



International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic (ISIRA)

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Draft Minutes

List of Participants:

ISIRA Members

Arkady Tishkov, Russia (Chair)
David Scott, Canada
Juha Pekka Lunkka, Finland
Dieter Piepenburg, Germany
Atskuko Sugimoto, Japan
Winfried Dallmann, Norway
Åsa Lindgren, Sweden
Gareth Rees, UK
Lee Cooper, USA

ISIRA Early Career Scientists

Remy Rouillard, Canada
Ekaterina Kaparulina, Finland
Heike Link, Germany
Shunsuke Tei, Japan
Christel Elvestad, Norway
Andrey Medvedev, Russia
Alexey Medvedkov, Russia
Anna Nikonova, Russia
Alexey Maslakov, Russia
Mikhail Ivanov, Russia
Nadezhda Fillimonova, Russia
Anna Varfolemeeva, Sweden
Anna Maria Trofaier, UK
Christie Logvinova, USA

ISIRA Secretariat

Volker Rachold, IASC
Yulia Zaika, Russia

Guests

Peter Schweitzer, Austria
David Hik, Canada
Claude Labine, Canada
Josef Elster, Czech Republic
Lillian Magelund Jensen, Denmark
Thomas Laurila, Finland
Riku Paavola, Finland
Günther Heinemann, Germany
Heike Midleja, Germany
Hiroyuki, Enomoto, Japan
Yuji Kodama, Japan
Tetsuo Ohata, Japan
Hajime Yamaguchi, Japan
Seong-Joong Kim, Korea
Yoo Kyung Lee, Korea
Frode Nilssen, Norway
Sergey Goncharov, Russia
Natalia Malygina, Russia
Tatiana Vlasova, Russia
Marianna Voevodskaya, Russia
Gleb Yarovoy, Russia
Martin Schneebeli, Switzerland
John Bengtson, USA
Larry Hinzman, USA
Andrey Petrov, USA
Vladimir Romanovsky, USA

1 OPENING

1.1 WELCOME AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The ISIRA Chair and IASC Executive Secretary opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. They noted that the ISIRA meeting is open to guests and observers.

1.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Secretariat did not receive any comments on the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

1.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

1.4 ISIRA ACTIVITY REPORT

Under this agenda item, the Chair presented a status report "5 years after the IPY: perspectives of International Science Initiatives in the Russian Arctic". Tatiana Vlasova elaborated on the integration of social sciences.

Both presentations are available on the ISIRA website:

<http://www.iasc.info/home/groups/advisory-groups/isira/meetings>.

The IASC Executive Secretary noted that IASC Council at its meeting in 2013 had agreed to allocate more funds to support ISIRA activities and that these funds had been used to provide travel stipends for a number of Early Career Scientists to participate in the meeting. Yulia Zaika had coordinated the selection process and she explained that the funds were used to involve one Early Career Scientist per ISIRA member country to support the preparation of the national inventories (see below). Additionally, with the help of APECS Russia, six Russian Early Career Scientists were selected to receive travel support for the meeting.

2 ISIRA EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS (ECS)

The 14 ISIRA funded Early Career Scientists (ECSs) briefly introduced themselves and their scientific interests. The presentations are available on the ISIRA website at:

<http://www.iasc.info/home/groups/advisory-groups/isira/young-scientist-reports>

3 ISIRA BUSINESS

3.1 ISIRA NATIONAL REPORTING

Under this agenda item, each ISIRA member country provided a short overview of its ongoing research activities in the Russian Arctic. The detailed inventories are available on the ISIRA website at:

<http://www.iasc.info/home/groups/advisory-groups/isira/national-reports>

The presentation can be downloaded at:

<http://www.iasc.info/home/groups/advisory-groups/isira/meetings>.

3.2 ISIRA WEBSITE

The IASC Executive Secretary reported that the current ISIRA pages under the IASC website have been updated in terms of the national inventories. He also explained that it is planned to move the ISIRA pages to the website of the Eurasian sub-office of the International Polar Year, which is hosted by the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute (AARI) in St. Petersburg:

<http://www.ipyeaso.aari.ru/>

Sergei Priamikov, who was unable to attend the meeting in person, provided a written report on the peculiarities and vicissitudes of the regulatory approval system for scientific access to the Russian Arctic. This document is also available on the ISIRA website:

<http://www.iasc.info/home/groups/advisory-groups/isira/national-reports>

Finally, David Scott introduced the “Polar Knowledge App” which is an iPhone application and mobile optimized website that delivers easy, one-stop access to a wide variety of information from across the spectrum of polar knowledge, from Canada and around the world. He invited the group to use this app to make ISIRA information available more widely.

3.3 ISIRA INPUT TO THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARCTIC RESEARCH PLANNING

The Chair of ICARP III, David Hik, presented an overview of the planning state of ICARP III “Integrating Arctic Research – A Roadmap for the Future” and he encouraged the ISIRA Group to consider a contribution to ICARP III.

4 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the ASSW 2015 in Toyama, Japan on 23-30 April 2015.