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IASC PROGRESS

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and all the best for 2016.*

*Thank you for the successful teamwork
and looking forward to an interesting New Year!*

The IASC Secretariat

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2015 Highlights ❁

Arctic Science Summit Week 2015

ASSW 2015 was held on 23-30 April in Toyama, Japan and brought together more than 700 international scientists, students, policy makers, research managers, Indigenous Peoples and others interested in developing, prioritizing and coordinating plans for future Arctic research.

It was arranged under the auspices of IASC and co-organized by the Science Council of Japan. In addition to the business meetings of the ASSW partner organizations, which were held during the first three days of the week (23-25 April), a joint 4-day science symposium of the 3rd International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III) and the 4th International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-4) was arranged in the second half of the week (27-30 April).



Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado, Honorary Chair of ASSW 2015, presenting her opening address (Photo: G. Heinemann)



Odd Rogne, former IASC Executive Secretary, receiving the IASC Award for Service (Photo: G. Heinemann)

IASC after 25 Years

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary, IASC presented the book "IASC after 25 Years - A Quarter of a Century of International Arctic Research Cooperation" and a film. The history publication was introduced at a panel discussion during the opening session of the ASSW 2015, including former IASC Presidents, Vice-Presidents and others who had contributed substantially to shaping IASC during the last 25 years.

In light of the 25th Anniversary, IASC decided to – for first the time – present a special IASC Award for Service, recognizing "25 Years of Vision, Dedication and Advancement of Arctic Science". The IASC Award for Service was presented to IASC's former Executive Secretary Odd Rogne, who had been instrumental in the founding process of the organization in the late 1980s and making IASC a leading science organization for the Arctic.

Portugal Becomes IASC's 23rd Member Country

IASC welcomed Portugal as the 23rd IASC member country. Portugal will be represented in IASC through the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, with João Canario serving as the IASC Council Member.

Toyama Conference Statement on ICARP III

The Toyama Conference was a critical step in the 3rd International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III) involving hundreds of scientists from 27 countries working to improve our understanding of the consequences of changes taking place in the Arctic region, and their connection to global environmental, economic and social processes. The Toyama Conference Statement, which highlights several overarching messages that emerged during the Conference, was presented in the closing ceremony of the ASSW 2015.



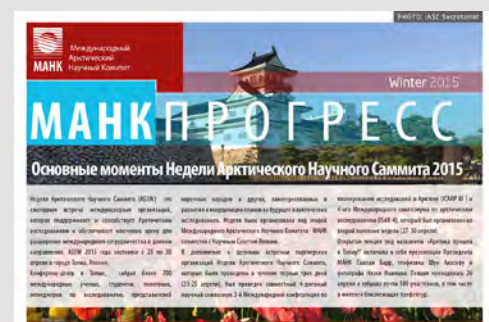
In 2015, IASC supported 10 networks, 22 workshops and several other international activities.

IASC Review

The IASC Founding Articles call for a regular review of the organization. The first review was undertaken in 1996 and the second in 2006. IASC Council decided that ten years after the second review it would be timely to conduct another review and appointed an international group of experts to serve on the IASC Review Committee. The committee was mandated to evaluate IASC's activities over the 10-year period 2006-2015 and to recommend strategies for the future. The final report will be presented to IASC Council at ASSW 2016 in Fairbanks, USA.

IASC presents a Progress in Russian language

For the first time, IASC is presenting a Russian version of its newsletter IASC Progress. Coordinated by Yulia Zaika, IASC Fellow for the International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic (ISIRA), the newsletter presents a summary of IASC's 2015 activities in Russian language. ISIRA also presents its newly launched website <http://isira.ru>, which was coordinated by IASC Fellow Andrian Vlachov for ISIRA.



Who is who at the IASC Secretariat? ❄️

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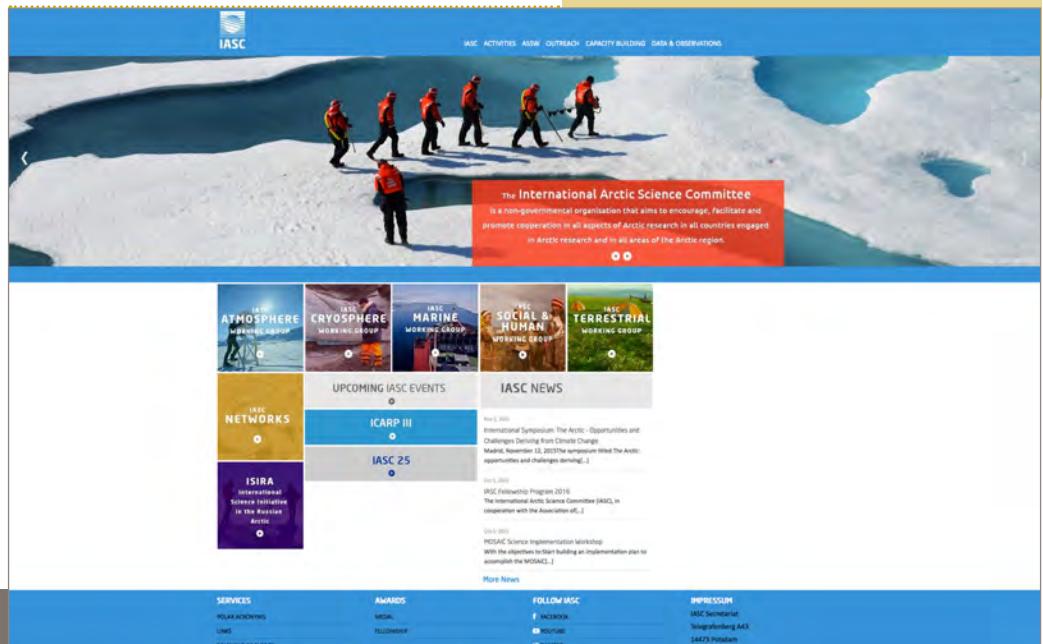
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