Wishing you a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2015
Thank you for another year of wonderful international cooperation

The IASC Secretariat
2014 Highlights

SCAR and IASC Announce a Second Joint Conference for 2018

Celebrating 10 years of fruitful collaboration in facilitating international research in both Polar Regions, the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and IASC, have decided to arrange a second joint conference. Building on the success of the 2008 SCAR/IASC Conference in St. Petersburg (Russia) and two subsequent conferences within the International Polar Year, the 2018 SCAR/IASC Conference will be hosted by the Swiss Committee on Polar and High Altitude Research in Davos, Switzerland on 15-27 June 2018.

IASC Leadership

At the ASSW 2014, Susan Barr (Norway) was elected new IASC President. She took over the presidency from David Hik (Canada) whose four-year term came to an end.

IASC Council re-elected Vice-President Naja Mikkelsen, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland, for another four years. Vladimir I. Pavlenko, Russian Academy of Sciences, and Larry Hinzman, International Arctic Research Center, Fairbanks AK, were elected new Vice-Presidents. The Executive Committee is complemented by the fourth Vice-President Huigen Yang, Polar Research Institute of China, and the Executive Secretary Volker Rachold.

First IASC Fellowships Awarded

Promoting and involving the next generation of scientists working in the Arctic is of major importance for IASC towards achieving its mission. Since 2014, IASC maintains a Fellowship Program that provides the opportunity for early career scientists to become involved in leading-edge scientific activities at a circum-artic and international level, to build an international network of contacts and also to develop management skills.

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