

ISIRA Meeting Agenda

Draft Minutes

18 June 2018

8:30 – 12:30

Room: B Rinerhorn, POLAR2018 Conference

Davos, Switzerland

Participants: 47



Open Meeting

1. Opening

- Welcome participants (registration list to send around)
- Approval of minutes from last meeting
- Adoption of agenda

2. Reporting

2.1 Chair's Report & a View from Russia (Tishkov)

Presentation by ISIRA Chair Dr. Arkady Tishkov on current activities and developments, updates on Russian Arctic collaborations and major projects, infrastructures

2.2. ISIRA National Reports (National Representatives)

ISIRA National members to make presentations on national reports. National reports have been presented by representatives from Finland, Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, and USA.

- Japan: Highlighted 25-university network with Russia-Japan exchange. Research including remote sensing, long-term Arctic monitoring, and Baranova Island. 4 bilateral conferences were held last year.
- UK: Highlighted a new UK Arctic Policy, which can be found via the NERC Arctic Office. It was the year of UK-Russia Year of Science and Education last year, with events in Cambridge, Moscow, and Arkhangelsk, as well as publications. Also engaged in UK-Russia cooperation through the EU Arctic Cluster (INTERACT), UArctic, and the Royal Society.
- US: Many activities, despite politically fraught situation. Should also add RUSELKA and NEESPI to national reports.
- Finland & Germany delivered presentations which are included in the meeting materials.

An additional presentation on Arctic Sustainability Science was presented by Dr. Tatiana Vlasova, highlighting the importance of social-natural science overlap, and well-being of Arctic people.

It was noted that next year, more circulation of materials before the meeting would be helpful.

3. ISIRA Workshop Followup (30 min)

Presentation by Allen Pope on Moscow meeting updates, developments and outcomes.

- Report available here: https://www.dropbox.com/s/dptr6bt07opndu0/ISIRA_Moscow_2017_%20Meeting_Report_draft.pdf?dl=0
- Other meeting materials available here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/173ekm9er3myc09/MeetingOutputs.zip?dl=0>

4. Wrap Up / Next Meeting (10 min)

Next meeting at ASSW 2019: Arkhangelsk, Russia; 22-30 May, 2019

Closed Session (11:00-12:00)

Note: Interested observers were allowed to stay for the closed session.

5/6. ISIRA Workshop Followup & Future Activities

Wrapping Up Workshop

The report, as it currently is, has too many bullets. Needs more narrative/context to help people who weren't there, for example as in the earlier presentation.

Action: Pope to finish and disseminate workshop report.

Action: Secretariat to action recommendations from the workshop.

Action: Publish more on website when earlier actions are finished.

ISIRA Structure

Discussion of national members of ISIRA on future developments of the group, implementation plan on proposed activities for 2018-2020. The following decisions has been discussed and agreed on during the closed part:

- Structure of the group – inclusion of National Representatives (which is important for receiving funding) and open participation in activities for all interested. The email list will be a membership-of-sorts.
- More overlap between ISIRA and Working Groups
- ToR should be developed, could include role relative to Arctic Science Agreement, too.
- Consider two reps per country, and/or overlap with WGs
- Consider addition of an International Co-Chair

Action: Development of group's ToR is needed (Allen & Yulia, Henry – to participate)

Action: Secretariat to remind countries of their delegates (or lack thereof) and others interested (e.g. China, Switzerland, Czech Republic)

National Delegate Reports

The Excel-version was a helpful template, but moving forward we should build off that and create a web form for submitting reports. The National Delegates will then be responsible for soliciting reports rather than compiling all of them.

- Important fields include website, contact, country, years active, lat/lon
- This form would then be circulated once per year, before ASSW.

Action: Secretariat to create form based on Excel and test it with the ISIRA group

International Agreement on Enhancing Science Cooperation

- Arctic Science Agreement should be a topic at next meeting.
- Petrov/IASSA suggests data collection/survey on implementation.
- CBMP chair mentions that there is also a lot of great Russian data not being used. Could emphasize data exchange in the future.

Action: Consider these ideas for 2019 Meeting

Letters of Support

- Need some evaluation/endorsement mechanism
 - 1st: National Point of Contact, 2nd: ISIRA group / leader / Russian Council Member
- Need a letter to approve, mention ASA in the latter
- Any more from RAS?

Action: ISIRA to move forward with formalizing this.

Future activities

Support activities of the groups should be enlarged which was followed by the discussion of support of 10 ECRs from Russia (registration fee, up to 3200 Euro) to be covered by ISIRA budget to attend UArctic Congress 2018 (through the request from the organizing committee). These should be selected both on scientific merit and other conference involvement. Selected by UArctic, reimbursed by IASC, and made clear that ISIRA would be recognized/thanked.

- Similar support activities should be also reflected in ToR for the future.

ASSW 2019

- Consider possible PEEEX Session. Keep ISIRA in contact on ASSW, schedules, etc.
- Invite RAIPON / other Indigenous participation
- More invitations to solicit participation for Arkhangelsk
 - Also from AARI

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