



Forum of Arctic Research Operators

FARO Annual Meeting 2023

17 February, 08:30 - 17:00 GMT+1 (local time Vienna): Hybrid meeting

ASSW 2023 will take place in the main building of the University of Vienna:

University of Vienna, Main Building

Universitätsring 1

1010 Vienna, Austria

Room: Erika-Weinzierl Saal

Agenda

08:30 - 15:30 Open Meeting

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

Welcome and introductions

Approval of meeting minutes from 2022

Adoption of the Agenda

Report from the Chair

2. Updates from Countries - Session I (60 minutes)

5 minutes allowed for each country

Please focus on:

1. General updates

2. Highlighting large future projects

3. Efforts to reduce environmental impacts (on vessels, stations etc.)

4. General information on availability/opportunities for international infrastructure access in the next 2 years (*e.g.*, vessel access, station access, resource sharing opportunities)

10-10:30 Coffee break

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

3. Thematic discussions (90 minutes, may be continued after lunch if needed)

- **INTERACT Elmer Topp-Jørgensen (15 minutes)** on *Reducing carbon footprint of Arctic research*
- **EPB guest speaker Pjotr Elshout (15 minutes)** on *Reducing environmental impacts of Arctic research*

Discussion (30 minutes)

1. Finding solutions with budget challenges and geographic priorities in mind

- Reducing carbon footprint of Arctic research
- Technology challenges and solutions in the Arctic
- Reduced access and collaboration opportunities

13:00-14:00 Lunch/Coffee Break

(ASSW Lunch break runs 12:30-14:00, but FARO will adjourn for lunch at 13:00 if needed to maintain agenda)

4. Updates from other organizations and projects, 5 minutes each (30 minutes)

- COMNAP – Dirk Mengedoht
- AFoPS – *tbd*
- Polar Observing Assets Working Group – Bill Manley
- IASC (ICARP IV status) – Gerlis Fugmann
- PAG – Jessica Cross

5. FARO 5-Year Strategic Plan (30 minutes)

- Presentation of Strategic Plan (by Katy Smith and Kate Ruck from NSF)
- Discussion in plenum

6. Conclusion of Open Meeting

15:00 – 15:30 Internal Business Meeting begins (closed)

7. FARO 5-Year Strategic Plan continued

- Internal discussion
- Looking beyond the Strategic Plan (next steps)

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

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

8. FARO 5-Year Strategic Plan continued (15 minutes)

9. Open floor for discussion on Fostering Safe and Inclusive Working Environments in the Field (20 minutes)

- With guests from NSF: Rhonda Davis, Peggy Hoyle, Sarah Williams, and Alexandra Isern

10. Administrative business: Jennifer Mercer, FARO Chair (20 minutes)

- The FARO Secretariat - 2022 finance report
- 2023 budget
- No elections needed (no expiring terms)
- Next FARO Annual meeting during ASSW 2024 in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 21 - 29 March 2024
- Any other business

11. Wrap up: Jennifer Mercer (5 minutes)

17:00 End of meeting
