

# ISIRA Meeting

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## *Draft Minutes*

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Participants of the 4<sup>th</sup> Heads of Arctic and Antarctic IPY Secretariats (HAIS-4) Meeting attended the joint ISIRA/HAIS Session, November 6, morning. The minutes of the HAIS-4 Meeting are available at <http://classic.ipy.org/national/>.

## 6 November 2007, 09.00-12.00

### Joint ISIRA/HAIS Session

#### 1. Opening

The ISIRA Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everybody to the meeting. The participants of the meeting introduced themselves.

#### 2. Overview of HAIS

The HAIS Secretary Odd Rogne provided a summary of the HAIS-4 Meeting which was held 5 November 2007. The complete minutes of the HAIS-4 Meeting are available at <http://i66c6177696o697079o6f7267z.oszar.com/national/>

#### 3. Overview of ISIRA

The ISIRA Chair provided an overview of the Russian ISIRA activities in 2007.

#### 4. Short presentations of young Russian scientists about the first results of their IPY activities

The following presentations of young Russian scientists were given:

- *Elena Khorokhorina*: Assessment of the State of Ecosystems under pollution impact in the Kola Peninsula
- *Ivan Lavrentiev*: Glaciological researches of the Institute of Geography RAS on the Eurasian Arctic islands during IPY
- *Ekaterina Dolgova*: Paleoclimatic research in the department of glaciology (IGRAS) in the light of IPY
- *Gleb Kraev*: Methane in permafrost of the Eastern Arctic
- *Andey Abramov*: Mountain permafrost in the Klyucheskoy Volcanic Area of Kamchatka
- *Petr Glazov*: Structure and dynamics of goose areas in the Russia Arctic
- *Nikita Mergelov*: Organic carbon pools in cryogenic soils of the Kolyma lowland

The young scientists also reported on an international Permafrost Field Course which was organized in the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Region in July 2007.

## 6 November 2007, 14.00-17.00 **ISIRA Meeting**

### **1. Opening**

The ISIRA Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everybody to the meeting.

### **2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes were approved.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **4. National reports**

Brief updates on bilateral and multilateral activities were presented by the ISIRA members. The reports will be made available on the ISIRA website under the IASC website ([www.iasc.se](http://www.iasc.se)).

### **5. The role of ISIRA in the new IASC structure**

The ISIRA Secretary and IASC Executive Secretary Volker Rachold introduced the suggested new IASC structure which will be presented to IASC Council at the next Arctic Science Summit Week for approval. ISIRA Members were asked to discuss in particular the role of ISIRA in this new structure.

In the subsequent discussion the following points were noted:

- (i) The reports of the young scientists clearly showed that the Russian activities are very well connected to international programs.
- (ii) It was noted that all young scientists presenting at the meeting were from Moscow. In the future, young scientists from St. Petersburg should be invited as well.

It was concluded that the future of ISIRA will depend on the restructuring of IASC. It would be desirable to get the ISIRA members on the new IASC Scientific Standing Committee on "Science and Policy". In this case, IASC would not need to maintain another sub-group on the Russian Arctic.

### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Friday, 17 October 2008 in Russia.