



ARCTIC SCIENCE SUMMIT WEEK

The ASSW is a collaborative effort between:

- Arctic Ocean Sciences Board (AOSB)
- European Polar Board (EPB)
- Forum of Arctic Research Operators (FARO)
- International Arctic Sciences Committee (IASC)
- International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA)
- Pacific Arctic Group (PAG)
- Ny-Ålesund Science Managers Committee (Ny-SMAC)

The purpose of the summit is to provide opportunities for international coordination, collaboration and cooperation in all areas of Arctic science and to combine science and management meetings. The ASSW also offers insight into Arctic research undertaken by the host country. Side meetings organized by other groups with interests in Arctic science and policy will take place at the same time.

For the first time, the ASSW will include not only annual meetings of the Arctic organizations, but also an international symposium. The symposium will take place on March 24–26. Annual meetings are scheduled to take place March 22–23 and March 27–28. For more information on the annual meetings, visit the websites of the individual organizations.

SYMPOSIUM ON ARCTIC CONNECTIONS:

RESULTS OF 150 YEARS OF RESEARCH
24–26 MARCH 2009, BERGEN – NORWAY

Theme sessions:

Sea Ice Changes and the impacts on Biodiversity and Human Communities

Arctic Climate Variability – Past to Future

The Role of the Arctic in the Global Change Process

Evolution of Arctic Ecosystems in a Warming World

Indigenous Cultures – Past to Future

Coastal waters as a Link Between Land and Sea in the Arctic

Risks to Human Health from Arctic migratory animals

History of Arctic Science

A complete description of each session is found at the website: www.imr.no/assw2009.

Organisation of the meeting

The first day of the symposium will have eight invited speakers, one for each of the theme sessions. During the second and third day, there will be four parallel sessions. All speakers will be allotted 20 minutes for presentation including questions.

Convenors

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Submission of abstracts

Please consult the ASSW website for submission of abstracts: www.imr.no/assw2009

Venue

The venue will be **Scandic Bergen City** Conference Centre, situated in the heart of Bergen (www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Norway/Bergen/Hotels/Scandic-Bergen-City)

Registration

Please consult the ASSW website for registration details: www.imr.no/assw2009

Key Dates

- 15 Nov 2008: Abstract submission deadline
- 15 Nov 2008: Early registration deadline
- 1 Jan 2009: Abstract acceptance notification
- 24–26 Mar 2009: Symposium

Local organising committee

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First Announcement

The 10th Arctic Science Summit Week

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