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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**
  

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

Special Issues on AFoPS
- *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
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.

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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/
Web Page
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Dr. Yang Huigen, Director General of Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC), serves as the Chair of AFoPS for 2017-2018.
AFoPS Structure
National Representatives and coordinators
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## AFoPS Meetings

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