



Coordinating German university polar research - National Committee SCAR/IASC

Annual meetings of German polar research community

Interdisciplinary exchange, discussions and initiatives

Networking and science communication via our website

National corresponding body with IASC and SCAR

The National Committee SCAR/IASC was established by the German National Science Foundation (DFG) to plan and coordinate polar research of German universities in cooperation with the Alfred Wegener Institute and other institutions. Polar science at universities is one of the main pillars of German Arctic research, contributing significantly to answering the major questions about the role of the Arctic in the climate system.

The National Committee is a panel in which participants from all polar research fields and the relevant federal institutions meet. It thus offers a broad forum for exchange, discussion, and initiatives. In our annual meetings, we address national and international topics of polar research and infrastructure among the German polar research community, such as:

- IPY 5
- New research programs
- UN Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction



Across Germany, there are many institutes doing polar research. On the map in blue are clusters where several research groups are in the same location.

Through our website <https://scar-iasc.de>, we facilitate networking for polar researchers and increase polar research visibility among the general public. Find out more about Germany’s polar research activities there!

The National Committee nominates German delegates to working groups and committees of the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR). In 2025, more than 70 German scientists are participating in bodies of IASC and SCAR, and 20 German universities are involved in polar research.

National Committee members significantly contributed to new German polar research agenda

Executive summary here:

