



# Forum of Arctic Research Operators

## FARO Annual Meeting 2026

Saturday, March 28, 08:30-17:00

*Room: Preben Hornungstuen*

## Agenda

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**08:30 - 09:30 Internal business (closed session)**

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### 1. Opening Session: led by Dirk Mengedoht, FARO Chair

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from 2025
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Report from the Chair

### 2. Administrative business: Dirk Mengedoht, FARO Chair

- i. FARO 2025 finance report
- ii. FARO 2026 budget
- iii. Next FARO Annual Meeting during ASSW 2027
- iv. Any other business

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*09:30-10:00 Coffee break*

**Open Meeting 10:00 -17:00**

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### 3. Welcome to the open session: Dirk Mengedoht, FARO Chair

### 4. Updates from Countries

**5 minutes** allowed for each country. Please focus on:

1. Brief, general overview relevant to FARO
2. Update on any national involvement in the International Polar Year (IPY) activities.
  - planned or ongoing national contributions
  - Description of relevant infrastructure in place or under development (e.g. vessels, stations, logistics, data systems) that support IPY and ICARP activities
3. Overview of planned or available research vessels and/or icebreakers.

- Timeframe of availability (when), operational areas or routes (where), capacity
- Points of contact for coordination or further information

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***12:00-13:30 Lunch***

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**4. Updates from organizations and projects, including a short update on IPY (60 min).**

- COMNAP – tbd
- AFoPS – Thamban Meloth
- PAG – Sung-Ho Kang
- EPB – Maria Grigoratou
- POLARIN – Nicole Biebow
- INTERACT – Elmer Topp-Jørgensen
- Arctic Science Funders Forum – David Hik
- ICARP and IPY – Gerlis Fugmann

**5. Thematic discussions (60 min)**

How can FARO contribute to IPY?

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***15:30-16:00 Coffee break***

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**6. Thematic discussions (60 minutes)**

- Polar Connect/Pan-Arctic Cable System project/ Julia Muchowski
- Satellite infrastructure for communication in the Arctic/ Benoît Pirenne

**7. Wrap up: Dirk Mengedoht**

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**17:00 End of meeting**

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