International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and INTERACT

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IASC is a non-governmental, international scientific organization, committed to pursue a mission of **encouraging** and **facilitating cooperation** in all aspects of **Arctic research**, in all countries engaged in Arctic research and in all areas of the Arctic region.

IASC promotes and supports **leading-edge multi-disciplinary research** in order to foster a greater scientific understanding of the Arctic region and its role in the Earth system.
The scientific core elements of IASC are its five Working Groups (WGs). The main function of the WGs is to encourage and support science-led international programs by offering opportunities for planning and coordination, and by facilitating communication and access to facilities.

- Atmosphere WG *
- Cryosphere WG
- Marine WG
- Social & Human WG *
- Terrestrial WG **

- Cross-Cutting Activities *

more info: iasc.info/working-groups
IASC is not a funding agency and does not have a mechanism to accept external funding proposals. However, you can always bring your suggestion for a scientific activity to the attention of the relevant Working Group or by contacting the IASC Secretariat.

- As cross-cutting activity: facilitating workshops, meeting and other relevant activities

- Communicating Arctic Science together
INTERACT is currently endorsed by IASC as a **Cross-Cutting Activity (AWG, SHWG, TWG)**

**Suggestion from CWG:** IASC will work toward establishing a snow measuring network (at INTERACT-stations).

**Stronger connections with TWG:**
Definite interest in the IASC TWG having a close working relationship with INTERACT.

**GET IN CONTACT:**
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SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES: Examples

- **MOSAIC WORKSHOPS** (Prague, April 2017; ST Petersburg, Nov. 2017)

  The Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC) will be the first year-round expedition into the central Arctic exploring the Arctic climate system.

- **3RD SNOW SCIENCE WINTER SCHOOL** (Sodankyla February 2017, France February 2018)

  Doctoral/post-doctoral level, field-oriented training course (winter school) for teaching snow cover quantification techniques.

- **IASC Network on Arctic Glaciology (NAG)** (AUSTRIA, JANUARY 22-24, 2018)

  The 2018 annual workshop and open forum meeting of the IASC Network on Arctic Glaciology will take place in Obergurgl, Austria. Participants from IASC member countries will come together to discuss a broad range of topics in Arctic Glaciology.
WEBINAR

US Delegates to the five IASC Working Groups (Atmosphere, Cryosphere, Marine, Social and Human, and Terrestrial) will present on their recent activities and how to engage with IASC through the forum provided on IARPC Collaborations. November 1, 2017, 4 PM ET.

LINK ON THE IASC FACEBOOK GROUP
FACEBOOK GROUP:
The IASC FB Group is an online community for Arctic researchers. We welcome our group members to share news, upcoming events and conferences, or any other Arctic-Science-relevant activity!

NEWSLETTER:
A monthly newsletter for IASC members and subscribers. Contact the IASC Secretariat to have your IASC news included in the newsletter. (Keep in mind that the Newsletter is sent first Monday of each month.)

GET INVOLVED!
- IASC is outlining its Communications Plan (Fall 2017 / Spring 2018)

Opportunities to develop new projects based on the outcomes. For example: Exploring new social media (Instagram, Twitter) and new ideas.

-> Have any ideas? Get in touch!
The goal of POLAR2018 is to bring together excellent research from both poles, as well as from high altitude areas, focusing on the similar challenges those regions face.

IASC and SCAR invite the international polar and high altitude community to submit abstracts.

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