

A Brief Introduction to the Arctic Research Consortium of the United States

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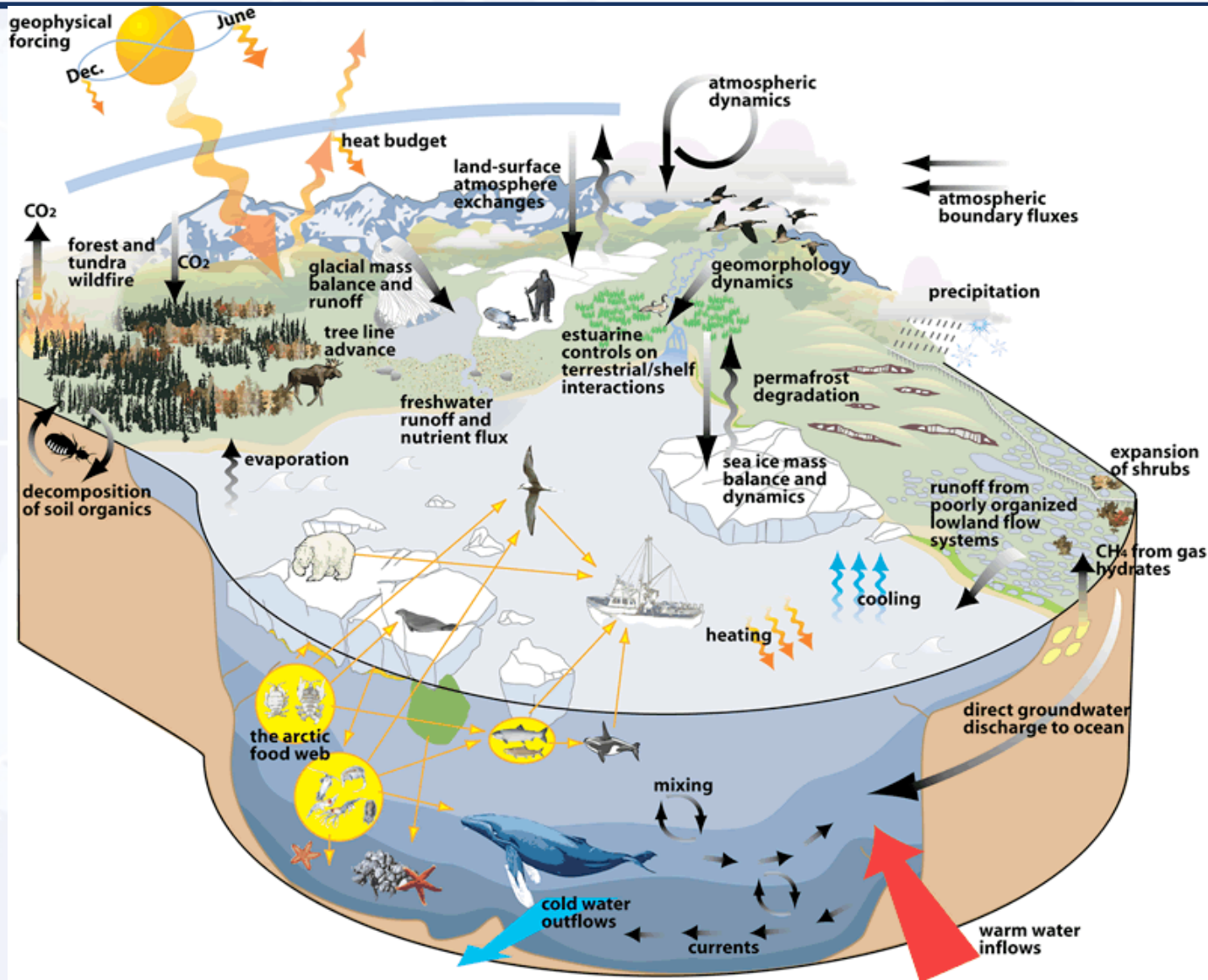
ARCUS: More than 25 Years of Connecting Arctic Research

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1. Arctic research is important.
2. Arctic research is timely.
3. Arctic research is hard.
4. Arctic research is rewarding.

And...

The Arctic is a Complex, Interdependent System



Source: SEARCH, 2005



Understanding the Arctic Requires Connecting Across Boundaries

Sectors

- Academic
- Government
- Industrial
- Indigenous
- Non-Governmental

Disciplines

- Physical Science
- Life / Natural Science
- Engineering
- Social Science
- Education

Career Stages

- K-12
- Undergraduate/Graduate
- Postdoctoral / Early Career
- Professional / Faculty
- Retired

Also

- International / Circumpolar
- Scientists / Society
- Arctic Residents / Global Population

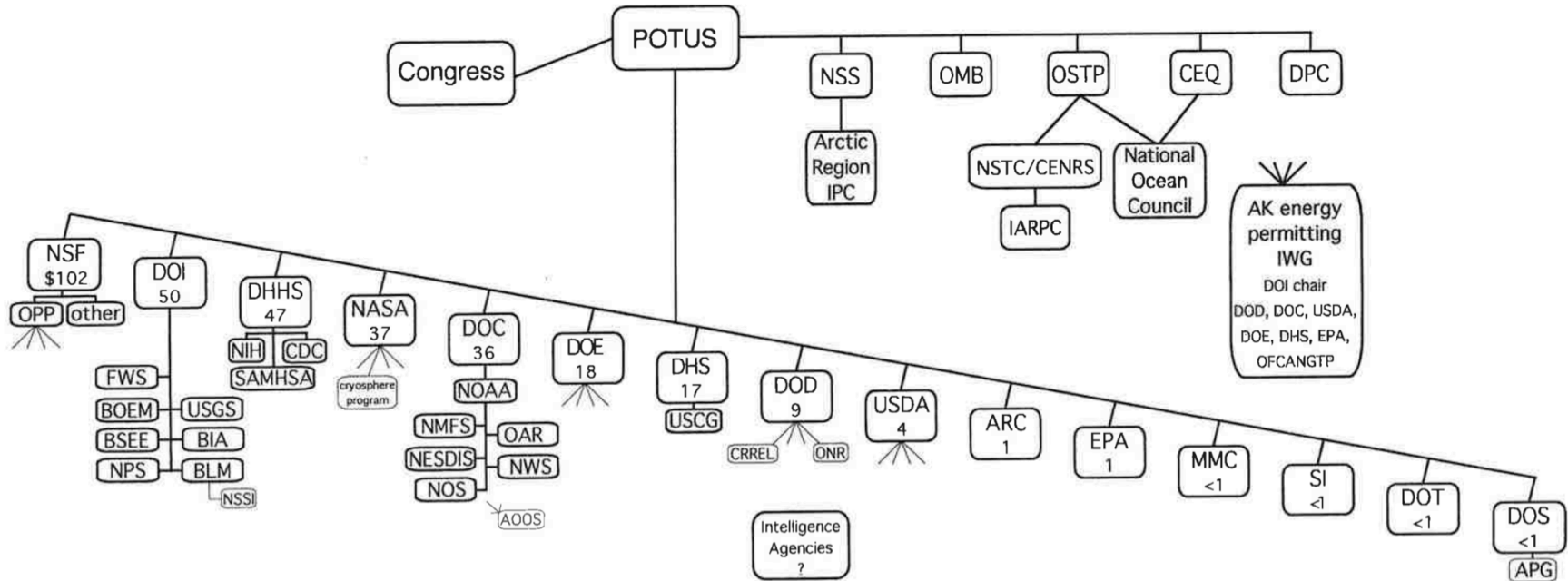
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Arctic research in the Federal government



Budget figures, in million \$, are for FY05, as self-reported by IARPC members and reported in "Arctic Research of the US" vol. 20, published by NSF in 2006

Source: John Farrell, USARC, 2011





ARCUS Vision

ARCUS envisions strong and productive linkages among international Arctic researchers, educators, communities, and other stakeholders that promote discovery and understanding of the Arctic and inform sound decisions related to the Arctic.

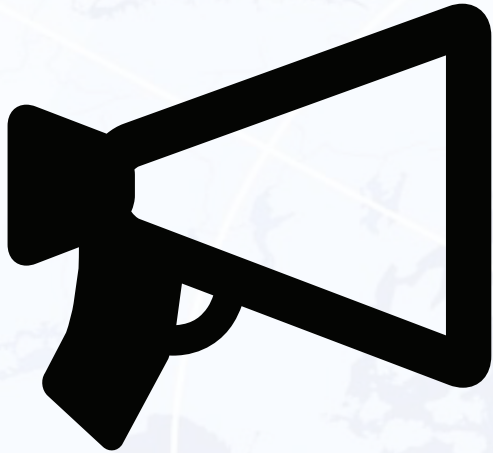


Who We Are

- A Consortium (i.e., association) of the leading Arctic research organizations around the nation and the world
- An engaged Board of Directors
- A dedicated team of 15 professionals spread throughout Alaska, D.C., and four other U.S. states
- Many teams of volunteers making things happen
- A grantee of the National Science Foundation and other agencies
- Dedicated to “**Connecting Arctic Research**” for more than 25 years

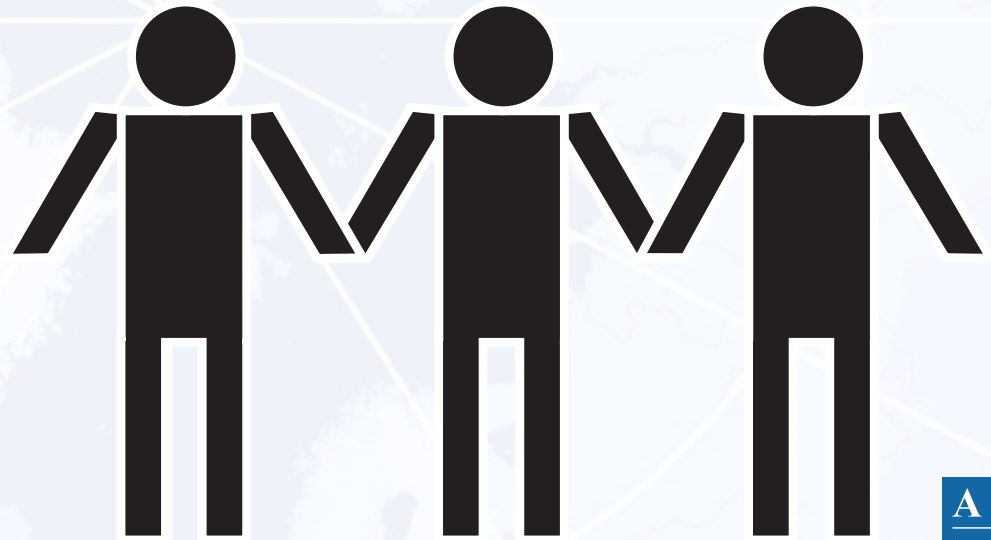


What Does “Connecting Arctic Research” Mean?



- **Communication**

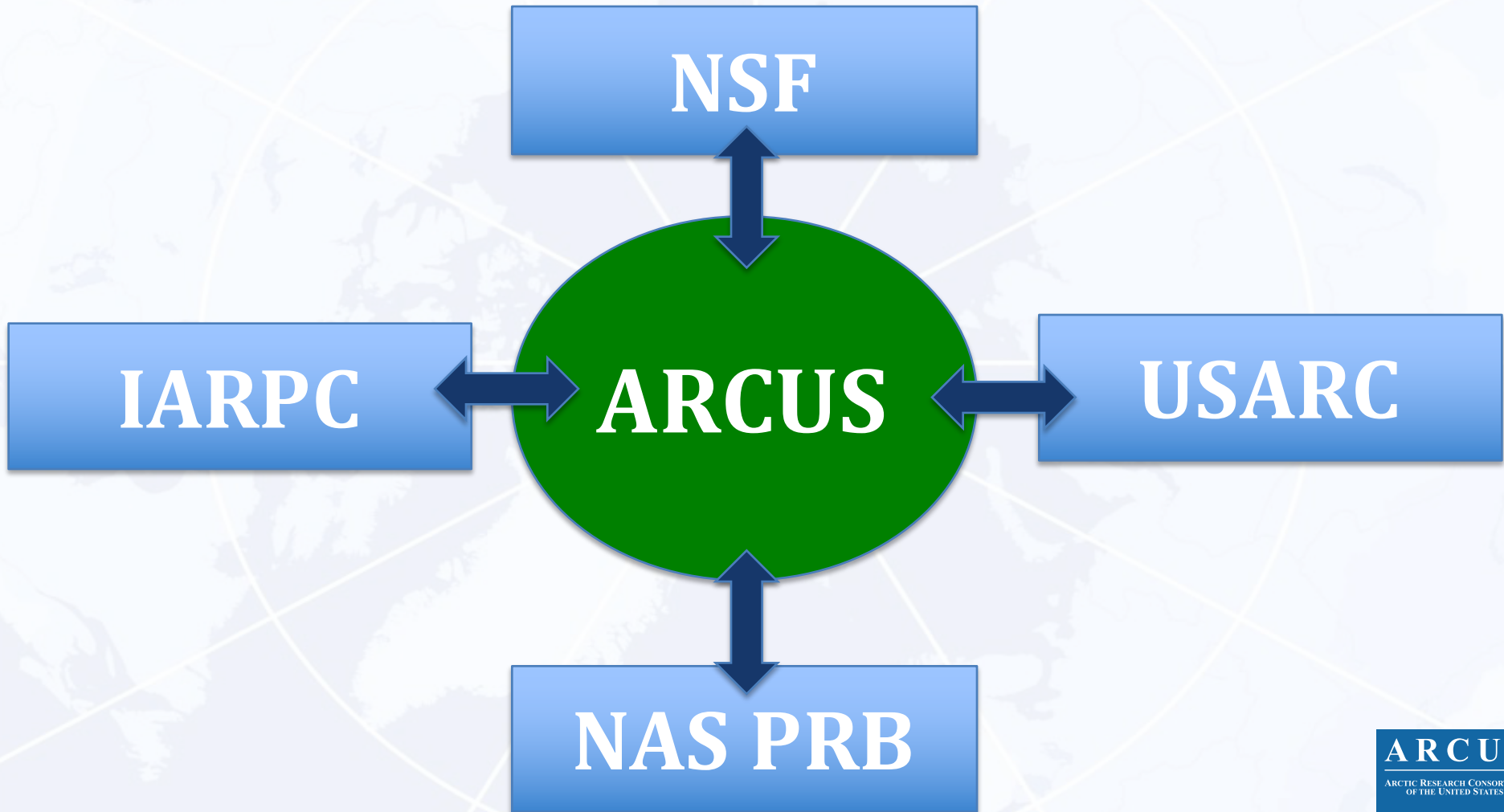
- **Coordination**



- **Collaboration**



Four Central ARCUS Partners



Communication: Electronic

ArcticInfo

Community job, meeting, and resource announcements

More than 6,000 subscribers – **You could be one**

Witness the Arctic

Publication issued 3 times per year

More than 12,000 subscribers – **You could be one**

Directory of Arctic Researchers

Online resource for scientific contacts and collaborators

Contains more than 4,000 individuals – **Are you included?**

Arctic Calendar

Community events schedule

Over 60 events currently posted – **Is your event listed?**

Other ARCUS Communication Vehicles

Twitter: @ArcticResearch

Polar Education Email List, Web-Based Resources, Images, Videos

You can subscribe and explore

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Communication: Meetings

Arctic Science Summit Week / Arctic Observing Summit

- **ARCUS/NAS PRB/USARC Joint Exhibit Booth (through Wednesday)**
- **ARCUS/SEARCH Posters and White Papers at AOS**
- **Spring Equinox 5K Run/Walk to benefit PEI (Saturday)**
- **Updating the IARPC 5-Year Plan Community Input (last Sunday)**
- **The Arctic in the Classroom “Make an Impact” Workshop**
- **ARCUS Open House/Drop-In Event (This Event!)**

Arctic Research D.C. Seminar/Webinar Series

Bringing the latest, most significant Arctic research results to the D.C. community and the world:

- **January 15 – Dr. Julie Brigham-Grette**
 - **February 18 – Dr. Jennifer Francis**
 - **March 31 – Dr. Jeremy Mathis**
 - **April 28 – Dr. Ted Schuur**
 - **You could be next**
- **Sign up to participate at www.arcus.org/research-seminar-series**

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Communication: Informal Meetings and Conversations:

At ARCUS, we work to:

- Promote communication, coordination, and collaboration
- Apply resources to advance the research
- Connect organizations, individuals, and activities
- Inform participants about other related activities
- Trigger creativity and innovation
- Support IARPC awareness, capacity to engage
- Help in outreach and education
- Understand concerns and challenges, bring other resources to bear

Bottom Line: The community is often fragmented and ARCUS can provide connections across boundaries.

Coordination

- **Arctic Observing Network (AON)**
- **Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC)**
 - ARCUS hosted and supported IARPC Team Leaders strategy update meeting and IASC/IARPC meetings in December
 - ARCUS/IARPC developing new collaborative webinar series
 - ARCUS encouraging community engagement through IARPC Collaborations – **Are you on a Collaboration Team?**
- **NSF Risk/Safety Summit Workshops and Report**
 - **You can read the recent report online**
- **The Arctic in the Classroom**
 - Connecting Arctic Researchers, Alaskan Communities, and Educators
 - “Make an Impact” workshop this week



Collaboration:

Study of Environmental Arctic Change (SEARCH)

- Generates and synthesizes research findings and promotes Arctic science and scientific discovery
- Identifies emerging issues in Arctic environmental change.
- Provides scientific information to Arctic stakeholders, policy-makers, and the public to help them understand and respond to Arctic environmental change.
- Facilitates research activities, with an emphasis on addressing needs of decision-makers.
- Collaborates with national and international science programs integral to SEARCH goals.
- Regularly solicits research community input
- Hired new Executive Director, Dr. Brendan Kelly, and completed 2016-2017 program plan.

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Collaboration: Sea Ice Prediction Network

Sea Ice Outlook & Sea Ice for Walrus Outlook



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- Ever-increasing record numbers of submissions each month to Sea Ice Outlook
- Webinar on stakeholder needs and priorities for sea ice prediction
- Post-season reports, peer-reviewed article prepared

- Season is completed for SIWO
- SIWO review article developed



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Collaboration: PolarTREC

- Invigorating polar science education and understanding by bringing K-12 educators and polar researchers together
- Strong track record (more than a decade) of positive impact on researchers, teachers, students, and the public
- New grant award for 2016-2017
- This summer, you are invited to apply as a researcher for the 2017-2018 program

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ARCUS Team



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Accounting Clerk
2014



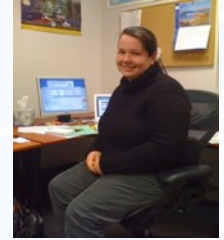
SARAH BARTHLOW
Project Manager-2011



ADA BOWER
Business Manager
2008



LIZ BOWMAN
Executive/Program Assistant
2015



KRISTINA CREEK
Director, Community
Development - 2008



JUDY FAHNESTOCK
Project Assistant-2008



BRIT MYERS
Project Manager
2015



RONNIE OWENS
Web Developer
2004



JOED POLLY
Video/Online Media
2001



ZEB POLLY
Systems
Administrator-2000



ROBERT RICH
Executive Director
2015



LISA SHEFFIELD-GUY
Project Manager
2015



BETSY TURNER-BOGREN
Project Manager
2010



JANET WARBURTON
Project Manager
2000



HELEN WIGGINS
Director of Programs
2003

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Broadening the ARCUS Network

- **Renewed Commitment to Support All Arctic Research Stakeholders**
- **New Member Benefits, New D.C. Office**
- **New Membership Categories:**
 - **Academic / Research Institution / Agency**
 - **Indigenous Organization**
 - **Corporate**
 - **Individual (Arctic Research Supporter)**
 - **You can join, becoming a connector of Arctic research**
 - **Apply today! We can take your application here!**

See www.arcus.org for more information on how to get involved



Scientific Cooperation

- The Arctic research community needs to work across all of the many boundaries
- ARCUS is here to support this communication, coordination, and collaboration

- You are invited to join with us in “Connecting Arctic Research”

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*What else do you want to know
about ARCUS?*

How can we help you to connect?

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*ARCUS is a catalyst for interdisciplinary thinking, acting,
and education leading to the development of highly
collaborative partnerships.*

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