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Calendar of Upcoming IPY Events

*For a more complete listing of all IPY events, visit the IPY Web site:
<http://www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/calendar>.*

38th Arctic Workshop
5-7 March 2008
Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research
Boulder, Colorado, USA
For more information: <http://instaar.colorado.edu/AW>

Arctic Science Summit Week 2008
26 March - 2 April 2008
Syktyvkar, Russia
For more information: <http://www.assw2008.org>

European Geophysical Union General Assembly
13-18 April 2008
Vienna, Austria
For more information: <http://meetings.copernicus.org/egu2008>

New Generation Polar Research Symposium
4-11 May 2008
Colorado Springs, CO, USA
For more information, contact: Sheldon Drobot (drobot@colorado.edu) or Sue Weiler (weiler@whitman.edu)

9th International Conference on Permafrost
29 June – 3 July 2008
Fairbanks, Alaska, USA
For more information, visit: <http://www.nicop.org>

Polar Research: Arctic and Antarctic Perspectives in the International Polar Year
SCAR/IASC Open Science Conference
8-11 July 2008
St. Petersburg, Russia
For more information: <http://www.scar-iasc-ipy2008.org>

Conference on Human Dimensions in the Circumpolar Arctic
8-10 October 2008
Umea, Sweden
For more information: <http://www.umea-congress.se/polar2008.html>

Conference on International Polar Year: Global Change in Our Communities
9-12 October 2008
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
For more information:
<http://www.sacnas.org/confnew/confclient/current/session/ProposalInfo.asp?sessYear=2008>

- 1. Next International Polar Day Scheduled for 12 March 2008.** The overall theme of the International Polar Day on March 12th is “The Changing Earth: Past and Present”. The focus will be on change over geological time—especially the glacial and interglacial periods that have occurred during the past million years—and cycles of ocean-atmosphere interactions that give rise to regional climate variations on scales of decades to centuries. Understanding these processes, and the science projects that investigate them, is critical in order to put recent human-induced climate change into context. In partnership with IPY and NASA, a videoconference called the Science of IPY is scheduled for 13 March 2008. For details about the videoconference, visit the Web site on International Action on Global Warming: <http://www.astc.org/iglo>.

The next International Polar Day, on June 18th, will have the theme of “Land and Life”, covering terrestrial ecology, hydrology, and permafrost. The International Polar Day on September 24th will focus on “People and Health”.

- 2. IPY Summer Field Class on Alaska Soil Geography.** Hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the class will consist of a nine-day field trip to study soil morphology and soil formation in the zone of discontinuous and continuous permafrost. Between 6-15 July 2008, participants will spend one day in Fairbanks studying the effect of aspect on thermo-regime along a toposequence, two days at Coldfoot studying soils associated with black spruce at the northern fringe of the boreal forest, and five days north of the Brooks Range studying tundra soils on the Arctic Coastal Plain and the Arctic Foothills. For further information, please contact: Chien-Lu Ping (phone: 907-746-9462; email: pfclp@uaa.alaska.edu).

- 3. Travel Grant Opportunity for SCAR/IASC Conference.** Applications are sought from students, post-doctoral researchers, faculty, and investigators at U.S. institutions for partial travel support for expenses to participate in the SCAR/IASC 2008 IPY Open Science Conference. Young investigators, students, and members of under represented groups are especially encouraged to apply. Successful applicants must present a talk or poster at the symposium and must be enrolled at or employed by a U.S. institution. Priority will be given to students, young scientists, and members of under represented groups. The awards are expected to be in the \$1750-2750 range with lesser amounts awarded to more well established applicants. All associated air travel must be on U.S.-flagged carriers. The deadline for applications is 15 March 2008. For more information and for an application, visit: <http://www.scar-iasc-ipy2008.org>.
- 4. Extended Deadline for Submitting Abstracts for SCAR/IASC Conference.** For the upcoming SCAR/IASC Open Science Conference, scheduled for 8-11 July 2008 in St. Petersburg, Russia, the organizers have just announced that 15 February 2008 is the new deadline for submission of abstracts. Conference attendees are advised to register before 1 April to benefit from the early bird registration fee. For early career scientists who are applying for funding, applications will be considered only when the abstract has been submitted and accepted. For more information, the conference Web site is <http://www.scar-iasc-ipy2008.org>.
- 5. Licensing Requirements for Research Projects in the Canadian North.** Individuals conducting research in northern Canada may need one or more permits to conduct research on the Canadian North, including research conducted in Canadian arctic waters and the Northwest Passage. For territorial research licenses and more information on this topic, please go to:

 - Yukon: <http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca>
 - Northwest Territories: <http://www.nwtresearch.com>
 - Nunavut: <http://www.nri.nu.ca>

Please allow ample time for the permitting processes.

For more information about work permits for foreign nationals, please see the letter posted online at http://dels.nas.edu/us-ipy/IPY_CBSA_Letter_of_Support.pdf.
- 6. POLAR-PALOOZA Comes to National Geographic in Washington, DC.** “POLAR-PALOOZA: Stories from a Changing Planet” is an immersive multimedia presentation featuring original high-definition video clips, polar artifacts, soundscapes, and still photographs—along with engaging stories from some of the country’s leading polar experts. POLAR-PALOOZA features Richard Alley, geoscientist, Pennsylvania State University; Jackie Richter-Menge, sea ice researcher; Richard Glenn, geologist, whaler, traditional drummer, and vice president of the Alaskan Native-owned Lands at the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Michael Castellini, Institute of Marine Science, University of Alaska; Andy Revkin, environment reporter, *New York Times*, and Waleed Abdalati, Cryospheric Sciences Branch, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Starting at 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 2008, you can see POLAR-PALOOZA at the National Geographic building in Washington, DC. For more information, visit: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/nglive/washingtondc/s2008/ecosessions/polarpalooza.html>.

7. February Newsletter Available for Polar Early Career Scientists. The latest newsletter for polar early career scientists is available online at:
<http://arcticportal.org/uploads/GL/v2/GLv2aL24DkXzsP6ef-IDFQ/APECS-February-Newsletter.pdf>.

8. Reports from the IPY International Programme Office: The following IPY reports recently released by David Carlson, Director of the IPY International Programme Office, are available on-line:

February 2008: http://www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/detail/ipy_report_february_2008

January 2008: http://www.ipy.org/index.php?/ipy/detail/ipy_report_january_2008

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