

# **Implementation of the International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008**

## **Joint Statement**

Representatives of the Chairmanship of the Arctic Council and the undersigned organizations met in Reykjavík on 25 April 2004 to discuss the implementation of the International Polar Year (IPY) to be held in 2007 - 2008.

The representatives were of the view that the IPY offered an important opportunity to stimulate cooperation and coordination on international polar issues, to increase awareness and visibility of the polar regions and to take important steps in furthering polar research.

The representatives shared the overall interest of making the IPY a success and committed to coordinating their efforts to this end, working closely with the Arctic Council and other international organizations having particular responsibilities in the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

Reykjavík, 25 April 2004

The Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP)

The European Polar Board (EPB)

The Forum of Arctic Research Operators (FARO)

The International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)

The IASC Pacific Arctic Group

The International Permafrost Association (IPA)

The Scientific Committee of Antarctic Research (SCAR)

*\* Other bodies may wish to be added to the list*

