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From the Editor

Dear IGS member

2012 has been a busy year for the IGS. In addition to our *Journal* and *Annals* and our newsletter *ICE*, we have held two symposia. The first one was in Lahti, Finland, at the end of May and beginning of June. The second one was in Fairbanks, Alaska. We are also handling the registration for the SCAR meeting in Portland.

We have had a record number of members this year, to date there are 930 members, the most we have had since 1980. New members are signing up and old members are renewing all the time. This is very encouraging indeed.

The issue I would like to address in this editorial is the stigma that seems to be attached to poster presentations. One thing the IGS prides itself on is the fact that we very rarely have parallel sessions at our conferences. This means that delegates do not have to race between sessions, with the associated disruption, or choose between two talks that they would really like to attend, without any possibility of listening to a replay of the 'missed' talk.

But what this means is that when we have a large number of abstract submissions and a large proportion have requested an oral presentation (which I can understand, as it is much easier to give that than to prepare a good poster), we have to make a choice. The guidelines we follow are for an oral programme that is balanced and fully represents the various topics within the theme of the symposium. The remainder of the abstracts are then allocated a poster slot.

This summer, because of the large number of submissions to our symposia, quite a number of 'oral requests' were transferred to a poster presentation. The vast majority were perfectly happy with that decision, and we introduced an innovation where authors with posters could also submit a short video describing their poster. The videos were then continuously broadcast on a large screen during the sessions and were also made available online. We then had prizes for the most original posters and the best scientific posters. Our authors did not disappoint us. The video submissions were fantastic! We are now planning to make this a regular feature of our symposia and we expect it to become more and more popular.

But there were a few authors who were very disappointed with the verdict. Some even cancelled their participation in the symposium, claiming 'it was too far to travel' for 'only a poster'. One student author said 'my work is too important for just a poster', prompting a member of the scientific steering committee to comment, 'what is his/her advisor teaching him/ her?' But it is their loss: where else do you have the opportunity to discuss your work with the leading experts in the field and in the congenial atmosphere that prevails at an IGS symposium? I think an attitude adjustment is in order.

I can remember one of my first IGS symposia, a few decades ago. I was talking to this very friendly man, having the time of my life. Some colleagues referred to him as John, others as Hans. I later discovered that this was the legendary Röthlisberger. Later I also met John Glen, Johannes Weertman, John Nye, Almut Iken, Garry Clarke, Barclay Kamb.... the list goes on and on. All absolutely charming and most willing to hold discussions on an equal footing with whoever approached them. But this is the beauty of being a member of the IGS and attending IGS symposia. You rub shoulders with the great names in glaciology, socialize with your peers, experience cutting-edge science and in general have a great time. What better reasons could there be to join the International Glaciological Society?

Magnús Már Magnússon Secretary General





Denmark

GREENLAND CLIMATE RESEARCH CENTRE – GLACIOLOGY

Greenland Climate Research Centre is concerned with the expected impact of climate change on Arctic marine, limnic and terrestrial environments and on Greenlandic society. For this project DMI is developing a fully-coupled atmosphere-icesheet-ocean-sea-ice model system, capable of producing simulations at unprecedentedly high resolutions (1-2km) for areas within the Arctic in general and Greenland in particular. The HYCOM-CICE ocean model is fully coupled with the HIRHAM5 atmospheric model and will run at a 25 km resolution for the whole Arctic. Future simulations driven by the EC-Earth AOGCM are also planned. In addition, glacier surface massbalance calculations have been incorporated into HIRHAM5 and are used to drive the PISM icesheet model on a regional and whole ice-sheet basis. Development of a surface meltwater routing scheme (over glaciers), the incorporation of lakes, fjords and permafrost in the models are ongoing.

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ICE SHEET-OCEAN INTERACTION

SEDIMICE

The SEDIMICE project is focused on climate variability in the Southeast Greenland region (64-68° N). The aim is to reconstruct past fluctuations in marine-terminating outlet glacier dynamics (including iceberg and melt-water production) and the interaction with oceanographic changes. This is done on the basis of sediment cores retrieved from fjords and the shelf and we specifically focus on the instrumental period and try to put it in context with centennial to millennial changes. From cruises conducted in 2009, 2010 and 2011, GEUS has a large repository of marine sediment cores from Sermilik Fjord by Helheim Glacier and the fjords by Ikertivaq and Køge Bugt Glacier complexes as well as from the shelf in the region. The cores are dated by means of ¹⁴C, ²¹⁰Pb and ¹³⁷Cs and analysed with regard to ice rafted debris (IRD), foraminifera, diatoms and biomarkers. In this way the interaction between Irminger water, sea surface temperature and iceberg rafting beyond the instrumental time period is evaluated. By combining sediment studies with modern climate studies we aim to extend the knowledge from meteorological time series further back in time. The advantage of palaeoclimate studies is that 'noise' is filtered out and the more consistent climate/glacier signal becomes more prominent. This kind of knowledge should provide an important contribution to the ongoing discussion about natural climate variability and the consequences of anthropogenically-driven climate change.

Duration: 2009–2013

Partners: GEUS (Lead), Danish Natural History Museum, Woods Hole Oceanographic institution, INSTAAR (University of Colorado at Boulder), DMI

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Greenland Climate Research Centre–Physical oceanography in Greenland waters under climate change

The waters around Greenland are affected by climate change with implications not only for oceanic physical and biological conditions, but with the potential to feedback to the large-scale thermohaline circulation in the Atlantic and thus the global climate. The aim of this project is to better understand how physical oceanographic conditions in the seas around Greenland will respond under expected climate changes. For this project a coupled ocean-sea-ice model for the Godthaabsfjord has been developed, capable of producing high-resolution simulations (300 m–1 km) of the fjord. The model is coupled with an open ocean model to include the fjord-shelf interaction, including tides and interannual variability of deep water intrusions, and is thus suitable for estimation of heat transport and heat availability for ice melt at the glacier-fjord interface. Other elements of this project are observational studies and physical and biological modelling of Godthaabsfjorden and Young Sound. Duration: 2009–2012

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REMOTE SENSING

CryoSat Cal/val/CryoVEx

Airborne radar and laser altimetry for calibration and validation of ESA's CryoSat mission. Surveys of repeated ground tracks along with detailed observations of validation sites are carried out over Greenland Ice Sheet, Arctic sea ice, Austfonna (Svalbard) and Devon (Canada) ice caps.

Webpage: www.esa.int/cryosat

Duration: 2003–2014

Partners: ESA coordinated with other international partners (e.g. DTU Space, AWI, NPI, Uni. of Oslo, NRCan)

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Polarview

Polar View is an earth observation (EO) or satellite remote-sensing program, focused on both the Arctic and the Antarctic. Polar View offers integrated monitoring and forecasting services in the polar regions, as well as mid-latitude areas affected by ice and snow. Polarview utilizes satellite earth observation data from multiple satellite observations, in combination with numerous sophisticated models and automatic tools, to deliver products that accurately illustrate the characteristics of the ice and snow on any given day.

Webpage: polarview.org

Partners: see webpage

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ESA Ice sheet_CCI

The state of the ice sheets is thought to be a major factor determining the pace of sea-level change. The goal of the ice_sheets_cci project is to set up a long-term and reliable production of a set of key parameters (surface elevation change, ice velocity, grounding line location and calving front location) from ice sheets, derived from available and future satellite observations.

Webpage: ESA-CCI.org

Duration: 2011–2014

Partners: ESA, DTU Space (Lead), S[&]T, ENVEO, UoL, GEUS, NBI/KU, NERSC, DMI

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MONARCH-A (EU FP7)

By adopting an Earth system approach the ultimate goal of the project MONitoring and Assessing Regional Climate change in High latitudes and the Arctic (MONARCH-A) is to generate a dedicated information package tailored to a subset of multidisciplinary Essential Climate Variables (ECVs) and their mutual forcing and feedback mechanisms associated with changes in terrestrial carbon and water fluxes, sea level and ocean circulation and the marine carbon cycle in the high-latitude and Arctic regions.

Webpage: monarch-a.nersc.no

Duration: 2010–2013

Partners: NERSC (Lead), USFD, UHAM, CNRS, NIERSC, UiB, DTU Space, IFREMER

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IceSAR (POLARIS)

In collaboration with ESA, DTU Space is developing and testing a P-band radar which can measure the thickness of ice sheets. The P-band imaging SAR designed for forest biomass mapping on the Earth Explorer candidate mission Biomass could also provide unique information on ice sheets in the cryosphere. A number of scientific studies have shown that long-wavelength P-band radar images to map forest biomass, may also be highly useful to monitor ice movement on ice caps.

Partners: ESA, DTU Space

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ICEGRAV

Long-range airborne geophysics and icepenetrating radar measurements in Antarctica. The primary goal of ICEGRAV is to fill-in major gravity data voids in Antarctica, and collect additional data such as lidar, icepenetrating radar (60 and 435 MHz systems) and magnetic data. The ICEGRAV 2010-11 flights covered the Antarctic Peninsula, and continues 2011-13 with measurements in central East Antarctica.

Duration: 2010-2013

Partners: ESA; NGA, USA; IAA, Argentina; NPI, Norway; University of Texas; British Antarctic Survey

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Greenland Climate Research Center – Remote Sensing

Satellite observations in the Arctic is a significant source of information for the conditions in the waters around Greenland. This project focus on satellite observations for documenting and monitoring climate change in Greenland waters. It is linked with: 'The marine Arctic carbon eyc1e: climate change consequences and ice cover', 'Arctic plankton dynamics - in a changing climate', and 'Oceanography in Greenland waters undergoing climate change'.

Webpage: http://www.natur.gl/en/climate-research-centre/research-projects/satellite-observations/

Partners: DMI and DTU

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ESA sea ice CCI

This is the sea ice component of ESA's climate change initiative. DMI is heading the scientific part of the sea ice concentration where DTU is also a partner, and DTU plays a significant role in the sea ice thickness part as well.

The objectives of the Sea Ice CCI are to twofold: (1) Provide quality-controlled ice concentration data sets for the Arctic and Antarctic from 1979 to present, based on passive microwave data; (2) Provide Arctic sea ice thickness data sets based on radar altimeter data from 1993 to present and with the best possible validation and error characterization.

Duration: 2011-2014

Webpage: http://www.esa-cci.org/ Partners: ESA, NERSC (Lead), DMI, DTU Space, Logica, UCAM, UHAM, Ubremen, met.no, FMI etc.

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ICEMAR

The overall objective of the ICEMAR project, which started at the end of December 2010, is to establish a pilot down-stream GMES sea ice information service to improve access to existing and new ice information products to aid ships navigating near or within ice-infested waters in the European Arctic (primarily the Greenland and Barents Seas) and the Baltic Sea. This new service, which is due for delivery in December 2013, shall build on existing ice service elements including GMES services and projects, national/regional institutional and commercial services. The ICEMAR service will be established in an open and expansible way to facilitate the easy inclusion of additional information services as they become available

and coverage of new geographical regions in the future.

Duration: 2010–2013

Webpage: http://www.icemar.eu/

Partners: KSAT, BAS, VTT, DMI, met.no, FMI, SMHI, NERSC, SMA, BSH, ITD

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Operation IceBridge – information dissemination This proposal focuses around Operation IceBridge, a new NASA airborne mission making altimetry, radar, and other geophysical measurements to monitor and to characterize the Earth's cryosphere. Operation IceBridge began operation in 2009 and will continue until the launch of ICESat-2, currently estimated for early 2016. The Earth's cryosphere is in a period of rapid change. Understanding these changes, their causes, and their impacts is critically important to understanding the impacts of global climate change. Data collected by Operation IceBridge will improve our knowledge of the contribution of the world's major ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica to sea-level rise. It will also make fundamental contributions to understanding changes occurring in the extent and thickness of the Arctic sea ice cap. In Greenland, Operation IceBridge will focus primarily on detailed mapping of the ice sheet to continue monitoring of ice elevation change and collect ancillary data critical to modeling the ice sheet's present and future contributions to sea-level rise. The campaigns will be conducted in March-April of each year, primarily using the NASA P-3 and DC-8, along with smaller aircraft as needed. In conjunction with the Greenland campaign, Operation IceBridge will conduct operations over Arctic sea ice with the NASA P-3 to continue and improve on the freeboard measurements begun by ICESat. The project introduces Greenlandic and Danish students/educational institutions to cutting-edge scientific data-while forging relationships with American researchers. The project will strengthen and increase the capacity for the involved institutions to undertake, and build-upon, related research.

Duration: TBD

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MyOcean2

The main objective of the MyOcean2 project is to deliver and operate a rigorous, robust and sustainable Ocean Monitoring and Forecasting system of the GMES Marine Service (OMF/ GMS) to users for all marine applications : maritime safety, marine resources, marine and coastal environment and climate, seasonal and weather forecasting. A ship routing service in ice infested waters is part of the MyOcean2 services, and here DMI and DTU Space participate in developing and delivering relevant products. In the period from April 2012 to September 2014, MyOcean2 will ensure a controlled continuation and extension of the services and systems already implemented in MyOcean, a previous FP7funded project (April 2009–March 2012) that has advanced the pre-operational marine service capabilities by conducting the necessary research and development.

Webpage: www.myocean.eu

Duration: 2012–2014

Partners: See webpage

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SMOS-Sea Ice (SMOSIce)

The aim of the SMOSIce study is to develop, improve and validate algorithms for sea ice thickness retrieval from the 1.4 GHz (L-band, wavelength=20cm) data of the European Space Agency's (ESA) Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity (SMOS) mission. SMOS payload is the Microwave Imaging Radiometer Using Aperture Synthesis (MIRAS) measuring the brightness temperature at a range of incidence angles and at different polarizations.

Duration: 2010–2012

Webpage: https://wiki.zmaw.de/ifm/SMOSIce Partners: UHH, Ubremen, AWI, FMI, DMI Contact at DMI: Rasmus Tonboe (rtt@dmi.dk)

OSISAF High Latitude Processing Center

The Ocean and Sea Ice Satellite Application Facility (OSI SAF) of EUMETSAT is an answer to the common requirements of meteorology and oceanography for a comprehensive information on the ocean-atmosphere interface.

One of the objectives of the OSI SAF is to produce, control and distribute operationally in near real-time products containg sea-ice and ocean parameters using available satellite data with the necessary Users Support activities.

Duration: 1997-2017+

Webpage: http://www.osi-saf.org/

Partners: EUMETSAT, Meteo France, Ifremer, met. no, DMI, KNMI

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Virtuel Galathea 3 (VG3)

In VG3, experienced high-school and primary school teachers work with Galathea researchers in order to develop teaching material. The Project combines observations from the Galathea-3 expedition as well as satellite image information for use in education. Through this it is demonstrated that physical sciences and the work with physical sciences subjects are exciting and attentive.

Duration: 2007-2015

Webpage: http://virtuelgalathea3.dk/ Partners: DTU, GRAS, ESA, DMI, AU, STV and others (see web page)

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ICE CORES

The North Greenland Eemian Ice Drilling – NEEM The North Greenland Eemian Ice Drilling (NEEM) is an international ice core research project aimed at retrieving an ice core from North-West Greenland (camp position 77.45°N 51.06°W) reaching back through the previous interglacial, the Eemian. Numerous projects on reconstructing past climate and ice sheet conditions are based on NEEM data. An overview of the Danish projects can be found at http://www.iceandclimate.nbi. ku.dk/research/

Webpage: neem.dk

Duration: 2007–2012

Partners: 14 Nations (http://neem.dk/partners/) led by Centre for Ice and Climate, Niels Bohr Institute, Univ. of Copenhagen

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Past4Future

A collaborative EU FP7 project combining multidisciplinary paleoclimate records to analyse, model and reconstruct abrupt climate changes during the previous interglacial period. The 23 partners use paleoenvironmental data and simulations of past climates to advance our Earth system understanding, with the ultimate objective to improve our ability to project potential future changes. Past4Future research focusses at the present and last interglacial periods in order to address these key questions: What is the risk of abrupt changes during interglacial periods? Can we understand the greenhouse gas records of the interglacial periods? What is the risk of rapid collapse of the ice sheets? Did ocean circulation change significantly during the interglacial periods?

Webpage: www.past4future.eu

Partners: 23 partners (see webpage)

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INTRAMIF

Marie Curie Training network. With INTRAMIF, we bring together experts from atmospheric and climate research, hydrology, oceanography and molecular physics and provide training in these areas for 13 talented Early Stage Researchers (ESR). The ESR projects from the different disciplines are connected by the common theme of Mass independent oxygen isotope fractionation. Danish contributions by Centre for Ice and Climate, Niels Bohr Institute, Univ. of Copenhagen.

Duration: 2009–2014

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INTIMATE -- INTegrating Ice core, MArine, and TErrestrial records

COST EU Network managed from Centre for Ice and Climate, Niels Bohr Institute, Univ. of Copenhagen

The objective of INTIMATE is to reconstruct past abrupt and extreme climate changes over the period 60,000 to 8000 years ago, by facilitating INTegration of Ice core, MArine, and TErrestrial palaeoclimate records and using the combined data in climate models to better understand the mechanisms and impact of change, thereby reducing the uncertainty of future prediction. INTIMATE provides research training to junior scientits and hosts workshops and conferences to facilitate the integration of data and promote the project goals.

Webpage: cost-es0907.geoenvi.org Duration: 2010–2014

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MASS BALANCE AND MONITORING

PROMICE – Programme for Monitoring of the Greenland Ice Sheet

The main task of this monitoring effort is to guantify the annual mass loss from the Greenland Ice Sheet, with an explanation as to its cause. A secondary aim of the programme is to utilize the data collected to gain insight in the mass balance processes and how they connect to the surrounding climate and environment. PROMICE maintains a geographically distributed network of approx.. 20 automatic weather stations on the ice sheet margin, carries out repeated airborne surveys of ice sheet elevation and ice depth and works extensively with radar and optical satellite data for ice velocity derivation and ice marginal change. Additionally, PROMICE contributes to the Global Land Ice Measurements from Space (GLIMS) through the establishment of a comprehensive glacier inventory. PROMICE maintains an open access database. The programme demonstrates

the Danish responsibility and will to monitor the development of the Greenland ice sheet in a changing climate.

Website: promice.dk

Duration: 2007 onwards

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lce2sea

An EU FP7 project, ice2sea aims to improve projections of the contribution of ice to future sealevel rise. GEUS participates in ice2sea on several levels: GEUS leads work package 3 (Foundation and validation data) with an overall aim of providing the basic observational data for building and validating the glaciological models applied in ice2sea. Additionally, GEUS participates in work package 2.2 (Basal lubrication by surface melt) where the aim is to obtain a new continuous velocity data set for selected major outlet glaciers from the Greenland ice sheet in order to resolve the annual velocity cycle. GEUS also participates in work package 2.3 (Tidewater glacier calving and ice-ocean interaction) where we will refine estimates of current calving flux and set up a calving model for selected outlet glaciers of the Greenland ice sheet. DMI has provided climate and SMB forcing for the Greenland ice sheet at a resolution of ~27km with the RCM HIRHAM5 and is now running the PISM ice sheet model to make projections of ice sheet change over the 21st century according to different emissions scenarios. NBI/KU leads work package 3.1 with the aim to quantify past and recent accumulation on the Greenland Ice Sheet from a large number of shallow ice cores, both existing and drilled as part of ice2sea. The relationship between accumulation and temperature is investigated and data is delivered to the modelling community. DTU Space participates in work package 3.2, combining GRACE and ICEsat results to investigate the relationship between mass loss as observed from gravity change (including an improved GIA correction) and elevation change. Results are further compared to mass balance derived from surface mass balance/ice-calving estimates in an effort to reconciliate estimates of current mass loss from the Greenland Ice Sheet from different methods.

Website: www.ice2sea.eu

Period: 2009-2013

Partners: NERC-BAS (Lead), AWI, CSC, DMI, DTU Space, GEUS, NBI, UU, HI, CNRS, MOHC, UiO, ULB, UNIURB, UoB, UoL, VUB, ULG, UZH, US, CECS, ENEA, NPI, IGF-PAS

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Stability and Variations of Land Ice (SVALI)

The Nordic Centre of Excellence SVALI will study basic cryospheric processes using remote sensing, airborne and in-situ measurements, and carry out advanced Earth System Modelling with focus on land ice in the Arctic/North-Atlantic area. The ultimate goal is to answer these key questions: How fast is land ice volume in the Arctic and North-Atlantic area changing, and why? Will these processes continue to accelerate? What are the consequences for sea-level and ocean circulation? What are the implications for society? GEUS will be involved in observing the present state of the cryosphere, process studies and head the outreach activity of the centre. The DMI Regional Climate Model HIRHAM5 is being upgraded (by improving snow pack, retention and refreezing and albedo parameterizations) to produce high resolution (5.5km) climate simulations to drive ice sheet models including PISM for the Greenland ice sheet. Future scenarios from the EC-Earth coupled Atmosphere-Ocean GCM EC-Earth using the RCP scenarios to 2100 will also be downscaled with HIRHAM5 for Svalbard, Iceland and Greenland, Surface mass balance and other climate fields for ice sheet modelling are output as standard.

Website: http://ncoe-svali.org

Duration: 2010-2015

Partners: UiO (Project Lead), NPI, CSC, NBI/KU, DMI, DTU Space, Uppsala University, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, UNIS, Finnish Meteorological Institute, Icelandic Meteorological Office, University of Iceland, Arctic Centre – University of Lapland, Climate Research Centre Greenland, NVE, SU

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RINK – Response of the inland ice-sheet to natural climate changes

The RINK (Respons af Indlandsisen til Naturlige Klimaændringer) project will investigate how the ice margin reacted to earlier periods of warming, the interrelationship between sea-ice and sealevel changes and not at least how its effected human adaptation and migration. Even though the interior of the Greenland Ice Sheet contains the largest mass it is local climatic and topographical conditions that control the discharge of ice – and therefore the intensity of response to climatic change. RINK pursue a better understanding of the ice marginal dynamic i.e. how and how fast the ice sheet retreated and thinned over timescales of 100–200 years and even up to 1000–3000 years. Raised coastal landforms will indicate if open water or permanent sea-ice prevailed along the coasts, thus enable a new understanding of the sustainability of palaeoeskimos that once lived in Greenland's most inhospitable regions. Finally, by applying 3D-visualization we propose to illustrate the evolution of the ice free land and the ice marginal zone through time, and to enhance the public understanding of the complex geological processes behind the changes of the Greenland Ice sheet during the last 10,000 years.

Duration: 2008–2012

Partners: Danish Natural History Museum (Lead), Greenland National Museum and Archives, Lund University, GEUS, Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research, NBI/KU, University of London, Geological Survey of Norway

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GNET

Led by Ohio State University's division of Geodetic Science, G-NET is a network of 46 continuous GPS stations spread across Greenland. This network will map the steady vertical velocity field associated with postglacial rebound and improve our understanding of ice mass changes in Greenland, allowing scientists to quickly detect and analyze any abrupt changes in the rate of ice loss in this region.

At selected GNET sites, absolute gravity measurements are conducted in a ~3 year cycle in order to establish time series of gravity change. These data together with the GPS data will provide a unique basis for in-depth studies of cryosphere changes in Greenland and help improve the GIA modelling.

Duration: 2007 onwards

Partners: Ohio State Uni (lead), Uni. of Luxembourg, UNAVCO, DTU Space

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Ice Sheet Mass Balance Intercomparison Exercise (IMBIE)

The Ice sheet Mass Balance Inter-comparison Exercise (IMBIE) has been established by ESA and NASA as a framework to deliver improved estimates of ice sheet mass balance. The project aims to resolve the apparent disagreement between geodetic estimates of ice sheet mass balance through a coordinated exercise within which estimates are developed from altimetry, gravimetry and mass flux techniques using a common spatial and temporal reference frame and a common appreciation of the contributions due to external signals (e.g. fluctuations in surface mass accumulation and post glacial rebound). The project brings together a handful of research groups that have been instrumental in developing independent estimates of ice sheet mass balance. **Webpage**: homepages.see.leeds.ac.uk/~earkhb/

Duration: 2011–2012

Partners: ESA, NASA and approx. 10 US and European University groups

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GlacioBasis monitoring programme at the A.P. Olsen Ice Cap

GlacioBasis is a sub-programme under the Greenland Ecological Monitoring Programme. GlacioBasis monitors glacier mass balance through quantitative field observations from the A.P. Olsen Ice Cap (Northeast Greenland) and from the outlet glacier discharging into the Zackenberg River drainage basin. Three automatic weather stations collect data for surface energy balance and melt modelling from different elevations in the ablation zone. GlacioBasis maintains a network of 15 ablation stakes, and carries out repeated differential GPS surveys and ground penetrating radar surveys of snow depth, calibrating accumulation with density profiles from snow pits. Satellite remote sensing based on optical, thermal infrared, and laser altimetry products from a suite of different satellites and instruments is used to monitor the changes of the ice surface and its physical properties, and to detect the recurrent glacier outburst floods from a glacier dammed lake into the Zackenberg River.

Website: www.zackenberg.dk/Monitoring/ GlacioBasis

Duration: 2008 onwards

Partners: GEUS (Lead), National Environment Research Institute (NERI)

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IVEL – Monitoring the outlet glaciers of the Greenland Ice Sheet

This project aims to quantify the seasonal velocity variation of a number of key outlet glaciers from the Greenland Ice Sheet. This will improve the overall calculation of iceberg calving and bottom melting from the Greenland Ice Sheet, that is the part of the mass loss not due to surface melting. This is accomplished by a combination of photogrammetry from EIS camera systems and GPS's deployed on the tongues of the outlet glaciers.

Duration: 2010-2011

Collaborators: GEUS (Lead), BPRI/OSU, Arizona University, Extreme Ice Survey (EIS)

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Mittivakkat Glacier and Sediment Transport Studies, Sermilik Station

Stereophotos were taken of this glacier in 1933 by K. Milthers. The glacier was since then investigated in 1958, during the international geophysical year (IGY). Mass-balance using a stake network has been carried out since 1994, including both summer and winter balance. Sediment transport is monitored at the outlet from the glacier in order to monitor glacial erosion and proglacial landscape evolution. The glacier is included in the Sermilik Station Arctic Landscape Studies.

Duration: 1933, 1958, 1972, 1981 and 1994 and onwards

Partners: KU/IGG, AU, GEUS, Danish Natural History Museum

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Contact at GEUS: Robert S. Fausto (rsf@geus.dk)

SEA-ICE MODELLING

North Atlantic–Arctic coupling in a changing climate: impacts on ocean circulation, carbon cycling and sea-ice (NAACOS)

Arctic sea ice is melting rapidly. Remote sensing has shown that Arctic sea ice thinned dramatically between 2004 and 2008, with thin seasonal ice replacing thick multi-year ice – changes that global circulation models failed to predict.

Local thermodynamic processes and exchange with the atmosphere influence sea ice surface characteristics and hence its albedo, having a significant impact on the sea-ice heat and the distribution of the solar radiation absorbed in the ice-ocean system. These interfacial processes are crucial to our understanding of sea-ice feedbacks and for the correct simulation of the sea ice extent. We will combine preliminary insights gained from the projects DAMOCLES and GreenARC with heat and mass balance measurements from seas ice of different characteristics, which will be gathered by ice mass balance buoys and automatic cameras. Based on this, we will develop improved parameterizations of surface albedo, which will be implemented and tested in the EC-Earth coupled climate model.

Duration: 2011-2014

Webpage: www.nacoos.dk

Partners: DTU Aqua, University of Copenhagen, DHI, DMI, Faroe Marine Research Institute, Scottish Marine Institute

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HYCOM/CICE

Run at approximately 10x10 km resolution, the HYCOM/CICE coupled ocean-sea-ice model covers Greenland as well as the Arctic and North Atlantic Ocean for numerical ocean and sea-ice prediction purposes. The HYCOM/CICE model is used for statistics on and forecasts of sea ice thickness, concentration and transports as well as ocean currents, temperature and salinity.

Duration: Ongoing from 2006

Partners: DMI

Contact at DMI: Kristine S. Madsen (kma@dmi.dk)

CLIMATOLOGY AND THE CRYOSPHERE

DEFROST

DEFROST aims to understand the impact of changes in the cryosphere on ecosystemgeosphere processes, specifically on arctic terrestrial and shallow sub-sea permafrost interactions with climate; to improve data on energy exchange, carbon cycling and GHG emissions from terrestrial and near-coastal cryospheric environments and to improve climate model capabilities for simulating the feedback processes associated with observed changes in permafrost, snow and ice. DMI is modelling the larger scale impacts on atmosphere and climate with improved parameterization of permafrost, snow and ice related processes (both terrestrial and marine) incorporated into the RCM HIRHAM5 and the numerical weather prediction model HARMONIE. Regional downscaling scenarios forced with GCMs will be accomplished with HARMONIE and HIRHAM5.

Duration: 2010-2014

Partners: DMI, Lund University (Lead) Contact at DMI: Martin Stendel (mas@dmi.dk)

COMBINE

COMBINE aims to improve Earth system models by incorporating additional processes and representing more Earth system parameters. At DMI the EC–Earth global climate model is being coupled to the PISM Parallel Ice sheet Model for Greenland and Antarctica. To establish a physically sound coupling, the EC–Earth surface scheme is adapted to the land ice surface with an improved snow albedo parameterization and a separate calculation of the snow thermal flux over ice-covered land surfaces. The fully-coupled system is used to investigate the evolution of the ice sheets under different forcings (pre-industrial, 4xCO2), including feedback mechanisms and the impacts on the climate system.

Duration: 2009-2013

Partners: Marco Georgietta (Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Project Lead)

Contact at DMI: Shuting Yang (shuting@dmi.dk)

CRIOS – Calving Rates and Impact On Sea level

CRIOS aims to develop and improve new and existing glacier models (PISM, ELMER) to incorporate calving and basal hydrology parameterizations that can better predict iceberg loss and the feedbacks on ice dynamics from models. A combination of field work, remote sensing and modelling will be used in this project to produce both development and validation datasets for modelling efforts. DMI is providing the climate forcing fields for the ice models from high-resolution 5.5km runs over Svalbard and Greenland and will incorporate outputs from the CRIOS project into the PISM ice sheet model.

Duration: 2012-2015

Partners: Doug Benn (UNIS, Project Lead), University of Edinburgh, University of Swansea, University of Aberystwyth and IMAU, University of Utrecht

Contact at DMI: Ruth Mottram (rum@dmi.dk)

Superimp

The project aims to implement the semi-analytical solutions to quantify superimposed ice formation on glaciers in the HIRHAM5 RCM. Data from fieldwork carried out at Tellbreen in Svalbard is being used to develop the parameterization in the model. Future fieldwork is planned to validate the output.

Partners: UNIS (Lead), DMI

Contact at DMI: Ruth Mottram (rum@dmi.dk)

DMI-HIRLAM SMB

Run at approximately 5x5 km² resolution, the HIRLAM model covers Greenland as well as Svalbard, Iceland and extensive parts of the Arctic and North Atlantic Ocean for numerical weather prediction purposes. Output from the HIRLAM K05 numerical weather prediction model is now being used to estimate the surface mass balance in real time for the Greenland ice sheet. Currently in testing phase, in collaboration with the GEUS–PROMICE project for validation and eventually assimilation purposes, the SMB output will be made live and open access via a web interface.

Duration: Ongoing from 1985

Partners: DMI (in collaboration with HIRLAM meteorological institutes across Europe), GEUS

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HIRLAM B

Development of the HARMONIE GLA nonhydrostatic numerical weather prediction model at approximately 2x2 km² resolution with application of SW Greenland, in collaboration with both GC-NET and PROMICE for data assimilation purposes, to improve ice sheet weather and climate monitoring in Greenland.

Duration: 2011-2015

Partners: DMI (in collaboration with HIRLAM and

ALADIN meteorological institutes across Europe), GEUS, CIRES

Contact at DMI: Kristian P. Nielsen (kpn@dmi.dk)

Greenland-SYNOP

This project aims to present present-day and historical weather climate data from Greenland in an accessible format. Report http://www.dmi.dk/ dmi/tr11-15.pdf specifies what data is currently available in the archive and this is being updated constantly as new observations become available. Most observations come from automatic weather stations operated around the coast of Greenland by DMI.

Duration: 2009–ongoing

Contact at DMI: Ellen Vaarby-Laursen (evl@dmi. dk) or Claus Kern-Hansen (ckh@dmi.dk)

ICE SHEET HYDROLOGY

GAP – Greenland Analogue Project

Within sub-project A of GAP detailed investigations of the sub-glacial hydrology in the Kangerlussuaq region of the Greenland Ice Sheet are conducted. GEUS is responsible for determining the spatial and temporal variability in surface meltwater production. For this purpose four automatic weather stations were placed at different elevations; three on ice, one on land. KU/IGG and DTU Artek is responsible for recording the sediment transport from the Greenland Ice Sheet in the Watson River near the outlet into the fjord. **Website:** http://www.skb.se

Duration: 2008–2013

Funding: Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company (SKB), Posiva Oy, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)

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WATERundertheICE

The extent of the presence of water and distribution of melt water under the Greenland Ice Sheet are poorly known. The effect of the water beneath the ice, however, is well documented: it lubricates the bed and removes the friction between the basal ice and underlying bedrock. The primary objectives of the WATERundertheICE project are to map melt water extent of the Greenland ice sheet and its impact by tracing internal layers and analyzing bedrock returns from airborne radio echo sounding data, and use mapping results in conjunction with ice sheet and hydrostatic models for the movement of the basal water to predict the ice sheet's response to climate change. We will also study the basal material (dust, DNA and microbiological material) and bedrock properties from the deep ice core sites. This will add a further dimension to the study and provide opportunities to look for life under the ice and constrain the age of the Greenland ice sheet. **Duration:** 2010–2014

Partners: NBI/KU, CreSIS

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Ice, water and sediment

A recently initiated research project at Aarhus University aims at improving computational methods for modelling subglacial processes related to: (1) melt-water modulated stick-slip, (2) subglacial sediment deformation, and (3)subglacial bedrock erosion. It is widely agreed that these processes influence the overall dynamics of glaciers and ice-sheets significantly. However, implementing such processes in large-scale ice sheet models is challenging, partly because the fundamental physics of the subglacial environment is only poorly understood. For example, the mechanical behavior of water-saturated subglacial sediment is still very much debated. We apply a combination of laboratory experiments, field observations and computational modelling.

Duration: 2011-2014

Partners: Slawek Tulaczyk (University of California) & Jean Braun (Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble)

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COMMERCIAL GLACIOLOGY

QasiPower – Glaciological hydropower feasibility study near Qasigiannguit

The potential for hydropower development of a highly glacierized hydrological catchment in the Qasigiannguit area (West Greenland) is investigated by modelling the surface mass balance and meltwater.

Duration: 2010-2011

Partners: GEUS (Lead), ASIAQ, DTU Space

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SOME ACRONYMS (NOT A COMPLETE LIST)

| GEUS: | Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland |
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| DMI: | Danish Meteorological Institute |
| NBI/KU: | Niels Bohr Institute, University of |
| DTU Space: | Technical University of Denmark, |
| Δ1 I· | Aarbus University |
| SNM. | Danish Natural History Museum |
| KU/IGG: | Institute for Geography and Geology |
| Konda. | University of Copenhagen |
| CCRC. | Greenland Climate Research Centre |
| Gene. | Greenland Institute of Natural |
| | Resources |
| ASIAO | Greenland Survey |
| LIAF: | University of Alaska Fairbanks |
| OSLI/BPRC· | Obio State University Byrd Polar |
| 000/01/10 | Research Center |
| CreSIS | Centre for Remote Sensing of the Ice |
| creato. | Sheets |
| NFRC-BAS: | British Antarctic Survey |
| AWI: | Alfred-Wegener-Institut für Polar und |
| , | Meeresforschung |
| CIRES: | Cooperative Institute for Research in |
| CIRCED. | Environmental Scieces University of |
| | Colorado Boulder |
| UNIS | The University Centre in Svalbard |
| UoL: | University of Leeds |

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Langfjordjøkelen, a rapidly shrinking glacier in northern Norway

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An enthalpy formulation for glaciers and ice sheets

Andy Aschwanden, Ed Bueler, Constantine Khroulev, Heinz Blatter

Formation of levees and en-echelon shear planes during snow avalanche runout Perry Bartelt, James Glover, Thomas Feistl, Yves Bühler, Othmar Buser

Relative contribution of surface mass balance and ice flux changes to the accelerated thinning of the Mer-de-Glace (Alps) over 1979-2008 Etienne Berthier, Christian Vincent

Exploring Antarctic subglacial lakes with scientific probes: a formal probabilistic approach for operational risk management M.P. Brito, G. Griffiths, M. Mowlem

Seismic activity and surface motion of a steep temperate glacier, a study on Triftgletscher, Switzerland Pierre Dalban Canassy, Jérome Faillettaz,

Fabian Walter, Matthias Huss

Distributed mass balance modelling on two nearby glaciers of Ortles-Cevedale (Italy) from 2004 to 2009

Luca Carturan, Federico Cazorzi, Giancarlo dalla Fontana

Variability in the mass flux of the Ross Sea ice streams, West Antarctica, over the last millennium

Ginny Catania, Christina Hulbe, Howard Conway, T.A. Scambos, C.F. Raymond

Modelling the delivery of supraglacial meltwater to the ice-bed interface: application to the southwest Devon Ice Cap, Nunavut, Canada Caroline Clason, Douglas W.F. Mair, David O. Burgess, Peter W. Nienow

Inversion of IceBridge gravity data for continental shelf bathymetry beneath the Larsen ice shelf, Antarctica

James R. Cochran, Robin E. Bell

An improved estimate of microbially mediated carbon fluxes from the Greenland Ice Sheet J.M. Cook, A.J. Hodson, A.M. Anesio, E. Hanna, M. Yallop, M. Stibal, J. Telling, P. Huybrechts

Potential mechanisms for anisotropy in icepenetrating radar data Reinhard Drews, Olaf Eisen, Daniel Steinhage, Ilka Weikusat, Sepp Kipfstuhl, Frank Wilhelms

Ice thickness, areal and volumetric changes of Davies Dome and Whisky Glacier (James Ross Island, Antarctic Peninsula) in 1979-2006 Zbynek Engel, Daniel Nývlt, Kamil Láska

Ice dynamics and sediment movement: Scotland Andrew Finlayson

Dynamic thinning of Antarctic glaciers from along-track repeat radar altimetry Thomas Flament, Frédérique Rémy

A physically-based method for estimating supraglacial debris thickness from thermal band remote sensing data L. A. Foster, B. W. Brock, M.E.J. Cutler, F. Diotri

Radio echo probing of Black Rapids Glacier,

Alaska, USA, during onset of melting and spring speed-up

Anthony M. Gades, Charles F. Raymond, Howard B. Conway

Conduit roughness and dye-trace breakthrough curves: why slow velocity and high dispersivity may not reflect flow in distributed systems J. Gulley, P. Walthard, J. Martin A.F. Banwell, D.I. Benn, G. Catania

The effect of discrete recharge by moulins and heterogeneity in flow-path efficiency at glacier beds on subglacial hydrology

J.D. Gulley, M. Grabiec, J.B. Martin, J. Jania, G. Catania, P. Glowacki

Reconstruction of basal properties in ice sheets using iterative inverse methods Marijke Habermann, David Maxwell, Martin Truffer

An observationally validated theory of viscous flow dynamics at the ice-shelf calving front Richard C.A. Hindmarsh

A method for recording ice ablation using a lowcost ultrasonic rangefinder M. Len Keeler, Keith A. Brugger

Measurement of strain components in a glacier Arne Keller, Heinz Blatter

Well-posed boundary conditions for limiteddomain models of transient ice flow near an ice divide

Michelle R. Koutnik, Edwin D. Waddington

Seasonal variations of ¹⁷O-excess and d-excess in snow precipitation at Vostok station, East Antarctica

A. Landais, A. Ekaykin, E. Barkan, R. Winkler, B. Luz

Impact of model resolution on simulated wind, drifting snow and surface mass balance in Terre Adélie, East Antarctica

Jan T.M. Lenaerts, Michiel R. van den Broeke, Claudio Scarchilli, Cécile Agosta

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F. Perosanz, C. Mayet, L. Testut

Deformation and energy of dry snow slabs prior to fracture propagation David M. McClung

Widespread rifting and retreat of ice-shelf margins buttressing in the eastern Amundsen Sea Embayment between 1972 and 2011 Joseph A. MacGregor, Ginny A. Catania, Michael S. Markowski, Alan G. Andrews

Mass-balance parameters derived from a synthetic network of mass-balance glaciers Horst Machguth, Wilfried Haeberli, Frank Paul

Automatic snow surface roughness estimation using digital photos Terhikki Manninen, Kati Anttila, Tuure Karjalainen, Panu Lahtinen

Salinity and solid fraction of frazil and grease ice Sönke Maus, Sara de la Rosa

New short wave infrared albedo measurements for snow specific surface area retrieval B. Montpetit, A. Royer, A. Langlois, P. Cliche, A. Roy, N. Champollion, G. Picard, F. Domine, R. Obbard The response of Petermann Glacier to large calving events and its future stability in the context of atmospheric and oceanic warming F.M. Nick, A. Luckman, A. Vieli, C.J. Van Der Veen, D. Van As, R.S.W. Van De Wal, F. Pattyn, A.L. Hubbard, D. Floricioiu

Elevation changes of glaciers revealed by multitemporal digital elevation models calibrated by GPS survey in the Khumbu region, Nepal Himalayas, 1992–2008 Takayuki Nuimura, Koji Fujita, Satoru Yamaguchi, Rishi R. Sharma

Glacier variations in response to climate change from 1972 to 2007 in the western Lenglongling mountains, Northeastern Tibetan Plateau Baotian Pan, Bo Cao, Jie Wang, Guoliang Zhang, Chen Zhang, Zhenbo Hu, Bo Huang

Numerical simulations of cyclic behaviour in the Parallel Ice Sheet Model (PISM) Ward J.J. van Pelt, Johannes Oerlemans

An inexact Gauss–Newton method for inversion of basal sliding and rheology parameters in a nonlinear Stokes ice sheet model Noemi Petra, Hongyu Zhu, Georg Stadler, Thomas J.R. Hughes, Omar Ghattas

Can the snowline be used as an indicator of the equilibrium line and mass balance for glaciers in the outer-tropics? Antoine Rabatel, Ana Bermejo, Edwin Loarte, Alvaro Soruco, Jesus Gomez, Gonzalo Leonardini, Christian Vincent, Jean Emmanuel Sicart

The Propagation Saw Test: slope scale validation and alternative test methods Cameron Ross, J. Bruce Jamieson

Impact of arithmetic asymmetries on simulated thermodynamical ice-sheet evolution Fuyuki Saito

Extent of low-accumulation 'wind glaze' areas on the East Antarctic Plateau: implications for continental ice mass balance

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Large surface velocity fluctuations of Biafo Glacier, central Karakoram, at high spatial and temporal resolution from optical satellite images Dirk Scherler, Manfred R. Strecker Simulations of the Greenland ice sheet 100 years into the future with the full Stokes model Elmer/ Ice

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Changes in area and geodetic mass balance of small glaciers, Polar Urals, Russia, 1950–2008 Maria Shahgedanova, Gennady Nosenko, Irina Bushueva, Mikhail Ivanov

A wireless subglacial probe for deep ice applications

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Snow density along the route traversed by the Japanese–Swedish Antarctic Expedition 2007/08 Shin Sugiyama, Hiroyuki Enomoto, Shuji Fujita, Kotaro Fukui, Fumio Nakazawa, Per Holmlund, Sylviane Surdyk

Automated remote sensing of sediment plumes for identification of runoff from the Greenland ice sheet

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Integrated electrical resistivity tomography (ERT) and self-potential (SP) techniques for assessing hydrological processes within glacial lake moraine dams

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Detection of a subglacial lake in Glacier de Tête Rousse (Mont Blanc area, France) Christian Vincent, Marc Descloitres, Stéphane Garambois, Anatoly Legchenko, Hélène Guyard, Adrien Gilbert

Dynamic inland propagation of thinning due to ice loss at the margins of the Greenland ice sheet Wei Li Wang, Jun Li, H. Jay Zwally

Raman spectroscopy of gaseous inclusions in EDML ice core: first results – microbubbles Christian Weikusat, Johannes Freitag, Sepp Kipfstuhl

Iceberg signatures and detection in SAR images in two test regions of the Weddell Sea, Antarctica Christine Wesche, Wolfgang Dierking

Carbonaceous particles reveal that Late Holocene dust causes the dark region in the western ablation zone of the Greenland ice sheet I.G.M. Wientjes, R.S.W. Van De Wal, M. Schwikowski, A. Zapf, S. Fahrni, L. Wacker

Spatial and temporal variation of ice motion and ice flux from Devon Ice Cap, Nunavut, Canada Wesley Van Wychen, Luke Copland, Laurence Gray, David O. Burgess, Brad Danielson, Martin J. Sharp

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Stable dynamics in a Greenland tidewater glacier over 26 years despite reported thinning Suzanne L. Bevan, Tavi Murray, Adrian J. Luckman, Edward Hanna, Philippe Huybrechts

Response of the Ross Ice Shelf to ocean gravity wave forcing Peter D. Bromirski, Ralph Stephen

The supply of subglacial meltwater to the grounding line of the Siple Coast, West Antarctica

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Partitioning effects from ocean and atmosphere on the calving stability of Kangerdlugssuaq Glacier, East Greenland Poul Christoffersen, Martin E.W. O'Leary, Jan van Angelen, Michiel R. van den Broeke

Resolution requirements for grounding line modelling: sensitivity to basal drag and ice shelf buttressing

Rupert M. Gladstone, Antony J. Payne, Stephen L. Cornford

On the influence of outlet glaciers in Greenland bed topography on results from dynamic ice sheet models

Ute C. Herzfeld, James Fastook, Ralf Greve, Brian Mcdonald, Bruce F. Wallin, Phillip A. Chen

Optical-televiewer-based identification and characterization of material facies associated with an Antarctic ice-shelf rift Bryn Hubbard, Jean-Louis Tison, Frank Pattyn, Marie Dierckx, Thierry Boereboom, Denis Samyn

The role of Pine Island Glacier ice shelf basal channels in deep water upwelling, polynyas and ocean circulation in Pine Island Bay, Antarctica Kenneth D. Mankoff, Stanley S. Jacobs, Slawek M. Tulaczyk, Sharon E. Stammerjohn

Dynamic instability of marine glacier basins of the Academy of Sciences Ice Cap, Russian High Arctic

Geir Moholdt, Torborg Heid, Toby J. Benham, Julian A. Dowdeswell

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Glaciar Jorge Montt (Chilean Patagonia) dynamics derived from photos obtained by fixed cameras and satellite image feature tracking Andrés Rivera, Javier Corripio, Claudio Bravo, Sebastián Cisternas

Sensitivity experiments for the Antarctic ice sheet with varied sub-ice-shelf melting rates Tatsuru Sato, Ralf Greve

Surface mass balance and stable oxygen isotope ratios from shallow firn cores on Fimbulisen, East Antarctica

Elisabeth Schlosser, Helgard Anschütz, Elisabeth Isaksson, Tönu Martma, D. Divine, Ole Anders Nost

Sensitivity of the ice shelf ocean system to the sub-ice shelf cavity shape measured by NASA IceBridge in Pine Island Glacier, West Antarctica Michael Schodlok, Dimitris Menemenlis, Eric Rignot, Michael Studinger

Submarine melting of Greenland's glaciers by Atlantic waters

Fiamma Straneo, David Sutherland,

David Holland, Carl Victor Gladish,

Gordon S. Hamilton, Helen Johnson, Eric Rignot, Yun Xu, Michele N. Koppes

Ice flow sensitivity to boundary processes: a coupled model study in the Subglacial Lake Vostok area

Malte Thoma, Klaus Grosfeld, Christoph Mayer, Frank Pattyn

Oceanic mechanical forcing of the dynamics of a marine-terminating Greenland glacier by ice mélange removal and ocean tides Jacob Walter, Jason E. Box, Slawek Tulaczyk, Emily Brodsky, Ian M. Howat, Yushin Ahn, Abel Brown

Numerical experiments on subaqueous melting of Greenland tidewater glaciers in response to ocean warming and enhanced subglacial runoff Yun Xu, Eric Rignot, Dimitris Menemenlis, Michele Koppes

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ANNALS OF GLACIOLOGY 53(61)

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Snow cover contamination in urban territories (Lefortovo District, Moscow) I.V Galitskaya, N.A Rumyantseva

Change in snow strength caused by rain Yoichi Ito, Hiroki Matsushita, Hiroyuki Hirashima, Yasuhiko Ito, Tomoyuki Noro Satoru Yamaguchi, Kunio Watanabe, Takafumi Katsushima, Atsushi Sato, Toshiro Kumakura

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An automated approach to the location of icequakes using seismic waveform amplitudes Glenn Jones, Bernd Kulessa, Samuel Huckerby Doyle, Christine F Dow, Alun Hubbard More papers for Annals 54(64) will be published in the next issue



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Field Guide to Snow Crystals

Edward R. LaChapelle

Anyone who has ever scooped up a handful of snow and looked closely at the individual crystals of which it is composed will want to own this book, the first field guide designed to explain to snow rangers, serious students, skiers, mountaineers and nature lovers what can actually be seen with the naked eye or a small hand lens.

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Edward R. LaChapelle was Professor Emeritus of Geophysics and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Washington and worked on avalanche research for the US Forest Service for almost two decades. His recognition that the very large natural variation in snow crystal forms played an important role in avalanche formation led indirectly to the original edition of *Field Guide to Snow Crystals.* He is also co-author of *The ABCs of Avalanche Safety,* co-author with Austin Post of *Glacier Ice,* and author of the original USDA *Snow Avalanche Handbook.* He began his snow career at the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research, and as a US Forest service snow ranger, he developed many of the techniques of avalanche forecasting and control in use today.

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Published with the University of Washington Press. World rights except in Canada.

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Glacier Ice

Austin Post and Edward R. LaChapelle

This was the International Glaciological Society's first co-publication venture with the University of Washington Press. First published in 1971, *Glacier Ice* has now been republished in a revised and reformatted edition.





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Lorne W. Gold

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The Canadian Habbakuk Project is the account

of that scheme. Dr Gold has drawn together archive material from British and Canadian sources, much of which was originally classified as TOP SECRET, and written a lively account of the project, well supported with appendices providing the research background.

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REPORT FROM THE NEW ZEALAND BRANCH MEETING

Snow & Ice Research Group (New Zealand) Annual Workshop Twizel, New Zealand, 13–15 Feburary 2012

As the bus topped the forested saddle of Burkes Pass, the driver said, 'This is the MacKenzie Basin, the only place in New Zealand named after a criminal.' The criminal, I found, was the most notorious sheep rustler in the history of New Zealand. In the 1850s, James MacKenzie herded this beautiful intermontane basin with sheep he rustled from elsewhere on New Zealand's South Island. 'It wasn't me,' he was said to have explained at his criminal trial, 'it was me dog that did it.'

As my bus drove on, the landscape turned from the forested foothills and lush pastures of the Canterbury district, to the dry but colorful open landscape where the world's most spectacular evidence of climate change is embodied by moraines and striking turquiose lakes, below the mists and gleaming peaks of the Southern Alps. After passing Lakes Taupo and Pukaki, the bus entered the small town of Twizel, the venue for the 2012 Annual Workshop of the Snow & Ice Research Group (NZ), which serves as a branch of the IGS. As Aoraki, the cloud maker (Mt Cook) shrugged the clouds from its shoulders to reveal the spectacular alpine front rising from roughly 700 meters to 3754 m, I alighted from the bus and realized that my original reluctance to travel so far to attend the last of many IGS branch meetings during the first year of my watch as POTIGS (president of the IGS), was easily cast aside.

The 3-day meeting was sited at the Lake Ruataniwha Rowing Centre-Twizel, an athletic complex devoted to the Olympic sport of rowing.



Sebastian Vivero and Clare Webster enjoy the annual workshop of the SIRG.



Huw Horgan, of Victoria University in Wellington, gives a cheerful presentation on his current research.

This year's SIRG workshop was generously sponsored by Antarctica New Zealand, Meridian Energy (the premier 'green energy' producer of New Zealand, and responsible for the impressive hvdroelectric network that occupies the MacKenzie Basin, and that depends intimately on the snows of the southern alps that drain through the basin), NIWA, New Zealand's water and atmospheric research institute, Gateway Antarctica of the University of Canterbury, Glacier Explorers (a private glacier tour company that supplied the SIRG's excursion), the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre of the Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park, and the IGS (through a generous donation from a member, a happy hour reception was provided one of the evenings).

As with the previous branch meetings of the IGS I attended, the SIRG strongly featured younger members of the research community, including students (both under- and postgraduate) as well as the usual senior members of New Zealand's outstanding glaciological community. There were six oral sessions covering the following topics: surface mass balance of the New Zealand alpine glacier system (Ruzika Dadic, Jono Conway, Clare Webster, Heather Purdie and Alice Doughty), hydrology and mass balance of permafrost (including a signature lecture by New Zealand's great glaciologist, Trevor Chinn, entitled



Inka Koch and Stefan Vogel discuss glaciology on the lawn in front of the lecture venue.

'unhinged at the snowline...', Wilifried Hagg, traveling all the way from Munich, Germany, to share his research on the impact of glacier mass balance in the Amu Darya catchment of Tajikistan, David Alexander, Kolja Schaller, Katrin Sattler, Gregor Macara, Ricahrd Jones and Shaun Eaves). Antarctic snow and ice research (Rory Hart, Bob Moonan, Ben Thompson, Alex Gough, Daniel Price, Ken Hughes, Stephan Vogel, traveling from Australia, Huw Horgan, Oliver Marsh, winner of the best student presentation award for the SIRG2012, Inka Koch and myself), New Zealand Glacier Dynamics (Robert Dykes, Todd Redpath, Brian Anderson, whose hairstyle, it was explained, resulted from being too close to a flash of combustion created by lighting a match to a campfire wood pile soaked in gasoline, Andrew MacKintosh, one of the founders of the SIRG and the local NZ correspondent for the IGS, and Laura Kherl), and the meeting wrapped up with



The SIRG afternoon excursion hikes along the rolling terrain of the moraine surrounding Lake Pukaki.



Trevor Chinn, one of New Zealand's best glaciological resources.

a session on remote sensing (with Ekki Scheffler, Sebastian Vivero, Tim Kerr and Pascal Sirguey).

A highlight of the first day was the evening plenary lecture by Jennifer Purdie, a scientist with Meridian Energy (www.meridianenergy.co.nz), a co-sponsor of the meeting. lennifer provided a fascinating look at the science and technology of New Zealand's premier hydroelectric generation scheme focused around the lakes and rivers that drain the Southern Alps immediately to the west of the basin. One of the major technological issues of supplying so much 'glacier-friendly energy' to New Zealand consumers is the fact that the total volume of the various lakes (with moraine dammed lakes Tekapo, Pukaki and Ohau being the largest) is only roughly 10% of the annual runoff of the rivers that feed the lakes. This means that the engineers who determine the rates at which the lakes drain through the hydroelectric turbines must pay close attention to snowmelt runoff forecasts to keep the lake levels from exceeding low- and high-stand limits determined by environmental concerns.

By far the highlight of the workshop was the afternoon excursion to the Lake Pukaki Otiran (glacial maximum) Moraines, the Aoraki visitor center and the spectacular boat trip on a proglacial lake to view the calving face of the Tasman Glacier and recently calved icebergs. Although rain (renowned for depositing >12 meters of water equivalent along the axis of the Southern Alps) threatened constantly, the group carried on without complaint to examine the moraine and outwash landscape at the lower end of Lake Pukaki. There, Alice Gough, a recent PhD graduate of Victoria University in Wellington, led a discussion of the



Andrew MacKintosh looks on approvingly as the excursion stops for a discussion of geochronometry.

latest geochronometric methods. After a pleasant, relatively rain-free hike to a classic kettle hole, Doug MacAyeal and Trevor Chinn engaged in a spirited debate about a nearly perfect circular feature at the base of the kettle. Doug claimed that this circle was a true manifestation of a 'numerical grid point' whereas Trevor suggested that it was simply a 'moa circle' (Trevor explained that the now-extinct giant moa were relatively lazy birds, and liked to stand in one spot, slowly rotating around the spot eating the vegetation, hence the circular path of denudation.)

Following the moraines of Pukaki and a brief stop at the interpretive center of Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park, the excursion proceeded to the signature experience made possible by the



The SIRG 2012 participants prepare to embark on Lake Tasman to view the calving face and icebergs. Three small icebergs in the far end of the lake are back-dropped by the terminal moraine of the Holocene stand of the Tasman Glacier.



The NZ glaciological community is a 'winning bunch' and so takes the winner's podium at the Lake Ruataniwha Rowing Centre for the group photograph of the SIRG 2012 workshop.

generous support of the Glacier Explorers tour company of the local area. After a hike across the Holocene aged terminal moraine of the Tasman Glacier, serving as the natural dam to hold the 6 km long (and growing) proglacial lake into which the Tasman Glacier currently calves, the party donned life jackets and boarded small boats to travel up the lake toward the calving face. Although wet and very chilly, the participants enjoyed a unique up-close view of icebergs, and the various types of ice that are on display due to the constant overturning and break-up of the icebergs. Trevor Chinn pointed out the visible distortions of bedding in the face of the Tasman Glacier that were caused by upstream confluence of the Tasman with its several tributaries. He also pointed out an interesting deposit of dead ice that was left perched atop a sub-lake-level bedrock high, and discussed the sediment dynamics of the newly formed proglacial lake which was now depriving the braided river system downstream of the coarser sediments. After warming up from the boat trip with a brisk walk across the terminal moraine back to the vans, the excursion proceeded to its final stop at the Glentanner Restaurant, for an IGS-sponsored happy hour (featuring South Island's wonderful wines and beers) and a meal. The talks on the morning of the third day were attended by a number of scientists associated with the Australasian Quaternary Association (AQUA, http://www.aqua.org.au), which was meeting in nearby Tekapo. The SIRG 2012 annual workshop was organized by Wolfgang Rack, Heather Purdie, Oliver Marsh and Daniel Price of the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Doug MacAyeal



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International Symposium on

Changes in Glaciers and Ice Sheets: observations, modelling and environmental interactions



Beijing, China 28 July–2 August 2013

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> FIRST CIRCULAR February 2012 http://www.igsoc.org/symposia/ http://www.localsite.cn/

The International Glaciological Society will hold an International Symposium on 'Changes in Glaciers and Ice Sheets: observations, modelling and environmental interactions' in 2013. The symposium will be held in Beijing, People's Republic of China, from 28 July to 2 August 2013

THEME

Glaciers and ice sheets are important components that control sea level change. In response to a warming climate, Greenland and West Antarctic ice sheets have significantly lost mass during the last decade, and mountain glaciers worldwide have rapidly declined. Changes in mountain glaciers have direct impacts on human activities, especially in mid-latitude regions, where high-altitude snow and ice contribute to the hydrological controls of human activity. Therefore, the symposium specifically includes topics pertinent to the Earth's 'Third Pole'. To improve our understanding of the dynamics of cryospheric change, interactions with the climate and impact on the living environment of mountainous regions, it aims to provide a general discussion of changes in these components of the global cryosphere with broader aspects from recent in situ observations, remote sensing measurements and modelling efforts.

TOPICS

Meeting participants are encouraged to present on a wide variety of topics. These include:

- 1. Assessment of the current state of ice sheets and glaciers, and their trajectories of change, determined by remote sensing, including airborne and satellite
- 2. *Remote sensing methodologies and techniques* for providing critical information on glacier and ice sheet profiles, thickness, melt patterns, flow fields, snow layer characteristics and other parameters relevant to the changing cryosphere
- 3. *Ground-based field studies* of glacier and ice sheet change, including in-situ observations of mass and dynamic changes of mountain glaciers, ice caps, ice sheets and ice shelves, glacier inventories and firn layers, permafrost, snow cover, and observation method
- 4. *Ice-core records* of past change that is relevant to understanding the current changing states of ice sheets and glaciers both in polar and non-polar environments; special emphasis will be placed on ice-core records from Asia
- 5. *Subglacial and proglacial sediment–landform* records relevant to understanding present rates of ice sheet and glacier change
- 6. *Glacier and ice sheet mass balance*, including glacier meteorology, surface energy exchange, snow accumulation processes, mass-balance indices and the relation between glacier mass balances and atmospheric indices. Verification and assessment from in situ observations and remote sensing techniques. Challenges related to scaling assumptions
- 7. Assessment of changing ice in the 'Third Pole', impacts and drivers. Including glacier monsoon meteorology, dust impact on snow and ice albedo, proglacial lake dynamics, debris-cover effects and human impacts, commonalities between Asian and South American glacier systems
- 8. *Modelling the processes of glacier and ice-sheet change,* including the thermal and mechanical processes that govern how ice-sheets and glaciers respond to changing environmental conditions. Partitioning of climatic and dynamic mass-balance components, key unknowns, critical observations and limitations to progress
- 9. *Projection and prediction* of changing glaciers and ice sheets, response to climate change, ice-atmosphere-ocean iterations. Challenges of downscaling methods. Model intercomparison. Sea-level rise experiments specifically designed to inform policy makers, including the AR6 of the IPCC
- 10. *Glacio-hydrological processes* that have a bearing on accelerating current rates of ice-sheet and glacier change, including the impact of meltwater and subglacial processes in glacier

changes, supraglacial water effects, ice-shelf stability in response to surface meltwater ponding, surface lakes on Greenland, moulin dynamics

- 11. *Hazards and societal impacts* relating to changing glaciers and ice sheets, including the contribution of glacier wastage on sea-level rise, water resources in different climate, glacier engineering, glacier hazards, glacier outburst floods, ocean circulation, terrestrial and marine bio-geochemical cycles and ecosystems, as well as isostatic changes
- 12. *General glaciology*: all topics relevant to glaciological science are welcome at the symposium (subject to time and space availability); however, presenters wishing to publish papers on topics not related to those listed above will be invited to submit their manuscripts to the *Journal of Glaciology* rather than to the specifically themed *Annals of Glaciology*.

Additional topics may be added on the basis of requests and abstract submissions. Questions and ideas can be referred to the co-Chief Editors/ co-Chairs of the Scientific Committee.

PROGRAMME

The symposium will consist of a mixture of oral and poster sessions, with a large amount of free time to allow participants to exchange scientific information in an informal setting. Wednesday afternoon will be reserved for a symposium activity or excursion. A symposium banquet will be held on Thursday evening. A post-symposium tour to the Tibetan Plateau and gaciers is currently being contemplated by the organizing committee and will be announced later.

ABSTRACT AND PAPER PUBLICATION

Participants wishing to present a paper at the symposium are required to submit an abstract. A digest of submitted abstracts will be provided to all participants at the symposium. The Council of the International Glaciological Society has decided to publish a thematic issue of the *Annals of Glaciology* on topics consistent with the Symposium themes. Participants and non-participants alike are encouraged to submit manuscripts for this volume.

SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION

Magnús Már Magnússon (International Glaciological Society)

SCIENCE STEERING AND EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Douglas MacAyeal (University of Chicago, USA) and Weili Wang (NASA, USA), Co-Chief Editors. Scientific editors for the special themed issue of *Annals of Glaciology* will be chosen in the near future.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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FURTHER INFORMATION

If you wish to attend the symposium please log on to the IGS website at http://www.igsoc.org/symposia/2013/china/preregistration/ and register your details and interest in attending the symposium.

Although we strongly encourage prospective attendees to register online it can also be done by filling in and returning the form on the back page of this circular as soon as possible.

The Second Circular will give further information about accommodation, the general scientific programme, additional activities, preparation of abstracts and final papers. Copies will be sent to those who pre-register or return the attached reply form. Members of the International Glaciological Society will automatically receive one. Information will be updated on the conference website, http://www.igsoc.org/symposia/2013/china/ and the local website when this is set up (a link will be introduced on the IGS site).

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> FIRST CIRCULAR May 2012 http://www.igsoc.org/symposia/ http://www.cresis.ku.edu

The International Glaciological Society (IGS) will hold an International Symposium on Radioglaciology in 2013. The symposium will be hosted by the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CReSIS). It will be held at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, USA, from 9–13 September 2013.

THEME

This symposium will take a comprehensive look at the latest technological innovations in radars and signal processing techniques for investigating ice-sheets, glaciers and their geophysical settings, with emphasis on polar and other logistically challenging settings. Recent advances in radio frequency, microwave, and digital technologies have enabled the development of innovative radars that are used to sound and image glacial ice in new ways. This has allowed researchers to produce 3-D images of the ice-bed interface even when that surface is covered by more than 3 km of ice. Radars have been developed that can successfully sound most challenging areas such as fast-flowing glaciers and ice-sheet margins. In addition, ultra-wideband radars are being used for fine-resolution mapping of near-surface internal layers in polar firn, for strain rate measurements, ice melt, and other innovative applications. The symposium will cover recent measurements and signal processing advances that are leading to new discoveries. It will also examine the observational needs of the next-generation ice sheet models, and how radioglaciology can support modeling requirements. The overarching purpose of this meeting is to discuss the latest technical improvements in radars and signal-processing techniques for polar research, to present recent measurements, and to report on analyses and interpretations of recent observations. Additionally, the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss observational requirements for radars that will most benefit and support development and validation of next-generation ice-sheet models.

TOPICS

Meeting participants are encouraged to present on a wide variety of topics tied to radioglaciology. These include

- 1. Radars and signal processing techniques for sounding and imaging of polar icesheets.
- 2. Ultra-wideband radar technology and innovative polar research applications.
- 3. Recent observations and results over the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets.
- 4. Enhancements of radar measurements needed for improving next-generation ice-sheet models.
- 5. Refining algorithms for basal condition assessment.
- 6. Addressing the gap in radar capabilities for surface-based observations using radar/seismic intercomparisons.
- 7. Remote sensing techniques for smaller ice masses and ice masses in logistically challenging areas outside the poles.

Additional topics may be added on the basis of request and abstract submissions. Questions and ideas can be referred to members of the science steering committee.

PROGRAM

The symposium will consist of a mixture of oral and poster sessions, with free time planned to allow participants to exchange scientific information in an informal setting. An excursion to the Kansas Flint Hills, a prairie nature preserve in eastern Kansas, is planned. A symposium banquet will also be held.

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON RADIOGLACIOLOGY

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Meetings of other societies

Northwestern Glaciologists Meeting, Portland, Oregon, USA, 14–15 October 2011

It happens every Fall, as the leaves begin to turn or the snow flurries begin to fall (depending on your latitude). All of the glaciologists of the Northwestern United States feel it, the mysterious pull, that curious desire to gather with their fellows and exchange the bits and pieces of knowledge that are so vital to their existence. Each year they choose a different locale, by a strange algorithm known only to themselves.

This year, 14 October found them trickling by threes and fours into a conference hall on the campus of Portland State University, where Andrew Fountain of PSU awaited them in a small conference room with a large coffee urn – the latter an especially welcome sight for the glaciologists who had driven in just that morning. Coffee and pastries in hand, badges haphazardly dangling, everyone took their seats surprisingly close to the official start time. The Meeting of the Northwest Glaciologists had begun.

Although the organizers at PSU attempted to defy a long-established tradition of ad hoc schedule creation by printing up a schedule before the meeting began, it didn't take long for it to be marked up with enough arrows and pencilled-in talks to satisfy the most chaos-loving of attendees. Magnús Már Magnússon kicked off the meeting with announcements of interest to members of the International Glaciological Society, including the Society's efforts to embrace the exciting-yet-bewildering world of social media. A Twitter account, a Facebook page, and a proposed IGSOC blog promise to improve the society's connectedness and perhaps even its potential for outreach beyond the perimeters of glaciology country. Magnús encouraged Society members to bring their students and colleagues into the fold, both for the benefit of the Society itself and to support an independent journal in defiance of academic behemoths who endeavor to establish a monopoly.

Alpine glaciers, climate, and the interactions between took up the rest of the morning session. The convivial atmosphere of the session was capped off with an en masse visit to Portland's famous Food Carts, just a few blocks off campus, offering everything from American burgers to Malaysian laksa.

The afternoon session covered more alpine glaciers, and their cousins the tidewater glaciers



The venue - Portland State University.

and ice shelves. As the afternoon session wore on, with report after report of glaciers rapidly wasting away, session moderator Ed 'The Hammer' Waddington inquired somewhat wistfully whether anyone was planning to discuss glaciers not in retreat. Soon, however, we were all distracted somewhat from the problem of melting ice by the pounding bass beat that began to filter down from the ceiling. Kat Huybers soldiered gamely on with her talk as one of the organizers hurried upstairs to request that the noise be moderated. The sounds of music and running feet continued to add a chaotic counterpoint to the talks throughout the afternoon. Andrew Fountain, undeterred by distractions, finished off the session by reassuring Ed that at least a few glaciers, in the Dry Valleys, were not vet in retreat.

A certain amount of the usual milling around ensued until the beginning of the icebreaker at gracious host Andrew Fountain's house, a short if slightly confusing drive away. Andrew, with Magnús's help, had laid out a quantity of pizza and beer sufficient to sate even hungry and thirsty glaciologists. Kegs of local brew continued flowing long into the night, despite the taxing mental effort expended that day and early schedule for the next.

Saturday dawned bright and far too early. (Fortunately, few attendees needed to take the time to shave; as one speaker noted on Friday, 'I have never been in a room with so much facial hair'.) The short but wide-ranging initial session,



Magnús kicked off the meeting.



We all enjoyed shopping at the local market.

labeled 'Remote Sensing/Snow/Ice Cap/Dry Valleys' on the schedule, suited the audience's barely-wakened morning attention span.

Portland obliged the gathering with another uniquely local lunch opportunity, this time a sprawling farmer's market conveniently located immediately outside the conference building. The plethora of artisan breads, locally-grown produce, vegan tamales and other Portlandish delights dazzled the attendees.

Saturday afternoon started off with Magnús again, pitching the stylish and infinitely useful IGS tie, before seguing into news of various community models. Steve Price discussed CISM, the Community Ice Sheet Model, and its ongoing upgrades, especially for speed and parallelization. He noted that although the release of version 2.0 had been imminent for the last eight or ten months, it was now extremely imminent and would surely be out very soon. Version 2.1, including largescale parallelization ability, would follow.

Marijke Habermann and Andy Aschwanden reported on PISM, the Parallel Ice Sheet Model, and efforts to use it for inverse modeling. Marijke discussed a library of inverse problems (SIPLE, the Simple Inverse Problems Library) now available online, and some ideas for using PISM with inverse methods.

Ed Waddington started his talk by pointing out that the Russian icebreaker Vladimir Ignatyuk, engaged by NSF to help resupply McMurdo station for the 2011 2012 season, was not as exotic as the name might first suggest in fact, it was built in our own backyard, the Victoria Yard in Victoria, BC. Ed went on to discuss the continuing development of a community firn model, including the various sub-models being developed at the University of Washington (gas diffusion and thermomechanical modeling)



Mount Hood - an ever-present Oregon landmark.



There was plenty of time for socializing.

and the ICEICS (International Collaboration and Education in Ice Core Science) plan to release a preliminary model in Fall of 2012.

Regina Carns



Andrew Fountain was a generous host.



Portland is the micro-brewery capital of North America.



Getting the beer on tap.

NWG – a poem

The men and women toil away Wreathed in Pacific mist Until the day the clarion call Goes out on Cryolist 'Come one, come all,' the email says Exuding warmth and cheer 'Hooray!' say glaciologists, 'NWG is here!'

From all along the Western edge Of this great continent They left their labs and offices And in small bands they went To Portland, fabled Mecca For the fans of bean and brew And home to the iceologists Ensconced in PSU.

The day dawned drab and drizzly As the guests all trickled in Lining up for badge and coffee, They all waited to begin. Magnus kicked off, exhorting us To join the IGS And tell our friends, and tweet and blog On things of interest.

Presenters spoke of thermal Structure, and drainage subglacial. They talked about erosion And its shape and aspects spatial. An ice core from Mt Waddington, A northwest glacier survey, And why a glacier will not calve When sea ice gets in her way.

As noontime passed, a hunger Began subtly to intrude For in nearby carts awaited Cornucopias of food. Several dozen glaciologists Went traipsing out to eat And returned, all pleased and sated As they each re-took a seat.

Magnus urges everybody To acquire a snazzy tie. It's something you can fiddle with As post-noon talks flow by: Extreme subglacial pressure, Melt runoff in Glacier Bay, Yakutat's tongue disintegrates And quickly floats away. Inverse retreat of grounding lines, Laser-based altimetry, Some glaciers in the North Cascades Seem somewhat prone to flee. Mount Daniels has some glaciers With mass balance in the black, But Midgardgletscher's wasting And Three Sisters melting back.

Model glaciers show large variance With inputs that are random; Shadows tell us elevations If we can just understand 'em. Dry Valleys observations: Mullins glacier, water tracks. Surface roughness up in Greenland – Get it right and don't be lax.

On glacier after glacier The presenters had their say With dire news of melting And retreating day by day. Ed 'The Hammer''s plaintive question 'Is there not one glacier growing?' Drew a helpful reassurance That a few still kept on flowing.

Tired and brain-full, glaciologists Escape into the night. But just briefly do they scatter Soon all will re-alight At Andrew's table, pizza-covered, Stocked with local beer They drink and laugh and while the night Away, lingering here.

The next day dawns too early But there's lots of talks today! A new roster of topics And a lot of things to say. Soot in China snow is copious, Glacial runoff's growing less. Your apparent climate signal May be just a red-noise mess.

Glaciers melt in the Dry Valleys, And it sometimes triggers quakes. The WAIS core's being analyzed However long it takes. Ice streams in West Antarctica Occur in curious shapes; Refreezing changes temps in firn As latent heat escapes.



Annie Donnehey (left) and Fiona Seifert (right) enjoy the farmers' market.

At some point, there's a pause and all Emerge into the sun And behold: a farmer's market! It's a most convenient one. Now, fed, we admire the posters: Greenland outlet glaciers' speed, And Greenland crevasse albedo. It's relaxing to just read.

CISM's becoming scaleable While PISM gets inverted. Firn models are constructed With an effort that's concerted. Firn sub-models: gas diffusion, Crystal growth, and firn compaction. More on PISM validation, Water conduit reaction.

Gamburtsev sub-glacial mountains, Whillans speeds by stealing lakes, Measurements test forward models, Isotopes show climate breaks. Snowball sea glaciers—survivable? Frost breaks down cores of rock. And suddenly we realize That was the final talk.

And off we all will stumble As the sun sets o'er the sea Meandering home, and pondering Next year's NWG.

Regina Carns

50 years of the NVE's Glaciology Office Oslo, Norway, 12 January 2012



Olav Dybwadskog, Randi Pytte, Wibjørn Karlén and Gunnar Østrem attacking the cake.



Olav Dybwadskog, Liss Andreassen, Bjarne Kjøllmoen and Kjetil Melvold at the poster exhibition.

The 50th anniversary of Brekontoret was celebrated on 12 January 2012 at the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE) in Oslo. Brekontoret ('the Glaciology Office') was established in 1962 by Professor Gunnar Østrem. Its mission was to collect and analyse data from Norwegian glaciers in order to plan the hydropower development in the Jostedalsbreen area as well as to carry out glaciological research in Jotunheimen. The office is now called Section for Glaciers, Ice and Snow and employs 16 professionals.

The Section for Glaciers, Ice and Snow at NVE operates a long-term national glaciological observation programme, which includes mass balance observations at 15 glaciers, front variations at about 40 glaciers and area change for all glaciers on mainland Norway. Measurements and assessments of ice elevation, displacement, thickness and melt, as well as glacier lake outburst floods, are also carried out. Glaciological research is a main pillar of the Section, including operations of the Svartisen Subglacial Laboratory.



Gunnar Østrem cutting the cake.



Rune Engeset and Bjørn Wold giving a presentation.

The laboratory is the only place worldwide where scientists are able to carry out observations and experiments underneath a glacier 200 m thick. The Section is a partner in the top-level research centre SVALI (Stability and Variations of Arctic Land Ice). The glaciological activities at the Section are not restricted to glaciers: It is responsible for developing a Norwegian avalanche-forecasting centre, snow hydrology for flood forecasting and hydropower production, lake-ice warnings, lakeice mapping and temperature observations in the Norwegian rivers and lakes.

The anniversary was celebrated by more than 50 invited participants with a series of presentations, a poster exhibition and a dinner with joyful speeches and anecdotes from the past 50 years. Presentations were given by Michael Zemp (WGMS), Magnús Magnússon (IGS), Jack Kohler (NPI) and Olav Dybwadskog, as well as Randi Pytte Asvall, Jim Bogen, Morten Johnsrud and Rune Engeset from NVE.

The event was organised by Liss Andreassen, Bjarne Kjøllmoen, Nils Haakensen, Rigmor Hagunn and Gunnar Østrem.

Rune Engeset Head of Section for Glaciers, Ice and Snow



Magnús Magnússon and Jack Kohler comparing ties at the dinner.



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9–12 January 2012 Nordic Geological Winter Meeting Reykjavík, Iceland Permafrost and Perglacial Processes session. Conveners: Ivar Berthling [ivar.berthling@ svt.ntnu.no] and Bernd Etzelmüller [Bernd. etzelmuller@geo.uio.no]

Website: http://www.jfi.is/ngw_2012

10-13 January 2012

Workshop on the Dynamics and Mass Budget of Arctic Glaciers/IASC Network on Arctic Glaciology Annual Meeting Zieleniec, Poland

Details as PDF: http://www.igsoc.org:8000/ symposia/Flyers_etc/PolishMeetingJan2012.pdf Contact Krzysztof Migała [krzysztof.migala@ uni.wroc.pl]

20 January 2012

Symposium: The mountain cryosphere – a holistic view on processes and their interactions

University Zurich Irchel, Switzerland Flyer: http://www.igsoc.org:8000/symposia/ www.geo.uzh.ch/microsite/cryodata/ cryosphere_flyer.pdf Contact Stephan Gruber [stephan.gruber@ geo.uzh.ch]

30 January–1 February 2012

Responding to Arctic Environmental Change: Translating Our Growing Understanding into a Research Agenda for Action

Kingston, Ontario, Canada Website: http://www.queensu.ca/qieep

2-3 February 2012

6th Alpine Glaciology Meeting

ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland Website: http://people.ee.ethz.ch/~glacier/ agm2012/ Contact: Martin Lüthi [luethi@vaw.ethz.ch] or Martin Funk [funk@vaw.ethz.ch]

6-7 February 2012

Trans-Himalayan workshop: Glaciers, Snow Melt and Runoff in the Himalayas Kathmandu, Nepal Website: http://www.eu-highnoon.org/ workshopkathmandu2012

9–10 February 2012

*The Geophysics of the Cryosphere and Glacial Products: Properties, Processes and Technical Advances: New Advances in Geophysics Meeting 2012

British Geophysical Association/Royal Astronomical Society/The Geological Society Burlington House, London, UK Website: http://www.swan.ac.uk/ environment_society/newscentre/latestevents/ bgacryosphericgeophysics.php

13-15 February 2012

*Snow and Ice Research Group (SIRG) New Zealand Annual Workshop 2012

Lake Ruataniwha Rowing Complex, near Twizel, New Zealand Website: http://www.sirg.org.nz/

15-17 February 2012

Land Ice Working Group (LIWG) of the Community Earth System Model (CESM) annual winter meeting Boulder, Colorado, USA

Website: http://mailman.cgd.ucar.edu/ mailman/listinfo/ccsm-liwg

20–24 February 2012 2012 Ocean Sciences Meeting

Salt Lake City, Utah Website: http://www.sgmeet.com/osm2012/

24–28 February 2012 2012 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting New York, USA Website: http://www.aag.org/cs/ annualmeeting

1-12 March 2012

Short Course in Physical Principles of Hydrology

Kananaskas Valley, Alberta, Canada Website: http://www.cwra.org/Branches/ CSHS/Principles_of_Hydrology_ ShortCourse_2011.aspx

5–8 March 2012

German Geophysical Society Meeting 2012 Hamburg, Germany

The conference has three key topics: Geophysical earth system research, Passive seismics in applied geophysics, and Natural Hazards and Geophysics Website: http://www.dgg-2012.de/index. php?id=561&L=1

7-9 March 2012

42nd Annual International Arctic Workshop Winter Park, Colorado, USA

Website: http://instaar.colorado.edu/meetings/ AW2012/

12-16 March 2012

SVALI PhD course/workshop: Applications of radar data from ice sheets to understand ice flow processes

Center for Ice and Climate, University of Copenhagen, Denmark Contact: Christine Hvidberg [ch@gfy.ku.dk] Website: http://ncoe-svali.org/phd_school/ courses/workshops_etc.html

19-22 March 2012

SLALOM2012 (Sea-Level and Adjustment of the Land: Observations and Models) Conference

Athens, Greece Website: http://slalom2012.geol.uoa.gr/

22-23 March 2012

Midwest Glaciology Meeting Penn State University Campus, University Park, PA

Contact Nathan Amador [nsa125@psu.edu]

11 April 2012

Workshop: Tools & Technologies for Polar Climate Change Research

Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York, USA

Workshop flyer: http://lynchlab.files. wordpress.com/2012/02/polar-technologiesworkshop.pdfhp

14-18 April 2012

12th International Circumpolar Remote Sensing Symposium

Levi, Finland Website: http://alaska.usgs.gov/science/ geography/CRSS2012/index.php

18-20 April 2012

Training Seminar on Snow Remote Sensing Istanbul, Turkey

Contact: Aydın Gürol Ertürk [agerturk@dmi. gov.tr] Website: http://www.turkwater.com/haberler/

kurs.htm

19-22 April 2012

Arctic Science Summit Week

Montréal, Canada In conjunction with the IPY 2012 From Knowledge to Action conference Website: http://www.assw2012.org/

22-27 April 2012

IPY From Knowledge to Action Conference Montreal, Québec, Canada Website: http://www.ipy2012montreal.ca/ index.php

22–27 April 2012

European Geosciences Union: General Assembly 2012 Vienna, Austria Website: http://meetings.copernicus.org/ egu2012/

23-26 April 2012

Interpraevent 2012 – 12th Congress: Protection of Living Spaces from Natural Hazards Grenoble, France

Website: http://www.interpraevent2012.fr/

26–27 April 2012

David C. Sego Symposium Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Website: https://uofa-cee.gobigevent.com/

2–4 May 2012

American Polar Society 7th Anniversary Meeting and Symposium

The Polar Regions in the 21st Century: Globalization, Climate Change and Geopolitics New York, New York, USA Website: https://www.americanpolarsociety. org/ Contact: Alfred S. McLaren[alfredsmclaren@ aol.com]

14-18 May 2012

12th International Circumpolar Remote Sensing Symposium

Levi, Finland Website: http://alaska.usgs.gov/science/ geography/CRSS2012/index.php

21–22 May 2012

European Parallel Ice Sheet Modeling (PISM) Workshop

Hamburg, Germany Contact Christian Rodehacke [christian. rodehacke@zmaw.de] Website: http://mpimet.mpg.de/euro-pism. html

22-24 May 2012

18th International Symposium on Polar Sciences: Milestones in Polar Research Collaboration

Jeju Island, Republic of Korea Website: http://symposium.kopri.re.kr/

28 May-1 June 2012

**International Symposium on Seasonal Snow and Ice

Lahti, Finland Links on website: http://alaska.usgs.gov/ science/geography/CRSS2012/index.php Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society

3-8 June 2012

XV Glaciological Symposium: Past, Present and Future of the Cryosphere

Arkhangelsk, Russia Contact: Stanislav Kutuzov [s.kutuzov@gmail. com] Website: http://glac2012.igras.ru/

5–7 June 2012

69th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference (ESC)

Frost Valley, New York, USA Website: http://www.elements2012.ca/

5-8 June 2012

Canadian Geophysical Union Annual Meeting Banff, Alberta, Canada Website: http://www.elements2012.ca/

10-21 June 2012

Permafrost Modelling Course

Department of Geosciences, University of Oslo Website: http://www.mn.uio.no/geo/english/ research/networks/perma-nordnet/events/ courses/permafrost-modelling.html

11–15 June 2012

21st IAHR International Symposium on Ice Dalian, China

Contact: Pat Langhorne [pat.langhorne@ otago.ac.nz] Website: http://slcoe.dlut.edu.cn/ice/ iahr2012.html

12-14 June 2012

26th international Forum for Research into Ice Shelf Processes (FRISP)

Utö, Stockholms Archipelago, Sweden Contact: Adrian Jenkins [ajen@bas.ac.uk] Website: http://rechenknecht.natgeo.su.se/ FRISP2012

14–16 June 2012

34th Polar Symposium Sosnowiec, Poland Website: http://sympozjumpolarne2012. us.edu.pl/

24-29 June 2012

Goldschmidt Conference

Montréal, Québec, Canada Website: http://www.vmgoldschmidt. org/2012/index.htm

25–27 June 2012 Transantarctic Mountains Camp Workshop Indianapolis, Indiana, USA Website: http://tamcamp.org/

25–29 June 2012

**International Symposium on Glaciers and Ice Sheets in a Warming Climate

Fairbanks, Alaska, USA Links on website: http://glaciers.gi.alaska.edu/ events/igs2012 Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society

25–29 June 2012

Tenth International Conference on Permafrost Tyumen, Russia Website: http://www.ticop2012.org/

2–6 July 2012

International Training Workshop: Micromorphology of Glacigenic Sediments Centre for Micromorphology, Queen Mary,

University of London, London, UK Details: http://www.igsoc.org:8000/symposia/ Flyers_etc/CfM_2012.pdf Contact: Simon Carr [s.carr@QMUL.AC.UK]

13–25 July 2012

SCAR 2012: Antarctic Science and Policy Advice in a Changing World Portland, Oregon, USA

Website: http://scar2012.geol.pdx.edu/

14 July 2012 *ISMASS 2012 Workshop

Portland, Oregon, USA Website: http://www.climate-cryosphere.org/ en/events/2012/ISMASS/Home.html

13-17 August 2012

Asia Oceania Geosciences Society/American Geophysical Union Joint Assembly

Resorts World Sentosa, Singapore Website: http://www.asiaoceania.org/ aogs2012

26–30 August 2012 4th International Disaster and Risk Conference

Davos, Switzerland Website: http://www.idrc.info/

26–30 August 2012

IGU 32nd International Geographical Congress

Cologne, Germany Website: https://igc2012.org/frontend/index. php 5–6 September 2012 ****International Glaciology Society British Branch Meeting 2012** Aberdeen, UK Contact: Douglas Mair [d.mair@abdn.ac.uk]

11–14 September 2012 4th International Geologica Belgica Meeting 2012 (GB2012): Moving Plates and Melting Icecaps

Brussels, Belgium Website: http://www.geologicabelgica.be/ gb2012

11–22 September 2012 Karthaus course on Ice Sheets and Glaciers in the Climate System

Karthaus, Italy Website: http://www.projects.science.uu.nl/ iceclimate/karthaus/

12-14 September 2012

UK Antarctic Science Conference 2012 Cambridge, UK Contact: Nicola Munro [asc2012@bas.ac.uk] Website: http://www.antarctica.ac.uk/about

bas/events/ukasc2012/index.php

16-23 September 2012

5th International Workshop on Ice Caves Barzio and Milano, Italy Website: http://users.unimi.it/icecaves/ IWIC-V/

20-22 September 2012

19th Annual West Antarctic Ice Sheet Initiative Workshop

Eatonville, WA, USA Website: http://depts.washington.edu/ wais2012/wais_operations_meeting/users. unimi.it/icecaves/IWIC-V/

24–29 September 2012 Symposium: 20 years of Progress in Radar Altimetry Venice Lide, Italy

Venice-Lido, Italy Website: http://www.altimetry2012.org/

1-5 October 2012

*International Symposium on Ice Core Science

Giens, France Website: http://www.ipics2012.org/

13–20 October 2012 Interdisciplinary Climate Change Research Symposium

Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA To apply see DISCCRS website: http://disccrs. org/application_instructions

23–26 October 2012 Arctic in Rapid Transition (ART) Science Workshop Sopot, Poland Website: http://tinyurl.com/Sopot2012 Contact: Christie Wood [chwood@clarku.edu]

25-27 October 2012

International Glaciology Society Nordic Branch Meeting 2012 Stockholm, Sweden Contact: Susanne Ingvander[susanne. ingvander@natgeo.su.se]

1–3 November 2012 XI International Scientific Conference: Integrated Researches of Spitzbergen Nature Murmansk, Russia Website: http://icc.sklcs.ac.cn/

10–12 November 2012 International Conference on the Cryosphere: Changes, Impacts and Adaptation Sanya, China Website: http://icc.sklcs.ac.cn/

3–7 December 2012 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting San Francisco, California, USA Website: http://fallmeeting.agu.org/2012/

2013

6–8 January 2013 SEG/AGU Cryosphere Geophysics Workshop Boise, Idaho, USA Website: http://www.seg.org/events/ upcoming-seg-meetings/cryo2013 Contact: Hans-Peter Marshall [hpmarshall@ boisestate.edu]

15 January 2013

Third International Symposium of Arctic Research (ISAR3) Tokyo, Japan Contact: Japan Consortium for Arctic Environmental Research [jcar-office@nipr. ac.jp]

17–20 January 2013 **World Snow Forum** Novosibirsk, Russia Website: http://www.worldsnowforum.org/

20–25 January 2013

Arctic Frontiers: Geopolitics and Marine Production in a Changing Arctic Tromsø, Norway Website: http://www.arcticfrontiers.com/

14–15 February 2013 **17th Alpine Glaciology Meeting** Grenoble, France

24-28 February 2013

Workshop on the Dynamics and Mass Budget of Arctic Glaciers / IASC Network on Arctic Glaciology Annual Meeting

Obergurgl, Austria Contact Carleen Tijm-Reijmer [c.h.tijmreijmer@uu.nl]

4-5 April 2013

Conference: Holocene Climate Change London, UK Contact Steve Whalley [steve.whalley@

geolsoc.org.uk] 8–13 July 2013

Joint IACS/IAMAS Conference: Air and ice – interaction processes Davos, Switzerland Contact: Charles Fierz [fierz@slf.ch]

28 July-2 August 2013

**International Symposium on Changes in Glaciers and Ice Sheets: observations, modelling and environmental interactions Beijing, China Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society Website: http://www.igsoc.org:8000/ symposia/2013/beijing/

9-13 September 2013

**International Symposium on Radioglaciology: advances in radio frequency, microwave and digital technologies Lawrence, Kansas, USA Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society Website: http://www.igsoc.org:8000/ symposia/2013/kansas/

2014

March–April 2014 ****International Symposium on Sea Ice** Hobart, Australia Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society

26-30 May 2014

**International Symposium on Observations, Modelling and Prediction of the Cryospheric Contribution to Sea Level Change

Chamonix, France Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society

25–30 August 2014 ****International Symposium on the Changing Arctic Cryosphere** Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society

2015

August 2015 ****International Symposium on Contemporary Ice-Sheet Dynamics: ocean interaction, meltwater and non-linear effects** Cambridge, UK Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society

September 2015 ****International Symposium on High Mountain Glaciology** China

Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society

2016

June 2016 ****International Symposium on the Hydrology of Glaciers and Ice Sheets** Iceland Contact: Secretary General, International

Glaciological Society

August/September 2016 ****International Symposium on Polar Sea Ice, Polar Climate and Polar Change** Boulder, Colorado, USA Contact: Secretary General, International Glaciological Society



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