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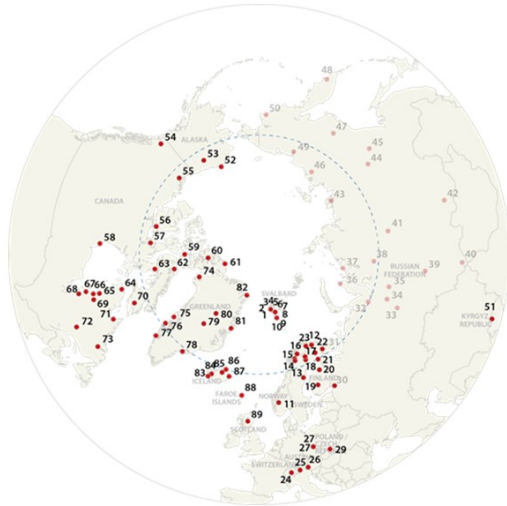
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Publishable Executive Summary

The eighth INTERACT newsletter presents information from month 42 to month 47 of the project. It highlights news such as the one-year prolongation of the project; the call for TA applications for summer 2024; and the premieres of two new docuseries that was made to engage and inform the general public about the ongoing environmental changes in the Arctic and the impacts on the rest of the world. It also presents a successful general assembly and a station managers' forum that were held at one of INTERACT's partner stations at Toolik Lake in Alaska. Furthermore, new deliverable reports, updates from the member stations and news on INPA (INTERACT Non-Profit Association) are included in this newsletter.



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One-Year Prolongation of INTERACT

We are delighted to announce that the EU has signed our amendment with a one-year prolongation of INTERACT3 meaning that the end date of INTERACT3 is 31 December 2024. The main reason for this one-year prolongation is that we lost almost two whole field seasons (2020 and 2021) due to covid and this prolongation will enable us to use field season 2024 to ensure that we can send as many scientists as possible to the field to carry out excellent science and improve our knowledge on what is going on in the Arctic.



INTERACT TA Call Open Until 15th December

INTERACT opens a call for research groups to apply for Transnational Access and Remote Access to 38 (TA) and 26 (RA) research stations.

The current call for Transnational and Remote Access applications **is open until 15th December 2023**, and it is for access taking place in April - October 2024. You can find the [TA/RA Call information](#), [descriptions of stations and their facilities](#), and registration to the [INTERACCESS on-line application system](#) on the [INTERACT website](#).

The sites available for access are located across the Arctic and northern alpine and forest areas providing opportunities for many kinds of researchers. Transnational Access includes free access (either physical or remote) for user groups/users to research facilities and their field sites, including support for travel and logistic costs. INTERACT provides three modalities of access: [Transnational and Remote Access](#) that are applied for through annual calls, and [Virtual Access](#) which means free access to data from stations, available at all times in the [INTERACT Data Portal](#).

An on-line webinar will be held on 29th November at 14:00-15:00 CET (UTC +1) to provide information about the ongoing TA/RA call and for answering questions related to the application process and TA and RA in general. Join the Zoom webinar by clicking this [link](#).

Premiere of INTERACT Docu-Series "Northwards"

"Northwards", a brand new docu-series about the history of INTERACT and its vision and work in the past two decades, had its premiere in Rome, Italy, on the 13th of October at Cinema Troisi.

Following this premiere, we had the privilege of hosting the Italian national preview in Orvieto, where we engaged in thought-provoking discussions with journalists, researchers and young students about the future that awaits us, the changes occurring in the Arctic and their impacts at the global scale.

You can watch the whole series on [INTERACT's YouTube channel](#).



Successful INTERACT Annual Meeting in Alaska

This year's INTERACT General Assembly and Station Managers' Forum was held at Toolik Field Station in Alaska 11-15 September, where 57 participants from 15 countries met. The purpose of the meeting was to update each other on the various work packages' progress since last time, and also to talk about the future of INTERACT and the INTERACT Non-Profit Association, INPA. The presentations from this and former meetings and Station Managers' Forum are available under ["Deliverables"](#) – ["Presentations"](#) on the



Premiere of INTERACT Series "The Changing Global Arctic"

"The Changing Global Arctic", INTERACT's newest short film series, had its premiere at the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik 20th October. The four films were well received by the crowded room and the audience had a chance to ask questions.

The four short films, co-produced with BBC Studios Natural History Unit and Sheffield University, address four different yet critically important aspects of Arctic change, how they affect the livelihood of Arctic communities and the global ecosystem at large.

All four films are available on the [INTERACT YouTube channel](#).



news from the stations



Barrier Lake and RB Miller Field Stations

As with many other facilities around the world, the two field stations (Barrier Lake, RB Miller) overseen by the Biogeoscience Institute were largely closed to user groups during the pandemic. A full reopening occurred in May 2022 and did folks ever come back! We hosted 125 groups in the 2022/2023 fiscal year, for a total of 10,000 user days. Now that the long days of summer are past, most researchers have left (except for the winter ecology group at RB Miller). We continue to host school and community groups through fall and winter at Barrier Lake.

Kluane Lake Research Station

The Kluane Lake Research Station (KLRS) facilitated over 2000 user days in 2023. The station hosted approximately 350 different visitors from over 50 groups, including researchers, students, teachers, artists, and government scientists. 2023 highlights included operating an off-grid hydroponic containerized agricultural system, launching the Kluane National Park Artist Residency, supporting an electric ATV conversion project, and pursuing a solar hydrogen feasibility study.

KLRS welcomed Kim Hatcher, a Yukon-based geologist, as the new Field Station Operations Manager in September. She has spent the last six years exploring mineral potential throughout Northern Canada and Alaska.



INTERACT Non-Profit Association (INPA)



Updates from INPA

INPA (INTERACT Non-Profit Association) is an organisation, which aspires to provide a long term sustainable platform to carry forward the legacy of INTERACT. 26 stations are currently members. Luisella and Vanessa have recently joined as new staff members thanks to the fundraising

efforts and successful project proposals.

INPA held its second General Assembly last May, where station members collaborated on ideas for future actions. This led to the formation of six Action groups, focusing on key areas such as day-to-day coordination, networking, access, education and outreach, projects, and fundraising.

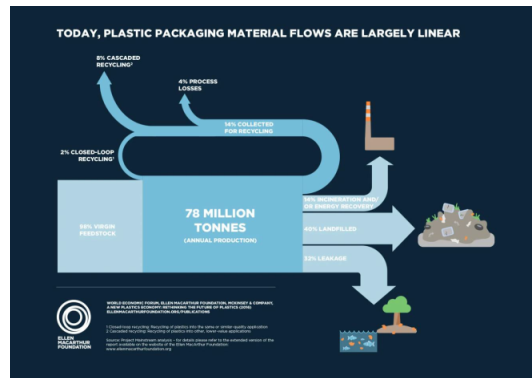
Our ongoing projects Arctic PASSION and eRImote are making great progress. INPA was also a successful partner in two new EU funding calls of POLARIN and AQUARIUS. These projects will enhance transnational access and contribute to INPA's day-to-day activities. This means that INPA is receiving nearly 1 million Euros in funding until 2028. INPA is really gaining momentum, and it's an excellent time to join if you are not yet a member. [Submit your application](#) by 5th January 2024 to join in the next round.

INPA's latest newsletter can be read [here](#).

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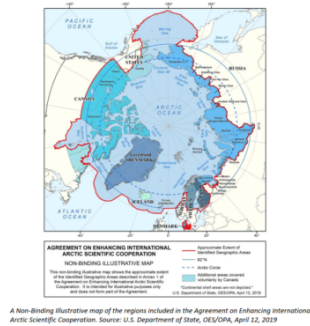
Deliverable from Work Package 2

Work Package 2 has completed a deliverable report (D2.10) on how to reduce plastic consumption and pollution. The result is a pocket guide that will be available for download. Research stations have an obligation to ensure a clean environment, both for ethical and scientific reasons. Stations should therefore continuously work to reduce problematic plastic use and waste. This guidebook was made by and for managers of research stations to increase awareness of the problem and provide guidelines for how stations, scientists and local communities can reduce negative impacts of plastic use and pollution.



Deliverable from Work Package 5

Work Package 5 (Connecting the Arctic: Transport and Communication) has produced a deliverable report on the Significance of the Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation for Research in the Arctic. This report summarises the awareness and knowledge of the Agreement amongst the representatives of Members of INTERACT and identifies bottlenecks and recommendations based on input from respondents of two surveys circulated in 2021 and 2022 amongst representatives of INTERACT Members.



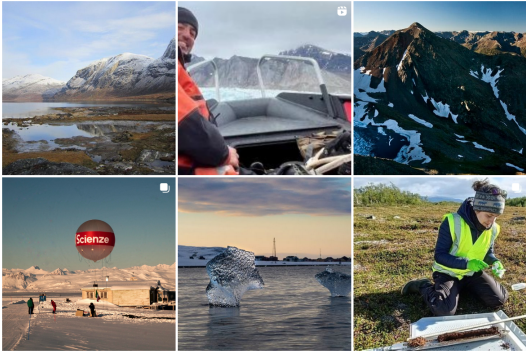
Deliverables from Work Package 7

WP 7, Preparing for a future world: improving education and awareness at all societal levels, has published four deliverable reports based on a co-production of films together with the BBC.

Deliverable D7.1 is a film entitled “Arctic Amplification” showing how the changing Arctic affects the rest of the world. Deliverable D7.2 is a film entitled “Extreme Causes for Concern” showing examples of extreme events that are dangerous to people and ecosystems. Deliverable D7.3 is a film entitled “Disappearing homes” showing two examples of impacts of climate change on northern communities from opposite sides of the Arctic (Canada and Siberia). Deliverable D7.4 is a film entitled “The cost of Arctic tourism” showing how climate change is encouraging winter tourists to turn from the south to the north.

The deliverable reports can be downloaded under “[Deliverables](#)” on the INTERACT website where you can find all reports dating back to INTERACT I.





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