International Study of Arctic Change
Successful initiatives and role international partnerships

• Established Project Office and Steering Group, with cooperation of Sweden and USA
• Science plan, updating the interdisciplinary science agenda for arctic change research in the near to intermediate future – input from scientists in 16 countries
• Hydrology workshop, autumn 2009
• SoA meeting – collaboration with SEARCH, Arctic Net and DAMOCLES
• Placing responding to change at the forefront of the research agenda together with SEARCH
Overcoming impediments to international partnership and coordination

• Highly fragmented arctic research landscape
• Absence of a coherent vision for bringing the fragmented community together
• Continued access to resources
• Increasing program visibility
• Funding for activities other than program office
The future (next 10 years) of coordinated, international arctic science

- Convergence on arctic change as a research priority will enable the scientific community to better work together
- Clarification of the roles and mandates of different arctic groups will ensure maximum use of resources
- Urgency and need for high quality scientific information for problem solving will force entities that support research to increase efforts at international coordination and collaboration