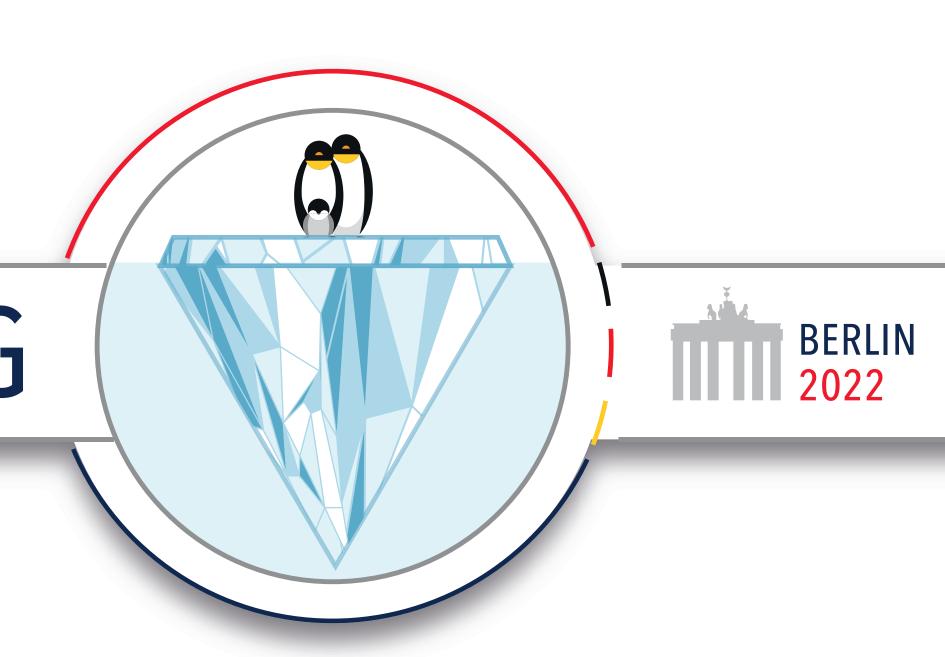
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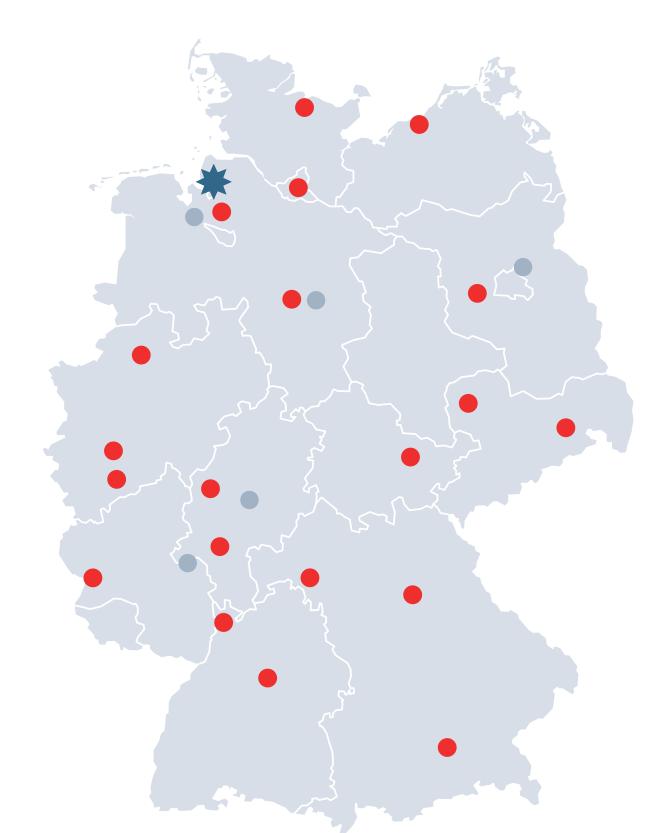


The <u>National Committee SCAR/IASC</u> plans and coordinates the polar research of German universities in cooperation with the Alfred Wegener Institute and other institutions.

Our annual meetings are a forum for discussing national and international topics of polar research and infrastructure amongst the German polar research community. Meeting participants gain access to reports from SCAR, IASC, and research stations, as well as other topics of interest suggested by the community members, such as:

A code of conduct for reducing the environmental impacts of field work
Antarctic Specially Protected Area designations: Calls for terrain experiences and shared data and information that advocate for designation status
Increase in German participation in the new SCAR research programs

With our website https://scar-iasc.de, we aim to facilitate networking for polar researchers, and increase polar research visibility amongst the general public.



Polar Research institutions in Germany

Alfred Wegener Institute

Universities

Other institutions

Deutsche
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German Research Foundation





The National Committee nominates German members to working groups and committees of SCAR and IASC. In 2021, more than 70 German scientists are members of SCAR and IASC, and 20 German universities have been involved in polar research.

The National Committee SCAR/IASC was established by the German Research Foundation (DFG) in 1992 to represent German research in the Antarctic and Arctic at the International Science Council (ISC). The director of the Alfred Wegener Institute and the chair of the National Committee represent permanent German delegates to SCAR.

The DFG has supported Antarctic research since 1981 with the priority program SPP 1158 "Antarctic Research". Thanks to this funding instrument, university research groups in particular get access to the logistics for their research work, which have proven absolutely essential in the harsh Antarctic conditions. As a result, German universities now play a leading role in Antarctic research, and continue to attract and foster future generations of highly motivated junior polar researchers to Germany.

National Committee members significantly contributed to new German polar research agenda





The research agenda was chaired by M. Rhein (University of Bremen) and T. Jung (Alfred Wegener Institute). After it was published in 2021, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research decided to invest an additional 20 million euros into polar research funding.

Executive summary available here:

