

# Future role of FARO

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# The future of arctic research planning and logistics, developments of relevance to FARO

1. IASC has implemented a new structure and is preparing a new science strategy
2. Focus of polar research moves towards the Arctic – many new countries establish themselves in the Arctic
3. Many new ice breakers in the polar seas
4. Establishment of new infrastructures in the Arctic
  - Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System (SIOS)
  - Arctic Station, Canada
  - Greenland Climate Research Center
  - Several new or renovated Russian sites
5. Increased coordination of data collection and storage in the Arctic
  - *Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON)*
  - *Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System (SIOS)*
  - *SCANNET/INTERACT*
  - *Other initiatives*



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## Questions being addressed:

- What shall be the main objectives of FARO in the years to come?
- Shall FARO become a member organisation?



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## Participants in Interim group:

- Marty Bergmann, PCSP, Canada
- Simon Stephenson, US-NSF, USA
- Piotr Glowacki, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
- Uwe Nixdorf, AWI, Germany
- Magnus Tannerfeldt, Swedish Polar Research Secretariat, Sweden
- Huigen Yang, Polar Research Institute of China
- Morten Rasch, FARO Secretariat, Denmark
- Lillian Magelund Jensen, FARO Secretariat, Denmark



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## Conclusions:

1. What shall be the main objectives of FARO in the years to come?
  1. Still a need for having a forum for 'informal' information exchange among international logistics leaders once every year.
  2. IASC should guide FARO on the needs from the research community for an organisation like FARO.
2. Shall FARO become a member organisation?
  1. If FARO remains an informal forum for information exchange at one annual meeting, the costs for running the forum are very limited.
  2. If FARO develops into a more active organisation with well-defined tasks, there will be a need for a much more active secretariat and accordingly more substantial funding.



# Current budget for the run of the FARO Secretariat

**Current budget:** 40,000 USD

**Current funding:** US National Science Foundation

**Possible member fees based on current budget:**

5 participants: 8,000 USD

10 participants: 4,000 USD

15 participants: 2,667 USD

**20 participants: 2,000 USD**

25 participants: 1,600 USD

30 participants: 1,333 USD

