



Defining permafrost research priorities over the next ten years: The ICARP III process

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The Third International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP III) provides a framework to identify Arctic science priorities for the next decade, to coordinate various Arctic research agendas, to inform policy makers, people who live in or near the Arctic and the global community and to build constructive relationships between producers and users of knowledge.

The permafrost community, through the International Permafrost Association, has assembled a core team to coordinate ICARPIII activities. The team has the mandate to produce a short overview of permafrost research priorities for the next ten years based on input from the community. The IPA specifically mandated the group not to limit its focus to the Arctic but to define research priorities for the whole of permafrost research.

Ultimately, engaging all partners, including funders, in shaping the future of research needs, ICARP III will produce a consensus statement identifying the most important Arctic research needs for the next decade and provide a roadmap for research priorities and partnerships.

ICARP III is governed by a Steering Committee established by the participating organizations. It will be structured along scientific themes and include a series of events, culminating in a final conference at the Arctic Science Summit Week 2015.

The permafrost community will engage its members over the year 2014 to produce a statement specific to permafrost research feeding into this process.

In this presentation we highlight the progress made to date in the permafrost community to implement ICARPIII activities and pave the way to the the events to take place at the Arctic Science Summit Week 2015.