

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

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Polar Research Board
Division on Earth and Life Studies

AGENDA

POLAR RESEARCH BOARD

Wednesday-Thursday, November 28-29, 2007

The Board Room**

National Academy of Sciences Main Building
2100 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC
PRB main phone: (202) 334-3479

Objectives:

1. Provide oversight to ongoing and developing PRB projects;
2. Discuss the recent PRB study: Exploration of Antarctic Subglacial Aquatic Environments;
3. Discuss International Polar Year integration and synthesis;
4. Update on SCAR meeting and future activities;
5. Update on IASC activities and future activities;
6. Identify the Board's next priority topics and actions.

**** NOTE:** The meeting is at **NAS Main Building** (not the Keck Center). The closest metro station is Foggy Bottom, about 20 minutes by foot. The taxi drop-off is at 22 & C Street, near the State Department. Limited guest parking is available; enter on 21st Street, between Constitution and C streets.

Wednesday, November 28

- 10:30 A.M. Status Reports
- New - Tinker Muse Fellowship C. Elfring
 - Developing – Ice sheets and sea level A. Fountain, C. Elfring, R. Alley (via phone)
- 11:00 A.M. Completed Project Briefing
- Subglacial Lake Environments J. White, SLE Cmte Member
- 11:30 A.M. SCAR C. Kennicutt and M. Uhle
- SCAR/IASC Open Science Conference St. Petersburg, July 2008
 - SCAR Delegates Meeting Moscow, July 2008
 - SCAR Presidential Elections
 - Rotation of SCAR Team Members
 - ATCM Meeting in Baltimore in 2009
 - US hosting of COMNAP/SCAR OSC/SCAR Delegates Meeting - 2012(?)
 - China-U.S. Science at the Poles (CUSP)

- 12:30 P.M. Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. IASC J. Grebmeier
- IASC Review, PAG, ISIRA
 - Arctic Ocean Sciences Board
 - IASC reorganization
 - Update on Executive Committee Mtg
- 2:30 P.M. BREAK
- 2:45 P.M. Potential Issues for Discussion and Action
- Antarctic Tourism D. Wall and E. Bloom (DOS)
 - Antarctic Integrated System Science C. Kennicutt and D. Bromwich
 - Diminishing Ice in the Arctic S. Haakanson and S. Pfirman
 - Alaska Pipeline Infrastructure M. Uhle
 - Other
- 3:45 P.M. BREAK
- 4:00 P.M. Update on Millennium Report (ICESAT & Destiny) S. Martin
- 4:30 P.M. Update: 9th International Permafrost Conference L. Hinzman
- 5:00P.M. Adjourn

Thursday, November 29

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR 2008-2009

- 10:15 A.M. Welcome, Introductions, and Goals R. Bell, PRB chair
- 10:20 A.M. Update; IPY Joint Committee R. Bell, I. Krupnik
- JC Meeting & Activities
 - JC Subcommittee Activities
- 11:00 A.M. Update: University of Alaska IPY Activities Cherie Solie, UAF (via phone)
- 11:30 A.M. Update USGS Polar issues and IPY Projects Sue Haseltine, USGS
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:45 P.M. Update: National Science Foundation K. Erb and NSF-OPP Staff
- IPY Activities
 - AISS Workshop
 - Discussion
- 1:30 P.M. Capturing the Intellectual Legacy of IPY R. Bell
Ensuring Integration and Synthesis Post-IPY All
- 2:30 P.M. Adjourn