

Polar Research Board Spring Meeting 2025

March 23-24, 2025 (hybrid)

University Memorial Center (UMC), Room 247

All times: Mountain Daylight Time (-6 UTC)

This meeting is open to ASSW registrants. Open Session recordings will be posted on the [event webpage](#) following the meeting

Public Agenda

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 | 9:00 AM –5 PM MDT

Joint Meeting of National/Regional Polar Organizations

Session Goals:

- Receive an update on planning for the Fifth International Polar Year (IPY5)
- Build awareness about national/regional polar organizations and their missions
- Discuss opportunities to support international collaboration and coordination for the Fifth International Polar Year (IPY5)

10:30 AM **Welcome and Overview of Session**

Martin Jeffries, PRB Chair

and

Session Moderator: **Kristen St. John**, James Madison University, PRB Member

10:35 AM **Update on IPY5 Planning**

Gerlis Fugmann, Executive Secretary, International Arctic Science Committee

10:50 AM **Brief National/Regional Polar Organization Introductions**

Each organization will share a short presentation about their organization, with focus on interest and engagement in IPY5

Maria Grigoratou, Executive Secretary, European Polar Board

David Hik, Chief Scientist and Vice President, Research, Polar Knowledge Canada

Thamban Meloth, Chair, Asian Forum on Polar Sciences

Martin Jeffries, Chair, U.S. Polar Research Board

- 11:30 AM Questions and Discussion**
- 11:40 AM Opportunities to Support International Coordination and Collaboration**
Group discussion about initial ideas for how this group of organizations can support international IPY5 efforts. A few prompting questions:
- *Are there lessons learned from IPY4 on how to do this well (or not)?*
 - *Are there groups already facilitating coordination and collaboration that can serve as examples to be more broadly adopted? (could be research questions and/or capabilities/use of research instruments, vessels, etc.)*
 - *What are key challenges to international coordination and collaboration and what role can this group of organizations play in addressing them?*
- 12:10 PM Networking Lunch Break**
- 1:30 PM Aligning Interests to Facilitate Coordination and Collaboration**
Martin Jeffries, Discussion Moderator, PRB Chair
- Based on the priority areas discussed in the first portion of the session, are there any areas with clear or promising alignments that may serve as initial foci for trying to enhance international coordination and collaboration?*
- 2:30 PM Adjourn Open Session**

MONDAY, MARCH 24 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM MDT

Ongoing and Future Activities and Directions for Polar Research

Session Goals:

- Learn about current activities of the now U.S.-based World Climate Research Program's Climate and Cryosphere Project (CliC)
- Hear from Boulder-based polar researchers about current and future research directions

- 9:00 AM Welcome and Overview of the Open Session**
Martin Jeffries, PRB Chair
- 9:05 AM World Climate Research Program's Climate and the Cryosphere Project (CliC)**
Amy Lovecraft, CliC Co-Chair and University of Alaska Fairbanks
Edward Hanna, CliC Co-Chair and University of Lincoln (*tentative, remote*)
- 10:00 AM Coffee Break**

10:30 AM **Horizon Scanning Panel Presentations and Discussion**

Session Moderator: **Anupma Prakash**, University of Alaska Fairbanks, PRB Member

Michael Gooseff, Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research

Marika Holland, National Center for Atmospheric Research

Mark Serreze, National Snow and Ice Data Center

12:00 PM **Lunch Break, Adjourn Open Session**