

Meeting Minutes

Northern Oceans Panel



Date: 2024- 12-09 **Start date:** 15:30 UTC
Venue: GoTo Meeting **ICPO Staff Host** Joana Gonzalez

Attendees (8)

Petteri Uotila, Benjamin Rabe, Hannah Zanolowski, Milena Veneziani, Lars H. Smedsrud, Xiangdong Zhang, Stephanie Waterman, Joana Gonzalez (ICPO).

Co-Chairs: Petteri Uotila, Benjamin Rabe



Meeting Objective: Updates

Agenda

- Polar Heat Workshop: Report from Petteri, Dorotea, Ben, and others.
- NORP-SORP Summer School: Brief report (Presenter TBD). -Postponed
- Membership:
 - New members for 2025.
 - Co-chair transition (Ben will step down at the end of 2024).
- Annual Report 2024.
- Any Other Business.

Minutes

Membership. Four memberships are expiring, of whom 3 of them are proposed to become ex-officio members: Benjamin Rabe, Dorotea Iovino and Xiangdong Zhang. The panel received 8 self-nominations, and will have 4 members from France, China, and the UK. The



panel is recruiting a new early career member with a background in biogeochemistry and the skills of the others complement the expertise of the panel.

This year's process was different from previous, now most of the candidates were self-nominated, which makes the recruitment process easier as there's no need to contact them to confirm their willingness and availability to serve on the panel. Some of the candidates were also nominated last year.

Xiangdong Zhang asked about the ranking of the nominees.

- The panel has already ranked the nominees and the proposal is sent to the ICPO for review. Some of the nominees will be recommended to apply next year. The first meeting with the new members will be held around the beginning of February.

New co-chairs. Petteri Uotila remains and Benjamin Rabe is stepping down; the new second co-chair will be Milena Veneziani.

ASSW-2025 next March in Boulder, USA would be important for the attending NORP members to have a meeting and discussion, and to mention the planning of the Polar Heat Workshop -is also when the IPY is discussing the research priorities for the future, the workshop can be included in these priorities. Lars, Xiangdong, and Milena are planning to participate in person, and Benjamin online, which is also possible.

Stephanie, Lars and Milena will attend CAMAS 2025 in Seattle in mid-April.

Annual Report. The panel discussed the content for the annual report.

- Action: Petteri - to draft the report and send it to the panel to complete the updates in their activities, summer school, publications, etc.
- The annual report for CLIVAR is due on 31 December.
- To include the proposal for the Polar Heat Workshop in 2026, including SORP, OMDP.
- Also CliC asks for an annual report, a short one.

Polar Heat Workshop.

- It is important to decide on venues and dates in advance before contacting potential organizers and funding agencies. Some institutions need up to 8 months for travel authorizations.
- If the workshop is planned for 2026, it is good to have the venue and date decided by spring. A fair location for all the people involved.
- Ocean Sciences Meeting, February 2026 in Glasgow Scotland may be a good place and time; is more likely to have more people from the Arctic and Southern Ocean at



this meeting. The local community in Bergen would be more interested in attending in this location.

- If not possible during the OSM, it can be planned in Edinburgh - a train from Glasgow, or as a satellite meeting before the OSM starts. New Castle is also a good option, the group there may have funding - ask them about interest.
- OSM26: Deadline for session proposals will be published in January 2025. Running a regular session on polar heat transport is an option for the panel, they can get a review effort from them and they can also have a side session for discussion.
- Session topics: State of the art, model resolution to solve the eddies in the polar regions, heat transport. Lars is interested in being part of the convening team, or helping to develop the ideas for the session.
- Regardless of whether there will be a workshop, the session can be proposed.
- Other ideas are to propose a townhall where discussions can also take place.
- Convening a bipolar session is unique for this type of meeting and interesting to have a session separate from the regular ones, although the poster session could be combined with other similar sessions.
- The panel will keep an eye on the schedule and guidelines for sessions and townhall for later discussion with SORP and OMDP.
- Contact the AMOC Task Team to express interest in combining the bipolar theme and linking it through the AMOC.

Co-Chair Petteri thanked Benjamin Rabe for his service to the Panel as Co-Chair, who will continue as ex-officio.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for early February.