

International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic (ISIRA)

Draft Minutes

31 March 2017, 10:00-12:30

Clarion Congress Hotel Prague, Taurus Room



Attendees

Arkady Tishkov (Chair)
Yulia Zaika
Atsuko Sugimoto
Hanna Lappalainen
Tomoko Tabata
Tetsuo Ohata
Jerome Fort
Shinichiro Tabata
Danhong Chen
Jie Zhang

Federica Scarpa
Aleksandra Shadrina
Irina Fedorova
Magnus Augner
Larry Hinzman
Arnajaaq Lynge
Tatiana Vlasova
Stephen Kelly
Allen Pope

Open Session (10:00 – 11:30)

1. Opening

1.1. Introductions, and Practical Information (Zaika & Pope)

1.2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting (Pope)

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda (Pope)

2. Reporting

2.1 Chair's Report & a View from Russia (Tishkov)

Presentation by the Chair Arkady Tishkov: International scientific initiatives in the Russian Arctic (Chair's Report 2016-2017 and a View from Russia)

2.2. ISIRA National Reports (National Representatives)

- National Report from Japanese national member Atsuko Sugimoto on Russia-Japan cooperation
- Presentation by Tatiana Vlasova about the possibilities of cooperation through Belmont Forum: The Russian Arctic in the Belmont Forum – Arctic Call

2.3 Early Career Scientists

Presentation by Irina Fedorova (AARI, SPbU): Scientific-educational projects on the Arctic Research: experience of AARI and SPbU, Russia

Closed Session (11:30-12:30)

Participants: Arkady Tishkov, Yulia Zaika, Larry Hinzman, Atsuko Sugimoto, Hanna Lappalainen, Magnus Augner, and Allen Pope

4. Future Strategies & Activities

- A very brief update (emailed by Vladimir) regarding Arkhangelsk ideas and activities
- General discussion about future plans, ideas and strategies:
 - To re-visit ISIRA's goals and objectives (including communication strategies, to increase IASC visibility within Russia)
 - To make it more open for all IASC countries, send out the call for planned meeting
 - In his presentation Arkady has discussed a few positive trends in partnerships and collaborations as well as challenges that might potentially be considered and discussed within ISIRA group. 3 points were considered for future discussions: the absence of strategic planning for international scientific co-operation in RA; the research priorities of Russia and the international communities in RA are not the same; the absence of international pan-Arctic agreement on research in the Arctic;
 - It was agreed to hold the additional strategic meeting in late October in Moscow (and invite representatives from different research agencies within Russia as well as all IASC countries);
 - Consider 25th anniversary IASC Book for suggestions for trends in moving ISIRA forwards
 - Larry: Could pick up international collaborations on observations
 - Promote output at Science Ministerial coming up?
 - Magnus: other types of data that aren't just WMO
 - WMO is a great demonstration
 - This data-sharing approach is likely uncontroversial
 - Need for concrete practical mechanisms for data sharing (formats, descriptors, etc.)
 - Issues of Russian vs English publications
 - During Moscow meeting it was agreed to discuss the outcomes of White House Ministerial Meeting as well as consider the results and agreement to be implemented within Arctic Council's SCFT
 - During Moscow meeting it was agreed to revisit ISIRA mission according to the IASC Strategic Plan

Action: Pope & Zaika to help build an agenda for a meeting in Moscow

Attachments

Attachment 1: Minutes from previous meeting

- <https://www.dropbox.com/s/p3ltm993wz7zzjy/ISIRA%20Meeting%202016%20draft%20Minutes.pdf?dl=0>

Attachment 2: IASC Draft Strategic Plan

- https://www.dropbox.com/s/hhepl4ooe3ts446/IASC_Draft_Strategic_Plan.pdf?dl=0

Attachment 3: White House Arctic Science Ministerial Joint Statement & Fact Sheet

- <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/28/joint-statement-ministers>
- <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/28/fact-sheet-united-states-hosts-first-ever-arctic-science-ministerial>