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The second INTERACT Newsletter presents information from month 6 to 12 of the project. The newsletter contains highlights from work packages, presentations of meetings where INTERACT has been represented and future meetings where INTERACT will be present. In addition, news from the stations such as information about new projects is presented.
National High Arctic Research Station (CHARS), the Zackenberg Research Station and the ALI (Arctic Long-term Observations of the Northern Ice Sheet). These three stations are part of AWIPEV, a French Inter-University Arctic Program. A new member station to join the INTERACT network is Skálanes in Iceland, which is an experimental Arctic research base and is situated on Svalbard.

**Meetings where INTERACT was present**

- **EGU2017, Vienna, Austria**
- **COMNAP, Brno, Czech Republic**
- **RICH Expert Seminar**
- **RDA**
- **ISAR**
- **Arctic Change, Quebec City, Canada, 11 November 2017**
- **COP23, Bonn, Germany 13 November 2017**
- **GEO Week in Washington, USA, 23 October 2017**
- **Arctic Circle, Reykjavik, Iceland 15 October 2017**
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- **Polar 2018, Davos, Switzerland, 15 January 2018**
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**Upcoming WP 8 Workshop on drones**

Preparations for the upcoming drone workshop in Svalbard have been held. The workshop will focus on improving and harmonizing biodiversity monitoring plans developed by the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP) are being tested in the field at RIF with the ultimate plans. A Workshop on Improving and harmonizing biodiversity monitoring plans for Arctic Freshwater and Terrestrial monitoring was held in Iceland in August. This workshop helped move the work of an infrastructure network is of course networ.