



Forum of Arctic Research Operators

FARO Annual Meeting 2026

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

Room: Preben Hornungstuen

Agenda

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

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

09:30-10:00 Coffee break

Open Meeting 10:00 -17:00

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

12:00-13:30 Lunch

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

- AFoPS – Thamban Meloth
- COMNAP – Antonio Quesada
- PAG – Sung-Ho Kang
- EPB – Maria Grigoratou
- POLARIN – Nicole Biebow
- INTERACT – Elmer Topp-Jørgensen
- Arctic Science Funders Forum – David Hik

6. Thematic discussions (60 min)

How can FARO contribute to IPY?

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

7. Thematic discussions (60 minutes)

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

8. Wrap up: Dirk Mengedoht

17:00 End of meeting
