# CliC Progress and Plans Update to WCRP JSC 34

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### Organizational Status

- New Director and Office Assistant
  - Institutional memory and community challenges
- 5 year agreement with NPI for hosting
- Agreements / Sponsorship Changes
- New Chair (Greg Flato, Canada) and SSG members
- New Website / Resources / Mailing List / Newsletter
- New Foci and Direction
  - ... New Energy ?!?



## CliC Sea Ice Working Groups

- Antarctic Sea Ice Processes & Climate Group (ASPeCt), co-sponsored by SCAR
  - Standardized observation collection data procedure and archive
  - Glossary & Image Library
  - Arctic Group planning similar process
- Short note: Observational needs for sea ice models
- Sea Ice Researcher Survey
- Project catalog and data collection information





www.climate-cryosphere.org/index.php/meetings/seaice2013

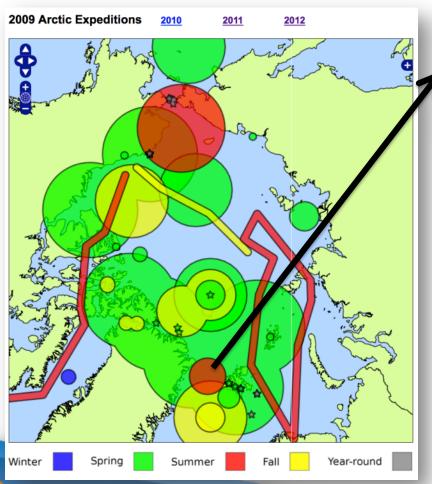






### Iceplan.org

Arctic sea-ice measurement campaign coordination



Project Title	Season
Pan-Arctic Measurements and Arctic Regional climate model simulations (PAM-ARCMIP)	Spring
Characterization of Arctic Sea Ice Experiment 2009/ CASIE09	Summer
WGS84: 80.036150°, -1.114182° UPS North: 1978437.371094m, 891301.388281m	

- Title
- Dates/Season
- Contact Person
- Website
- Platform
- Measurements
- Collaborators
- Status
- Description



# ICE WATCH

Home of the Arctic Shipborne Sea Ice Standardization Tool (ASSIST) Data Network

- Developed by Jenny Hutchings and Alice Orlich CliC Arctic Sea Ice Working Group
- Observer name
- Observer notes
- Photos
- Vessel name
- Date/Time (GMT)
- Latitude and longitude
- Total concentration of ice
- Weather conditions
- Primary, secondary, and tertiary ice values for:
  - Concentration type, Floe size, Ice thickness, Melt pond concentration, depth, freeboard, pattern, surface type, Presence of algae and sediment, Snow depth and type, Surface topography

http://www.iarc.uaf.edu/en/icewatch/



### CliC SSG 9



## New Targeted Activities

- West Antarctic glacier/ocean modeling
- Understanding linkages between cryosphere elements
- Coordination of cryosphere observations for model evaluation and prediction initialization
- Arctic freshwater system synthesis
- Ice Sheet Model Intercomparisons
- Arctic climate scenarios information archive and delivery
- Permafrost retrospective simulation, merged with remote sensing
- Water availability from mountain glaciers; response to climate change
- New Fora:
  - Ice Sheet Modeling, Sea Ice and Climate, Permafrost Modeling
- WCRP Cryosphere in a Changing Climate Grand Challenge

#### West Antarctic Glacier-Ocean Modelling

- David Holland, NYU (Lead)
- This group aims to create state-of-the-art regional-scale simulations and physically-based estimates of sea-level change coming from WAIS over the present century and beyond
- Produce a climatological, annually-repeating simulation, forced by a 'common-year' forcing data set with atmospheric, oceanic, glaciological, and bathymetric inputs for initial and boundary conditions
- Followed by model intercomparisions to address what is the response of WAIS to IPCC scenario climate forcing
- ~5-year project, resulting in multiple papers and a contribution to the IPCC and a CliC contribution to the Regional Sea Level Grand Challenge

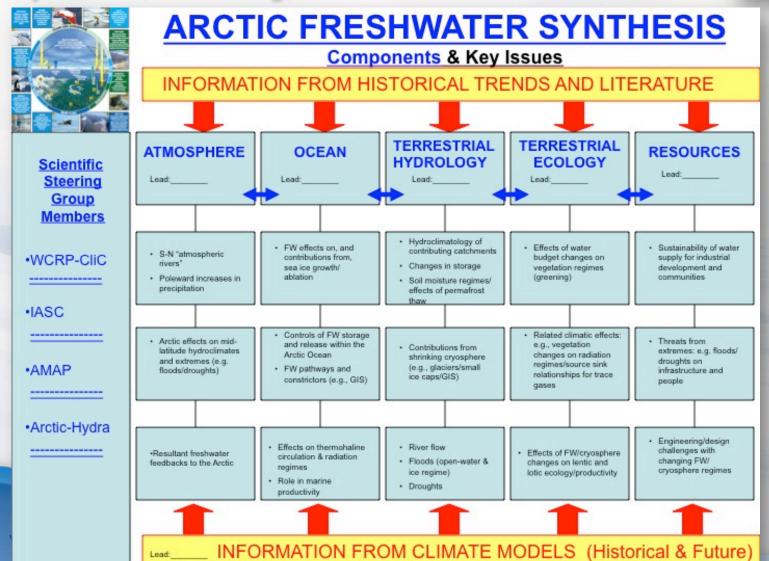




# Arctic Freshwater Synthesis

GEVEN

- Terry Prowse, Arvid Bring, Johanna Mård Karlsson





# Ice Sheet Mass Balance and Sea Level Rise (ISMASS)



- Francisco Navarro, Edward Hanna, Frank Pattyn
- interactions between Ice Sheets and the Climate System: process studies, sustained and targeted campaign-based observations, and model experiments.
- evaluation and promotion of scientific understanding of ice sheet models:
   contributions to global sea level rise

http://www.climate-cryosphere.org/en/events/2012/ISMASS/Results.html





- Predictions and Projections of Polar Climate
  - Polar Climate Predictability Initiative (SPARC)
- Cryosphere Model Biases and Shortcoming
- Ice Sheet Models, dynamics and sea level rise
- Permafrost and Carbon for Earth System Models

http://www.climate-cryosphere.org/index.php/meetings/wcrp-cryo-gc-2013

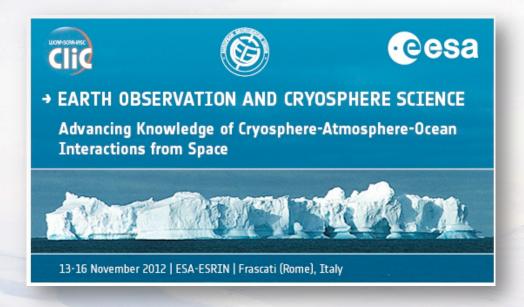




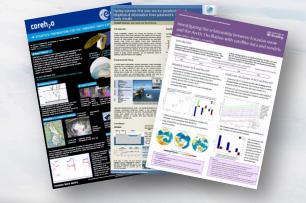
## 2012-2013 Meetings and Events

- Ice at the Interface: Atmosphere-Ice-Ocean Boundary Layer Processes and Their Role in Polar Change June 2012
- Ice Sheet Mass Balance Workshop July 2012
- Tidewater Glacier Workshop August 2012
- ESA-CliC-EGU Earth Observations and Cryosphere Science Nov 2012
- Norway–China: Research collaboration in sea ice, snow and climate science Jan 2013
- 9th Session of the CliC Scientific Steering Group Feb 2013
- Norwegian Sea-Ice Networking Workshop Feb 2013
- 2nd International Workshop on Passive Microwave Sea Ice Concentration Feb 2013
- 8th Session of the CLIVAR/CliC/SCAR Southern Ocean Panel Feb 2013
- Education Meets Science: Bringing Polar Research into Classrooms Mar 2013
- Radiosonde Observations for Arctic Data Assimilation Study Workshop Apr 2013
- Arctic Freshwater System Synthesis Meeting (Apr) and Workshop (~Oct/Nov 2013)
- Vulnerability of Permafrost Carbon Network Meeting May 2013





- Lakes, rivers, hydrology and permafrost
- Snow, snow albedo and snow water equivalent
- Reducing uncertainties in mass balance estimates
- Ice Sheet Dynamics
- Ice Shelves
- Ice-Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions
- Glaciers and Ice Caps
- Sea Ice
- ~200 scientists from 30 countries
- Report to ESA on scientific needs
- Special Issue of The Cryosphere
- Poster Archive





# 2013 Upcoming Meetings

- Antarctic Ice Rises Workshop
- WCRP Cryosphere in a Changing Climate Grand Challenge Workshop
- Arctic Freshwater Assessment Workshop
- Estimating rates and sources of sea-level change during past warm periods (a PALSEA2 workshop)
- Northern Hemisphere Polar Jet Stream and Links with Arctic Climate Change
- Arctic CORDEX Workshop
- ESA DUE Permafrost Workshop
- Revision/update of CliC Implementation Plan Meeting





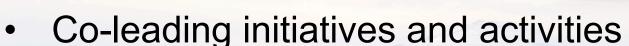
### 2014 Potential Meetings

- Inter-comparison project of Thermo-Hydraulic codes for cold regions hydrology
- THAW 2014: Freshwater ecosystems in changing permafrost landscapes
- IGS Sea ice in a Changing Environment
- Permafrost Young Researches Workshop
- Ice Sheet System Model Training Workshop / Intercomparison Workshop
- Coordination of cryosphere observations for model evaluation and prediction initialization
- Antarctic ice-shelf and ocean coupled modeling
- Arctic climate scenarios information archive and delivery
- Permafrost retrospective simulation, merged with remote sensing data
- SSG 10 Svalbard?



### Early Career Researcher Support

- Travel funding
- Workshop planning



- Databases and catalogs
- FrostBytes and videos







#### New CliC Resources

- Cryosphere in the Media/News
- Recent Cryosphere Literature Publications
- Community Calendar and Planning Resource
- Cryosphere Community News
- Polar and Cryosphere Job Opportunities
- Videos, Photos, Reports and Other Useful Stuff
- Cryosphere Specialist Directory
- Lead WCRP Communications improvements
- WCRP Travel funding procedure













# Coming up...

- Project organizational development plans
- Develop operating procedures and branding
- Review current working groups / panels
- Better connections to WCRP Core Projects
- Cryosphere Thesis Database
- Journal Abstract Podcast Series
- Webinars for Science Communicators
- Outreach and Capacity Development Committee
- Cryosphere Projects Catalogue
- 'Revision' of CliC Implementation Plan
  - ... hopefully increase staff / institutional memory



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