

## Forum of Arctic Research Operators (FARO) - Newsletter July 2015



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Dear FARO members and friends,

We hope this Newsletter from the FARO secretariat finds you all well.

- **New Chair of FARO:** At the annual FARO meeting 25 April 2015 in Toyama, Japan, James R. (Jim) Drummond, Canadian Network of Northern Research Operators was elected as new Chair of FARO. James has been interim Chair of FARO since 1 October 2014 where he kindly agreed to take over after Magnus Tannerfeldt, Sweden.
- **FARO had its annual meeting 25 April 2015 in Toyama, Japan.** Agenda, minutes and presentations from the meeting can be found on the website ([www.faro-arctic.org](http://www.faro-arctic.org))
- **FARO and INTERACT:** At our annual meeting at the ASSW 2015, James Drummond (Chair of FARO) asked how FARO can support INTERACT in the future. FARO has received an inquiry from INTERACT concerning a Memorandum of Understanding. The inquiry from INTERACT will be discussed in the Executive Committee and among the members of FARO during the autumn.
- **Conference statement from the ASSW 2015: Integrating Arctic Research: A roadmap for the future.**  
<http://icarp.iasc.info/index.php/news/30-assw-2015-toyama-conference-statement>
- **EU-PolarNet:** A new initiative to enhance the integration of Europe's scientific and operational capabilities in the Polar Regions has been funded by the EU Horizon 2020 programme. See the new website. <http://www.eu-polarnet.eu/>
- **Information received by the secretariat:**
  - **Traditional Knowledge** has been formally recognized by the Arctic Council as important to understanding the Arctic in numerous Ministerial Declarations, including the 1996 Ottawa Declaration on the establishment of the Arctic Council. The Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples Secretariat (IPS), in partnership with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (ANND), led two workshops in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 with the objective of developing recommendations for consistent and practical use of traditional knowledge in the work of the Arctic Council. At these workshops, IPS facilitated discussions and debate amongst experts nominated by the six Indigenous Peoples Organizations being Permanent Participants (PP) to the Arctic Council, who collectively developed a set of 13 fundamental principles on Traditional Knowledge for the use in the Arctic Council. The principles are known as the "Ottawa Traditional Knowledge Principles" and can be found here: <http://www.arcticpeoples.org/images/2015/ottradknowlprinc.pdf>

- In the June 2015 edition of the IASC newsletter 'IASC Progress' you can find a summary of the Arctic Science Summit Week 2015 in Toyama, Japan. For further information see <http://www.iasc.info/>
- IASC Medal Award 2016. IASC Medals are awarded in recognition of exceptional and sustained contributions to the understanding of the Arctic. A maximum of one award is made each year, assuming that there is a nominee of appropriate quality. The award of medals is normally by the President of IASC during the Arctic Science Summit Week (or exceptionally at another major international meeting) following the ratification of the award. Nominations for the IASC Medal 2016 can be submitted to the IASC Secretariat until 31 December 2015. The Medal Awards Committee, composed of Rajan Sivaramakrishnan, Yves Frenot and David Hik, will consider the nominations received and the Medal will be awarded at the Arctic Science Summit Week in Fairbanks (USA) 12-18 March 2016. More information on the IASC Medal, including a compilation of previous medallists, is available on the IASC website at <http://www.iasc.info/home/iasc/iasc-medal> where you can also download the nomination form.
- Meeting notices:
  - 2nd Tri-lateral International Symposium on Arctic and Marine Research Infrastructure: 24-25 September, 2015 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The purpose of the symposium is to continue the engagement between researchers, research infrastructure managers and funding agency officials on how best to foster and support collaboration in the development and use of the infrastructure necessary for conducting leading-edge science in both Arctic and marine environments. For information, please contact David Moorman, Senior Advisor, CFI: [david.moorman@innovation.ca](mailto:david.moorman@innovation.ca)
  - Polar Data Forum II. International Collaboration for Advancing Polar Data Access and Preservation, 27-29 October, 2015 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Registration & Abstract Systems Open: 15 May 2015. For further information please see: <http://www.polar-data-forum.org>
  - Security and Governance in the Globalised Arctic: Nordic and International Perspectives – MatchPoints Seminar, 12-13 November, 2015 at Aarhus University, Denmark – see <http://matchpoints.au.dk>
  - 11th ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM2015), 7-11 December 2015, in Vancouver, British Columbia – see <http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/asm2015/> Abstract Deadline, 2 October, 2015
  - Arctic Science Summit Week/Arctic Observing Summit 12-18 March, 2016 in Fairbanks, Alaska – see <https://assw2016.org>

Please send along any meeting announcements, etc. for inclusion on the FARO web-site and in newsletters.

Wishing you all a productive and relaxing summer,  
Jim and Lillian