



ISIRA Meeting

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IASC Secretariat, Potsdam (Germany)

Participants:

Arkady Tishkov, Russia (Chair)

Steven Bigras, Canada

Lee Cooper, USA

Dieter Piepenburg, Germany

Sergey Priamikov, Russia

Magnus Tannerfeldt, Sweden

Igor Sokolov, Russia (Early Career Scientist)

Ivan Lavrentiev, Russia (Early Career Scientist)

Denis Shmelev, Russia (Early Career Scientist)

Volker Rachold, IASC Executive Secretary (ISIRA Secretary)

David Hik, IASC President (Guest)

Draft Minutes

1 OPENING

1.1 WELCOME AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The ISIRA Chair and IASC Executive Secretary opened the meeting. It was noted that representatives from Finland, Japan, Norway and the UK were not present. The participants welcomed IASC President David Hik who attended the meeting as a guest.

1.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The IASC Executive Secretary explained that the only agenda item in addition to the presentations of the Early Career Scientists (see below) would be a general discussion about the role and functioning of the ISIRA Group. The agenda was adopted.

2 MAIN ISSUES

2.1 ROLE AND FUNCTIONING OF ISIRA

The participants discussed and reviewed the main ISIRA activities of the last years and concluded that the following activities should be continued and/or strengthened in the future:

(1) The ISIRA national reports are very useful and all ISIRA Members should be encouraged to provide reports which will be made available on the ISIRA website.

(3) ISIRA's coordinating role with compiling national reports could be strengthened by also providing information about national regulations and procedures that have to be considered in terms of access.

(3) The involvement of Russian Early Career Scientists in ISIRA activities was considered very useful and should be continued.

(4) The Russian ISIRA Members were asked to suggest additional activities that would make ISIRA more useful for the Russian science community.

Participants also discussed the future role and position of ISIRA within the structure of IASC. It was agreed that the original Terms of Reference of the ISIRA Advisory Group, approved by the IASC Executive Committee in 1998, should be revisited and updated if necessary.

- ***The original Terms of Reference for an ISIRA Advisory Group are given in ANNEX 2.1.***

Finally, it was noted that the Russian IASC Member Organization has not appointed members for the IASC Working Groups yet. The ISIRA Group agreed that it would be very important for the Russian scientific community to be represented in the IASC Working Groups.

Action: The ISIRA Chair and IASC Executive Secretary will send the minutes of the meeting to all ISIRA Members and solicit input to the above activities and points of discussion. The minutes will also be included in the agenda of the next meeting of the IASC Council held at ASSW 2011 in Seoul (Korea), 28 March 2011.

2.2 ISIRA PRESENTATIONS

Under this agenda item, three presentations of Russian Early Career Scientists were given:

Denis Shmelev: *State and evolution of cryolithozone of West Siberia (Russia) by probably climatic changes*

Igor Sokolov: *Recent changes of glaciers on Franz-Josef Land (Russia) from remote sensing data"*

Ivan Lavrent'ev: *Russian glaciological studies in the European and Russian Arctic and Mountains during IPY*

In addition, the ISIRA Chair presented an overview of Russian activities during the International Polar Year (IPY). In his presentation he highlighted the role of ISIRA in supporting Russian IPY activities.

3 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in Russia, end of 2011 or early 2012.

Action: Tishkov and Priamikov