

SIOS responses to COVID-19 and the new normal - adapting our strategy for the future

Date and Time: 13 January 2021, Wednesday, 09:40 Am to 12:10 Pm CET

Programme:

09:40–10:10: Introduction session

09:40–09:55 Review of SIOS response and summary from the manuscript: Presentation by Shridhar

09:55–10:10 Summary from the Covid-19 survey: Presentation by William

10:10–10:25: Health Break

All the participants will be divided into 5 breakout rooms to discuss selected topics:

Moderators for breakout rooms: Dariusz, Inger, Christiane, Will, Heikki

Moderators will record the meeting from breakout rooms, facilitate discussion and summarise discussion.

10:25–10:55: Discussion session I

10:25–10:40 Effects of the pandemic on research activities in Svalbard

- Effect on field campaigns in Svalbard in 2020
- Effect on the overall observing system in terms of infrastructure and observation gaps
- Effect on planned projects, new projects, and monitoring programmes

10:40–10:55 Opportunities created by pandemic

- Smart and collaborative field campaigns
 - Sharing logistics in pandemic times
 - Use of EO and RS to decrease the environmental footprint
 - Working on data management tasks
 - Online events (webinars, online conferences, and training courses)
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10:55–11:10: Health Break

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11:10–11:40: Discussion session II

11:10–11:25 What SIOS-KC should do to help you in 2021 field season if pandemic persists?

- Needs from the community for 2021 field season

11:25–11:40 Strategy for future

- Short term future: Filling data gaps in 2020 and managing fieldwork in 2021, immediate funding extensions
 - Mid-term future: 2-3 years: Managing delays in projects and funding
 - Long-term future: 3-10 years: Sustainable plans for long term response to the situation
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11:40–11:50: Health Break

All the participants will return to the main session

11:50–12:10: Summary and next steps

- Summary from moderators (3 minutes each)
- Next steps by Shridhar (5 minutes)