



International Study of Arctic Change

ISAC



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 high quality scientific information for problem solving will force entities that support research to increase efforts at international coordination and collaboration

