

ISIRA Meeting 2021

Minutes



19 March 2021; 12:00-15:00 GMT/15:00 – 18:00

Online, Zoom link is in Brella system - <https://next.brella.io/events/assw21/schedule/294781>

Open Online Meeting (12:00-13:30 GMT/15:00 -16:30 MSK)

ISIRA Group members:

Lee Cooper (USA)

Gabriela Schaepman-Strub (Switzerland)

Hanna Lappalainen (Finland)

Yoshihiro Iijima (Japan)

Heidi Kassens (Germany)

Gareth Rees (UK)

Yulia Zaika, ISIRA Secretary (Russia)

Henry Burgess, IASC Vice-President

Larry Hinzman, IASC President

Online attendees of ASSW2021: around 20 participants

1. Opening

- Welcome participants (Yulia Zaika)
- Approval of minutes from last meeting
- Adoption of agenda

Attachment 1: ISIRA 2020 Meeting Minutes (November)

2. National representative

2.1 Quick presentation about ISIRA (Y.Zaika)

2.2 Chair's Report (Y.Zaika on behalf of A.Tishkov)

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

2.3 ISIRA National Reports (National Representatives)

- ISIRA National members to make presentations on national reports and views to the group's role and development:
 - Dr. Gareth Rees (UK Delegate)*
 - Dr. Lee Cooper (US Delegate)*
 - Dr Hanna Lappalainen (Finland Delegate)*
 - Dr Iijima Yoshihiro (Japan Delegate)*
 - Dr Heidemarie Kassens (Germany Delegate)*
 - Dr Gabriela Schaepman-Strub (Switzerland Delegate)*
- Discussions on priorities of the Russian Arctic Council Chairmanship 2021-2023 and ISIRA's role – Heidemarie Kassens to propose several activities including ISIRA Fellowship for ECRs, ISIRA Mentoring programme, ISIRA's open lecture series.

Closed Online Meeting (13:30-15:00 GMT/16:30 -18:00 MSK)

<https://next.brella.io/events/assw21/schedule/294782>

ISIRA members only:

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Heidi Kassens (Germany)

Gareth Rees (UK)

Yulia Zaika, ISIRA Secretary (Russia)

3. ISIRA's Wrap Up

3.1 Membership

Discuss the enlargement and ISIRA's report to the IASC Council on 22 March – propose the invitation to ISIRA group; ISIRA Fellowship will also open the opportunities on ECRs involvement. **Actions:** Yulia – to voice the invitation at the upcoming IASC Council meeting on 22 March; and to get to Gerlis to find out the possible ways of developing and inclusion of ISIRA fellowship to the general IASC Fellowship process.

3.2 Restructuring of the webpage and web presence

It was decided to get back to this point later, when appropriate and when the restructuring will take place. But it was discussed that the webpage should be more user-friendly and contain important informational resources.

3.3 Repository of international projects (Hanna Lappalainen)

Some skepticism has been put forward regarding the necessity of this activity, Hanna made the presentation (will be stored at ISIRA's archive) and proposed that it is impossible for a particular national representative of ISIRA to know all the science activities and projects happening in his/her country within collaborations with Russia, such a repository will help to reach out and cover most of them. It was agreed to give it a try. **Action:** Hanna to send a few example pages of such activity to the group by the next meeting (before summer 2021).

3.4 Endorsement (Agreement) letter

It was approved and the process via IASC Secretariat requests was discussed. **Action:** Yulia to send the final version to IASC Secretariat to use. Plan an information layout with announcement of such a Agreement letter and the possibility of endorsement and support, discuss with Gerlis after ASSW.

3.5 Terms of References

The discussion went to the re-wording and re-considering of membership which has been proposed by Lee Cooper, Heidimarie Kassens and Gabriela Schaepman-Strub, chair positions and rotations. It was agreed to forward this to the IASC ExCom for discussion and decision. **Action:** Lee to send the request to Larry Hinzman. UPD (21032021) – the task was forwarded to Henry Burgess and Vladimir Pavlenko to follow-up after the ASSW2021.

3.6 Work plan

There is a request to include ISIRA's input to the ASSW2021 Scientific Content Report. ISIRA group should develop the Work plan and get together again (preferably by the summer) to hold the ISIRA Roundtable to develop WP. **Action:** Yulia to organize the meeting and send around the Doodle Poll to find out the best date before summer.

3.7 Budget

Allocations to the registration fee ASSW2021 and remaining allocations to the projects submitted for the ISIRA Group. With the allocations to ASSW2021, it was possible to cover over 55 registration fees for Russian scientists to participate in ASSW. The cross-cutting proposals budget is 15k Euros and should be allocated to cover the submitted proposals. Final decision to be made by 26 March. Additional budget guidelines: The WGs have to spend a minimum of 40% on the crosscutting funds. The rest is up to them to decide how they spend it. Several are not planning on spending all of their funds on the projects that were submitted via the current call but they might consider doing separate calls just for proposals to their own WGs later this year (or have other own projects that they would like to support). So also for you, only spend funds on projects that you as ISIRA really stand behind and can support. You do not have to spend all your funds on this current call, if you rather have some own projects that you want to keep a bit of funding for later this year.

Action: Yulia to get in touch with IASC Secretariat, communicate with group and the secretariat and collect and send final decision by 26 March. UPD (28032021): Yulia to get in touch with Arkady to see if he can attend the WG Chairs meeting to discuss final decisions on the proposals.

UPD (30032021): 7 projects have been supported by the group's decision and after consultations with the other groups and IASC Secretariat.

Picture 1 – Submitted projects

Picture 2 – Approved projects

4 Next Meeting

ISIRA's meeting at ASSW2022 (Tromso, Norway) – it will be hybrid, some budget funding is allocated to cover travel and registration fees depending on the format.