



# International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic (ISIRA)

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Arctic Science Summit Week 2013  
Krakow (Poland)

## *Draft Minutes*

### **List of Participants:**

#### ISIRA Members:

Arkady Tishkov, Russia (Chair)  
David Scott, Canada  
Dieter Piepenburg, Germany  
Winfried Dallmann, Norway  
Sergey Priamikov, Russia  
Åsa Lindgren, Sweden  
Lee Cooper, USA  
Volker Rachold, IASC (Secretary)

#### Early Career Scientists

Peter Glazov  
Serafima Lebedeva  
Andrei Medvedev  
Viktor Stepanenko  
Igor Sokolov

#### Guests

David Hik, IASC  
Alexey Pavlov, APECS  
Vladimir Pavlenko, Russia  
Yulia Zaika, Russia  
Julia Skupchenko, Russia

# 1 OPENING

## 1.1 WELCOME AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The ISIRA Chair and IASC Executive Secretary opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

## 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 CHAIR'S REPORT

In his report, the ISIRA Chair summarized the development of international initiatives in the Russian Arctic since the International Polar Year 2007/2008.

- The presentation is given in ANNEX 1.4.

# 2 MAIN ISSUES

## 2.1 ROLE AND FUNCTIONING OF ISIRA

Under this agenda item, the ISIRA Group revisited the deliberations on the role and functioning of ISIRA, which were summarized in the minutes of the last meeting. It was agreed that both the ISIRA national reporting and the ISIRA stipend program for early career scientists (ECS) are very useful and should be continued. The following actions were noted:

Travel support for Russian ECS should be accessible for young scientists from any university and institute in Russia. The Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) would help with advertising the opportunity and selecting the scholars. It was suggested that ISIRA should involve one ECS per ISIRA member country and that the ECS should assist the ISIRA member with compiling the national report.

**Action: Zaika, Tishkov, Rachold**

It was also agreed that ISIRA's role in terms of providing information on the access to research facilities in the Russian Arctic should be revitalized. It was noted that much of the information is already available on the website of the IPY Sub-Office for the Eurasian Arctic, which is hosted by the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute (AARI): <http://www.ipyeaso.aari.ru>. Participants agreed that rather than duplicating the effort, ISIRA should connect to the Sub-Office.

**Action: Priamikov, Tishkov, Rachold**

*Note: IASC Council discussed the future of ISIRA and decided to substantially increase the financial support for ISIRA ECS. Council suggested that this support should not only be used to involve Russian ECS in international activities but also to enable international ECS to attend meetings in Russia.*

## 2.2 ISIRA PRESENTATIONS

The ISIRA early career scientists introduced their papers that were presented at the ASSW 2013 Science Symposium. PDF versions of the presentations are included in ANNEX 2.2.

- Peter Glazov, Russia (ANNEX 2.2a)
- Serafima Lebedeva, Russia (ANNEX 2.2b)
- Andrei Medvedev, Russia (ANNEX 2.2c)
- Viktor Stepanenko, Russia (ANNEX 2.2d)
- Igor Sokolov, Russia (ANNEX 2.2e)

## 3 NEXT MEETING

The next ISIRA meeting will be held during the Arctic Science Summit Week 2014 in Helsinki (Finland) on 5-11 April 2014.