



Terms of Reference for IASC 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.

- 1 Endorsement and Review of Network Activities
 - 1.1 IASC endorsement for Networks may be granted or withdrawn by decision of the IASC Executive Committee in consultation with the Steering Groups of the five IASC Working Groups.
 - 1.2 Network activities will be reviewed by the Steering Groups of the five IASC Working Groups every three years.
- 2 The responsibilities of a Network are to:
 - 2.1 Conduct a science-led international program;
 - 2.2 Offer opportunities for planning and coordination;
 - 2.3 Ensure the exchange and dissemination of information and data they produce;
 - 2.4 Ensure interaction with related IASC Working Groups;
 - 2.5 Initiate workshops and educational events;
 - 2.6 Promote future generations of arctic scientists.
- 3 Membership of Networks
 - 3.1 The membership shall be decided at the discretion of the Network. Members should be experts in the thematic field of the Network. Consideration should be given to a mix of gender and seniority.

4 Functioning

- 4.1 The Network will organize itself as appropriate to its mission and membership.
- 4.2 The Network may develop collaborative initiatives with other IASC groups and with other scientific groups outside of IASC.
- 4.3 The Network may organize IASC-sponsored workshops and apply for IASC workshop and early career scientist support.
- 4.4 Correspondence between the Network and IASC shall be through the IASC Secretariat.
- 4.5 The Network shall have access to IASC services provided by the Secretariat, including IASC conference call facilities, announcement through the IASC mailing list and website.

5 Funding

- 5.1 Networks are entitled to apply for IASC funding for cross-cutting activities. Funding opportunities are announced once per year.
- 5.2 Every second year, Networks may also apply for IASC workshop support, including general meeting logistics and travel stipends for Early Career Scientists. Funding requests are considered by the IASC Executive Committee once per year. Informal proposals shall be submitted to the IASC Secretariat before September 15.

6 Reporting

- 6.1 The Network shall develop and maintain a web page linked to IASC's web site.
- 6.2 The Network shall maintain a record of publications and workshops.
- 6.3 The Network shall provide an end-of-year report to IASC for inclusion in the IASC Bulletin and, on occasion, contributions to the IASC Newsletter or other IASC outreach materials.