

Over the past two decades, the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and its partners have been organizing forward-looking conferences focused on international and interdisciplinary perspectives for advancing Arctic research cooperation and applications of Arctic knowledge.

In 2015, it will have been 10 years since the 2nd International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP II in 2005) and 20 years since the first ICARP in 1995. ICARP II was an important part of the lead up towards the International Polar Year 2007-2008, which now is concluded. ICARP III, which is a specific area of cooperation in the agreement between IASC and the International Arctic Social Science Association (IASSA) and University of the Arctic (UArctic), will provide a timely opportunity to further the development of cross-cutting, interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary initiatives, and engage all IASC's partners in future collaborative activities building on past experiences.

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The ICARP III partner organizations include:

- Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples Secretariat (IPS)
- Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)
- Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS)
- Climate and Cryosphere (CliC)
- European Polar Board (EPB)
- Forum of Arctic Research Operators (FARO)
- International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)
- International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA)
- International Association of Cryospheric Sciences (IACS)
- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- International Permafrost Association (IPA)
- International Study of Arctic Change (ISAC)
- Ny-Ålesund Science Managers Committee (NySMAC)
- Pacific Arctic Group (PAG)
- Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)
- University of the Arctic (UArctic)



Integrating Arctic Research - a Roadmap for the Future

3rd International
Conference
on Arctic Research
Planning
ICARP III

Goals and Objectives:

ICARP III provides a framework to help:

- identify Arctic science priorities for the next decade;
- coordinate various Arctic research agendas;
- inform policy makers, people who live in or near the Arctic and the global community;
- build constructive relationships between producers and users of knowledge.



ICARP III does not undertake the development of new science plans.

Rather, ICARP III builds on the many comprehensive science plans that exist already and complements existing activities with processes to identify and fill gaps that may need attention.

ICARP III is a process for:

- integrating priorities for forward-looking, collaborative, interdisciplinary Arctic research and observing;
- establishing an inventory of recent and current synthesis documents and major developments in Arctic research,

taking into account the outcome of ICARP II, the International Polar Year, recent assessments and upcoming or new initiatives.

The program

includes a series of meetings and events during 2014/15:

- starting with a formal launch at the Arctic Science Summit Week [ASSW] 2014 in Helsinki, Finland and
- culminating in a final conference during ASSW 2015 in Toyama, Japan in conjunction with IASC's 25 Anniversary.

Engaging all partners, including funders, in shaping the future of Arctic research needs, ICARP III will

- produce a consensus statement identifying the most important Arctic research needs for the next decade;
- provide a roadmap for research priorities and partnerships;
- identify potential contributions of Arctic research partners to the International Polar Initiative.