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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Norwegian Polar Institute is pleased to host a workshop supported by the Arctic Council and ATCM on the *legacy of IPY*. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the IPY Oslo Science Conference in Lillestrøm¹, Norway on **9 June 2010 (9 am – 3 pm)**.

The question pertaining to the legacy of the IPY has been a topic in both the Arctic Council and the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings. In both forums the importance of continued focus on the legacy of the IPY has been stressed, and there has been agreement to bringing the discussion forward through a dedicated workshop (see Appendix).

The aim of the workshop is to look at ways in which the legacy of the IPY can be maximized. The workshop will examine:

- the ways in which the communication and outreach of the science results from IPY projects to policy makers, stakeholders and the interested public could best be continued²;
- the need for and manners in which to maintain a continued focus on IPY activities that have proven to be of particular societal and policy importance, and in this context consider the continued focus on recruitment of young polar scientists and international capacity building; and
- the ways in which the Arctic and Antarctic communities could further strengthen collaboration in the future.

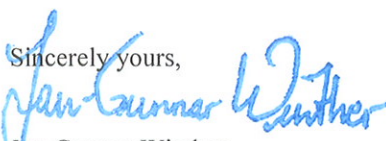
The outcomes of the workshop will be presented to the Arctic Council and the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, providing advice and a basis for their further deliberations on the legacy of the IPY.

The workshop targets scientists and policy shapers who have the relevant background and interest in moving the results of the IPY science into the framework of society and policy development.

Those who wish to participate in the workshop should register by e-mail to Birgit Njåstad at njaastad@npolar.no. We would encourage you to register at an early date, preferably by **1 May**.

A draft meeting schedule for the workshop will be developed and circulated by the end of April, in advance of the upcoming Arctic Council meeting in Greenland and the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in Uruguay. We will furthermore produce and circulate a background working paper for the workshop, which will provide structure to the discussions at the workshop. The working paper will be circulated around mid-May.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached by e-mail (winther@npolar.no) or phone (+47 77750620).

Sincerely yours,

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¹ See www.ipy-osc.no for further information

² Taking also note of and building upon the fact that IASC and SCAR are planning to prepare an IPY science synthesis report between the Oslo (2010) and Canadian (2012) IPY Conferences.



Appendix

Arctic Council decision (SAO meeting November 2009):

SAOs agreed that the Arctic Council would continue to contribute to the legacy of IPY by asking the working groups to make use of the most up-to-date research results in ongoing assessment processes, as well as through contributions to, *inter alia*, SAON. SAOs agreed to support a joint Arctic Council/ATCM workshop in June 2010 in conjunction with the Oslo IPY Conference to further discuss IPY legacy issues.

Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting recommendation (ATCM April 2009):

- The Meeting welcomed this proposal from Norway and the UK.
- It was agreed that the workshop will be hosted by Norway in June 2010, back-to-back with the IPY Oslo Science Conference. The workshop will be open for all interested Parties and organisations, such as SCAR and IPY (ICSU and WMO). The contact point will be Dr Jan-Gunnar Winther at the Norwegian Polar Institute (winther@npolar.no).
- The conclusions and recommendations of the workshop will be prepared by an open ended contact group led by Norway and will be reported to the ATCM XXXIV.

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