



The Asian Forum for Polar Sciences (AFoPS)

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- Members

China, Japan, Korea established AFoPS in 2004,
India, Malaysia joined in 2006, Thailand in 2016

Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC), China

Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI), Republic of Korea

National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR), Japan

National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), India

National Antarctic Research Center (NARC), University of Malaya, Malaysia

Polar Science Consortium of Thailand (PSCT), Thailand

- Observers

Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam (2008) and Sri Lanka (2015)

- Chair

Two years rotation, 2019-2020 to Japan, Takuji Nakamura (NIPR)



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Objectives

- Recognizing the importance of international cooperation and aiming to serve the common interests in polar sciences, member countries work together
- To provide a foundation for cooperative research activities
- To present Asian achievements toward international polar communities
- To encourage Asian countries' involvements in polar research

Recent Activities

- Task Force for AFoPS Vision and Roadmap
- AFoPS cooperative projects
 - Arctic Ocean observations
 - Ecological responses of Antarctic penguins
 - Climate linkage between polar region and tropics
 - Geology expeditions near Syowa
 - Geology expeditions near Jang Bogo
- Short statement to AOS (2016)
- 34th SCAR Biennial Meetings and OSC in Malaysia (2016)
- Young scientists from Mongolia, Thailand, Indonesia joined in JARE (AGEA 2016/17)



AFoPS Geology Expedition in Antarctica -
AGEA 2016/17-

Special Issues on AFoPS

- Advances in Polar Science* (China) (2013, 2019)
- Polar Science* (Japan) (2015)
- Current Science* (India) (2018)



Human exchange programs

- KOPRI Asian Polar Science Fellowship Program*
- NIPR Invitation Program*
- PRIC Postdoc Fellowship*

AFoPS Annual General Meeting (AGM)



2017 AGM at Shanghai, China



2015 AGM at Jeju Is., Rep. of Korea



2014 AGM at Port Dickson, Malaysia



2012 AGM at New Delhi, India

AFoPS AGM 2019, Tokyo, Japan (@NIPR, Tachikawa city) October 31-November 1, 2019



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Meetings on the Arctic or the polar regions to be held in AFoPS/Asian countries

May 13-15, 2019

The 25th International Symposium on Polar Sciences, Incheon, Korea.

June 18-20, 2019

The 8th Malaysian International Seminar on Antarctica (joint with a SCAR TATE and ANTECO one day workshop), Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia

July 22-26, 2019

SCAR/ISAES (International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences) 2019,
Incheon, Korea

August 20-22, 2019

National Conference on Polar Sciences (India), Goa, India,
<http://www.ncps2019.ncaor.gov.in/>

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Oct. 9-10, 2019

The 2019 Chinese Symposium for Polar Science, Shanghai, China,

Oct 31- Nov 1, 2019,

AFoPS Annual General Meeting, Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan

Dec 3-5, 2019 (tentative),

10th Polar Science Symposium (Annual NIPR symposium), Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan

Dec 10-14, 2019

Arctic Partnership Week , Busan, S. Korea

http://apw.koreapolarportal.or.kr/APW/html/main_e.html

March 2 - 6, 2020

ISAR-6 / Sixth International Symposium on Arctic Research, Tokyo, Japan

<https://www.jcar.org/isar-6/>



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The Forum consists of its 6 Members, national polar research institutions representing China, Japan, South Korea, India, Malaysia and Thailand. AFoPS also has 4 observers: Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

Dr. Yang Huigen, Director General of Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC), serves as the Chair of AFoPS for 2017-2018.



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PRIC and KOPRI Signed Agreement of Cooperati...	2018-09-13
AFoPS Special Meeting in Davos	2018-09-13
KOPRI Arctic Science Fellowship Program 2018	2018-03-06

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UPCOMING AFoPS MEETINGS

AFoPS-XXI (AGM 2017)	2017-09-07
AFoPS-XX (Special Meeting 2017)	2017-03-31
AFoPS-XIX (AGM 2016)	2016-10-12

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AFoPS-XXI (AGM 2017)	Shanghai, P.R.China	2017-09-07	2017-09-08
AFoPS-XX (Special Meeting 2017)	Prague, Czech Republic	2017-03-31	2017-03-31
AFoPS-XIX (AGM 2016)	Incheon, Rep. of Korea	2016-10-12	2016-10-13
AFoPS-XVIII (2nd Special Meeting 2016)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	2016-08-28	2016-08-28
AFoPS-XVII (Special Meeting 2016)	Fairbanks, Alaska, USA	2016-03-13	2016-03-13
AFoPS-XVI (AGM 2015)	Jeju, Rep. of Korea	2015-10-13	2015-10-14
AFoPS Special Meeting (ASSW 2015)	Toyama, Japan	2015-04-23	2015-04-23



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