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Invitation to Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan for ASSW2027

On behalf of the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC), Hokkaido University (HU), National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR), Japan Consortium Arctic Environment Research (JCARE), Hakodate city and Local Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the Arctic Science Summit Week 2027 (ASSW2027) in vibrant Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan, for 11–20 April 2027.



Following the ASSW2027 Community Meetings and Workshops, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding the Ninth International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-9) during the latter half of the summit. We hope that this symposium will foster fruitful discussions toward the fifth International Polar Year in 2032–2033.

ASSW2027 will take place in a hybrid format at the Hakodate *Salmon Marunama* Hall and Arena located in Hakodate, a city with a bonanza of urban and natural attractions.

The ASSWs have been organized annually since 1999 by the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) to provide opportunities for coordination, cooperation, and collaboration within Arctic research. We are delighted to host this important annual meeting in Hakodate, Japan, to advance research in the Arctic, bring together scientific knowledge and indigenous wisdom, and discuss pressing Arctic issues and the regional role within global systems.

Preliminary ASSW2027 agenda :

April 11-15, 2027: Community Meetings and Workshops

April 16-20, 2027: The Ninth International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-9)

Important dates:

May 18- October 16, 2026: Call for ASSW2027 Community Meetings and Workshops

May 18- August 1, 2026: Call for ISAR-9 Special Sessions

September 1 - October 1, 2026: Call for ISAR-9 Abstract Submission

Late November 2026: Registration and Draft Programs open

April 11-20, 2027: ASSW2027

Call for ASSW 2027 Community Meetings and Workshops

ASSW2027 will dedicate five main days to IASC & Arctic Community Meetings and Workshops (April 11-15, 2027).

We would like to invite everyone to consider making use of ASSW2027 as a forum where organizations, collaborative research projects and teams could come together. ASSW2027 organizers will be happy to provide logistical support. ASSW2027 will be held in a hybrid format, with each session offering the option of in-person only, hybrid, or online meeting only. Please submit your science community meetings and workshops proposal by using the form below.

Please direct questions regarding ASSW2027 Community Meetings and Workshops to info@iasc.info

SUBMIT YOUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS PROPOSAL HERE

The application deadline is October 16, 2026.

If you are having difficulty accessing the form, please contact us by email.

Call for Special Sessions of The Ninth International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-9)

ISAR-9 - Expanding and Connecting Arctic Research Diversity

ASSW2027 will include the Science Symposium, the Ninth International Symposium on Arctic Research (ISAR-9) (April 16-20, 2027). ISAR places value on diversity, equity, and inclusion in Arctic science, and welcomes your participation. ISAR-9 will be held under the theme of 'Expanding and Connecting Arctic Research Diversity'. Core scientific programs in ISAR-9 consist of Plenary, Regular, and Special sessions. We call for Special-session proposals from Arctic research communities.

Regular sessions

- (R1) Atmosphere
- (R2) Ocean and Sea Ice
- (R3) Rivers, Lakes, Permafrost, and Snow Cover
- (R4) Ice Sheets, Glaciers, and Ice Cores
- (R5) Terrestrial Ecosystems
- (R6) Marine Ecosystems
- (R7) Geospace
- (R8) Governance, Security, Law, and Economy
- (R9) Culture, Indigenous Knowledge, and Co-production
- (R10) Engineering for Sustainable Development
- (R11) Education, Outreach, and Science Communication
- (R12) Geology and Geophysics

Call for Special Session Proposals

Special-session proposals are now solicited. Sessions with interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary themes, as well as those focusing on specific topics, are encouraged. Please submit the form below. The proposers of the session are expected to serve as conveners, who determine acceptance of individual abstracts (accept/reject), the format of presentations (oral/poster), orders, and the length of each oral presentation. Conveners should be composed of two to five members and are also responsible for facilitating the presentations on-site during the session. On-site participation is required for at least two conveners.

Please direct questions regarding ISAR-9 Sessions to assw2027@jamstec.go.jp.

SUBMIT YOUR SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSAL FOR ISAR-9

The application deadline is August 1, 2026.

If you are having difficulty accessing the form, please contact us by email.

Notes

The acceptance or rejection of Special Session proposals will be decided by the ISAR-9 Program Working Group and the Scientific Steering Group (SSG), and proposers will be notified of the outcome by late August 2026. The proposed sessions may be rearranged by the ISAR-9 Program WG and SSG to avoid redundancies or fill gaps, in which case the proposers are contacted by the organizing committee.

An oral session is made of one or multiple 90-minute slot(s); a minimum of 5 speakers is required for each session. The number of allocated slots for each oral session will be determined based on the number of submitted abstracts and the availability of rooms. Please find more information about past ISARs for your reference here: <https://www.jcar.org/e/isar/>

For more information:

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Email questions to assw2027@jamstec.go.jp

We look forward to meeting you all in Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan