



International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic (ISIRA)

13 March 2016, 13.30 – 17.00
Arctic Science Summit Week 2016
Fairbanks, Alaska (USA)

Draft Minutes

The open part of the meeting was attended by about 60 participants from 11 countries (Japan, Germany, USA, Russia, Norway, Sweden, South Korea, Canada, the Netherlands, France and Finland), including:

ISIRA Members

Dieter Piepenburg, Germany
Atsuko Sugimoto, Japan
Lee Cooper, USA
Sergey Priamikov, Russia
Vladimir Pavlenko, Russia
Yulia Zaika, Russia (IASC Fellow)
Volker Rachold, IASC
Heike Midleja, IASC

ISIRA Early Career Scientists

Andrian Vlakhov, Russia (IASC Fellow)
Tatiana Matveeva, Russia
Kirill Kivva, Russia

1 OPENING

1.1 WELCOME AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The IASC Executive Secretary and ISIRA Fellow opened the meeting and noted that it is open for guests and observers, and informed participants regarding the closed part of the meeting.

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.

2 REPORTING

2.1 ISIRA ACTIVITY REPORTS

Short reports, summarizing the activities since the last ISIRA Meeting, were presented.

2.1.1 IASC SUB-OFFICE AT THE ARKHANGELSK SCIENTIFIC CENTER

IASC Vice President Vladimir Pavlenko, Director of the Arkhangelsk Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, introduced the new Russian sub-office of the IASC Secretariat hosted by the Arkhangelsk Science Center.

2.1.2 Russian Arctic Activities

Some core science initiatives and activities in the Russian Arctic were presented by Sergey Priamikov, Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute.

Sergey Kirpotin introduced ISIRA-relevant Arctic research activities of Tomsk State University.

2.1.3 RUSSIAN EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS

Russian early career scientists Kirill Kivva and Tatiana Matveeva were introduced and invited to make their research presentations. PDF versions of the presentations are available on the ISIRA website.

2.1.4 ISIRA WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

IASC Fellows Andrian Vlahov and Yulia Zaika introduced the new Russian version of the ISIRA website and a Russian edition of the IASC Newsletter.

2.2 NATIONAL REPORTS

Brief national summaries were given by the ISIRA Members. Complete inventories were provided by each ISIRA member country in written form before the meeting, using the ISIRA national reporting template. Under this agenda item members of ISIRA from US, Germany and Japan highlighted several major bi-lateral and international projects in the Russian Arctic.

2.3 NEXT MEETING

The next open meeting of the ISIRA Group will take place during the ASSW 2017 in Prague, Czech Republic.

Closed Session: 15.30 – 17.00

3 ISIRA'S FUTURE STRATEGY

Under this agenda item, the following ISIRA members: Lee Cooper, Volker Rachold, Atsuko Sugimoto, Dieter Piepenburg, Sergey Priamikov, Vladimir Pavlenko, IASC and ISIRA Fellows (Yulia Zaika, Kirill Kivva, Tatiana Matveeva, Andrian Vlahov) brainstormed on the strategy and future activities of the group. It was decided to revisit the objectives and activities of the group, and organize an additional meeting in Russia to involve decision-makers, Russian members of IASC WGs and representatives from funding agencies in group's initiatives. Current challenges regarding funding, logistics and permissions were also discussed during the meeting.