



Forum of Arctic Research Operators

FARO Annual Meeting 2024

21 March, 09:00 – 17:00 UK time, Hybrid meeting
Edinburgh, Scotland, UK hosted at the University of Edinburgh

Agenda

09:00 - 15:30 Open Meeting

1. Opening Session: led by Jennifer Mercer, FARO Chair (30 minutes)

Welcome and introductions

Approval of meeting minutes from 2023

Adoption of the Agenda

Report from the Chair

2. Updates from Countries - Session I (30 minutes)

5 minutes allowed for each country

Please focus on:

1. General updates
2. Information on ICARP activities/contributions
3. Overview of planned vessels/icebreaker capacity, with updates on status and date of availability of the vessels/icebreakers.
4. Update on modernizing infrastructures in terms of green transitions

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

Updates from Countries - Session II (60 minutes, continued from above)

3. Thematic discussions (60 minutes)

a. Decreasing vessel interference with subsistence hunting

Invitations to summarize efforts will be extended to Canada, USA, and Greenland

b. Field safety and Polar bear training – training materials and resources

- c. Follow up discussion on sexual harassment and bullying prevention
Updates on implementation from various countries
Open invitation to provide updates – please reach out to the secretariat.

4. Updates from other organizations and projects (5 minutes)

IASC (ICARP IV status) – Gerlis Fugmann

12:30-13:30 Lunch/Coffee Break

5. Updates from other organizations and projects, 5 minutes each (45 minutes)

- COMNAP – Dirk Mengedoht
- Arctic Funders Forum - Egill Thor Nielsson
- AFoPS – Siti Aisah Binti
- PAG – Jacqueline Grebmeier/Christina Goethel
- EPB – Renuka Badhe
- POLARIN – Nicole Biebow
- INTERACT – Elmer Topp-Jørgensen

6. FARO 5-Year Strategic Plan (45 minutes)

- FARO strategy prioritization and implementation of Key actions
- Discussion in plenum

7. Conclusion of Open Meeting

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 Internal business (closed)

8. Administrative business: Jennifer Mercer, FARO Chair

- i. The FARO Secretariat - 2023 finance report
- ii. 2024 budget
- iii. Refining 'FARO Chair and ExCom terms and election procedures' (agreed 1 April 2017) – specifying need for diversity and time elected ExCom member serve
- iv. Election of FARO Chair and ExCom members for the period 2024-2027 (Anyone wishing to present themselves, or others, as ExCom members are welcome to do so up until the point of voting. Please contact the secretariat).

Members with terms expiring:

- USA, Jennifer Mercer. Elected 2021-2024 (chair)
- Iceland, Anna Olafsdottir. Elected 2021-2024 (ExCom)
- Japan, Takuji Nakamura. Elected 2021-2024 (ExCom)

FARO ExCom should strive for at least 1 member from the Americas, 1 from the Asian countries, 1 from the European countries.

- v. Next FARO Annual meeting during ASSW 2025 in Boulder, Colorado, United States from 21 - 28 March 2025
- vi. Any other business

9. Wrap up: Jennifer Mercer

17:00 End of meeting

Join us at 17:00 for an event to toast and celebrate past and new members of the ExCom and the Chair
