations and Networks (CON)

Both the SAON Chair and Vice Chair will resign and SAON is currently in the process of appointing successors.

Council is asked to note the report and invited to provide comments.

4.2 INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE (ICSU)

As an International Scientific Associate of the International Council for Science (ICSU), IASC promotes Arctic and – in cooperation with SCAR - Bipolar science in ICSU and advises, supports and cooperates on activities that are of importance to the whole of the polar science community.

The Executive Secretary will present an update on IASC's interactions with ICSU, in particular ICSU's Future Earth program.

Council is asked to note the report and invited to comment.

4.3 SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH (SCAR)

Under this agenda item, joint SCAR/IASC activities will be presented and discussed.

SCAR and IASC agreed to convene a second joint science conference “POLAR 2018”, which will be hosted by the Swiss Committee on Polar and High Altitude Research in Davos, Switzerland on 15-27 June 2018.

At a joint meeting, to be held on April 25, the Executive Committees of SCAR and IASC will be discussing the possibilities of holding a workshop to compare the outcome of SCAR’s Horizon Scan and IASC’s ICARP III.

Council is asked to note the report.

4.4 INTERNATIONAL POLAR PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (IPPI)

Under this agenda item, former President David Hik, who co-chairs the Steering Group of the International Polar Partnership Initiative (IPPI), will provide a status report on the latest development.

Council is asked to note the development and to discuss IASC’s future involvement in the IPPI.

5 UPCOMING ASSWs *(24 April, 14.45-15.00)*

5.1 ARCTIC SCIENCE SUMMIT WEEK 2016

The ASSW 2016, including the 3rd Arctic Observing Summit (AOS), will be held on 12-18 March 2016 at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (<http://www.assw2016.org>).

Vice President Larry Hinzman will present the state of planning.

Council is asked to note the report.

5.2 ARCTIC SCIENCE SUMMIT WEEK 2017

The ASSW 2017, including a science symposium, will be held in Prague (Czech Republic).

The Czech Council member Josef Elster will present a brief status report.

Council is asked to note the report.

5.3 ARCTIC SCIENCE SUMMIT WEEK 2018

The ASSW 2018 will be held in conjunction with the SCAR/IASC Conference POLAR 2018 in Davos (Switzerland). See agenda item 4.3 SCAR.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS *(24 April, 15.00-15.30)*

6.1 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE INITIATIVE IN THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC (ISIRA)

Under this agenda item, the Executive Secretary will present an update on the activities of IASC's ISIRA Group. Council members are invited to the ISIRA meeting, which will be held in the morning of April 25.

Council is asked to note the report.

6.2 MULTIDISCIPLINARY DRIFTING OBSERVATORY FOR THE STUDY OF ARCTIC CLIMATE (MOSAIC)

The project coordinator Matthew Shupe will present a status report on the Multidisciplinary Drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAIC). MOSAIC is an IASC flagship program and a major contribution to the 3rd International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III).

Council is asked to note the report.

6.3 IASC MEDAL

Council is asked to note that the 2015 IASC Medal is awarded to Jacqueline Grebmeier for her exceptional contributions to the understanding of Arctic benthic ecology and marine ecosystem dynamics; her pioneering work in interpreting geochemical and stable isotope measurements in sediments; her commitment to the establishment of long-term observatories through international collaboration; and her outstanding leadership and mentorship within the Arctic science community. The IASC Medal Lecture will be held on April 30.