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**To our dearest colleagues,**

We are pleased to inform you of the appointment of Dr. Ho-II Yoon as the new President of the Korea Polar Research Institute.

Dr. Yoon, currently serving as the vice president of KOPRI, has been a member of the Korea Polar Research Program since 1988. A paleoceanographer by training, the start of Ho-II's career took place almost coinciding with the genesis of the Korean Polar Program. Since then, he had undertaken and led numerous scientific expeditions to the polar region, working in collaboration with many international partners. On top of being an author to many significant papers in his field, he also had a chance to gain leadership experience as a leader of Antarctic winter party.

Ho-II is now taking on this new, challenging role at an exciting and critical time for the Korean Program. With Ho-II's commitment and devotion, we confidently anticipate that Korea Polar Research Institute will continue making great strides.

We are proud of and grateful to Dr. Yeadong Kim for his service as President in the past 3 years of his term. Dr. Kim led KOPRI with enthusiasm, contributed to impressive growth, and secured a solid foundation for its future. While this marks the end of Yeadong's service as President and his return to the lab as a scientist, he will continue in making contributions to KOPRI and also as the Chair of the Korea National Committee on Polar Research

Dr. Ho-II Yoon is assuming an office from 1 August 2016, at which time the current President Dr. Yeadong Kim, will step down.

With best wishes,

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