

HAIS: Heads of the Arctic and Antarctic IPY Secretariats

Provisional AGENDA for

HAIS - 6

The meeting will be held at the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) 26 January 2009 starting at 9:15, and expected to last the whole day. (A mini-bus will pick up participants at the downtown hotel at 8:45).

1: Welcome and Introductions

2: Approval of Minutes

After some improvements, the Minutes from the HAIS-5 meeting in Krakow, Poland were circulated to all participants as well as added to the classic IPY web site. At this web site, you will also find Minutes as well as agenda documents for all previous HAIS meetings, please visit:

<http://classic.ipy.org/national>

The HAIS-6 is formally to approve the Minutes from HAIS-5.

3: Reporting from the last Joint Committee meeting (JC-6)

Dave Carlson will highlight some of the issues discussed at this meeting, as an introduction to any HAIS comments.

Draft Minutes from JC-6 are enclosed.

4: Update on IPY

4.1 Continuation of the IPO: status, needs

Dave Carlson to give a status report on the funding situation, as well as which tasks that will be carried out provided full funding.

4.2 2010 IPY Science Conference: status report, information on 2012 conference

See also: www.ipy-osc.no/

Olav Orheim to report

4.3 National closing ceremonies: latest status, opportunities for links?

5: IPY legacy issues

5.1 IPY legacies: introduction by Dave Carlson

5.2 Arctic Council proposal: latest state of play.

Revised proposal enclosed

5.3 IASC and SCAR: how will IASC/SCAR take IPY momentum forward?

5.4 Polar observing activities:

5.4.1: SAON: The SAON Initiating Group (IG) has delivered its report, see encl. and they have suggested further work and actions to be undertaken by the Arctic Observing Forum (AOF). Draft Terms of Reference for the AOF are also enclosed. Odd Rogne to report on current status and future progress.

5.4.2: Antarctic terrestrial and ocean observing

Colin Summerhayes to report current status and plans

5.4.3 EU

There are plans for strengthening European observing and research in the Arctic, and they will gradually emerge. These are linked to an EU policy change as to the Arctic, please read the enclosed 'Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council' as a background paper.

5.5 Polar infrastructure

5.5.1 Canadian plans by David Hik

5.5.2 SIAEOS (Svalbard), see:

www.unis.no/20_RESEARCH/2080_SIAEOS/default.htm

5.5.3 Aurora Borealis

More information and current status to be forwarded later

6: IPY after 1 April 2009

6.1 Are there national plans for IPY continuation? Could we figure out a strategy for keeping the IPY funding for polar research? Could we make any joint action?

7: JC and HAIS

7.1 JC to end 1 March?: update, a post March 1 meeting?

7.2 Is there need for HAIS post-IPY, if so, what form should it take and what can it do?

8: Any other business

Please give me any other items you wish to be raised.