

SUMMARY - Forum of Arctic Research Operators (FARO) meeting April 16, 2010 in Nuuk, Greenland

- Reduced number of countries participated due to the Icelandic volcano eruption. No representatives from Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Portugal, the Netherlands, UK and Spain.
- Information session with short presentations from each participating country.
- Many new or planned icebreakers.
- Different initiatives to coordinate research and monitoring activities between arctic infrastructures. Two new initiatives were presented: SCANNET/INTERACT and SIOS.
- Future relationship of FARO to IASC was discussed with 25+ participants. Chair will discuss outcome with IASC and presentation to be sent in coming days.
- The future role of FARO was discussed. Shall FARO take a more active role or shall Faro remain an informal forum for logistics and research managers to meet once every year for exchange of information and experiences? No final decisions were made.
- An ad hoc FARO group was put together: Marty Bergmann, Canada – Simon Stephenson, USA – Morten Rasch, Denmark - Magnus Tannerfeldt, Sweden - Piotr Glowacki, Polen – Uwe Nixdorf, Germany – Huigen Yang, China. The group is planning to arrange several telephone conferences each year to discuss pending issues.
- The members of FARO are generally satisfied with the present form - an annual meeting with presentation of future projects, exchange of information and informal discussions is very fruitful for planning purposes.
- Minutes including copies of presentations will be available on the FARO website (www.faro-arctic.org) soon.
- Next meeting will be at ASSW 2011 in Korea.