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Dear Participant

On behalf of the International Glaciological Society (IGS), I would like to welcome you to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and to the International Symposium on Sea Ice at the interface, the fifth IGS Sea Ice symposium this century. The earliest IGS Sea Ice symposium that I can recall was in 1968, in my home country, Iceland

We have a sea-ice meeting approximately every 5 years and they have all been very popular and very successful. We try to alternate between the north and the south hemispheres so in 4 to 5 years we should reconvene down under. I hope to see many of you there.

I would also like to extend an invitation to those of you who are not already members of the IGS to join the Society. We are a long-established society, founded in 1936, and open to anyone interested in snow and ice.

Membership brings you significantly reduced rates on registration for IGS symposia and workshops, a 10% discount on APCs when you publish in our journals and you can purchase hard copies of the *Journal of Glaciology* and *Annals of Glaciology* (our refereed thematic journal) at significantly reduced rates.

The interest in glaciology which will have brought you here has been addressed in the past by IGS meetings (published in the *Annals*). There was a symposium on 'Sea Ice and its Interactions with the Ocean, Atmosphere and Biosphere' held at Fairbanks, Alaska, USA, in 2000 and published in *Annals* 33. We also sponsored a symposium on 'Sea Ice', held in Dunedin, New Zealand in 2005 and published in *Annals* 44 and 'Sea Ice in the Physical and Biochemical System', was held in Tromsø, Norway, in 2010 and was published in *Annals* 52(57) parts 1 and 2. The last IGS sea ice symposium was held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, in 2014 with the theme 'Sea Ice in a Changing Environment' and selected papers were published in *Annals* 56(69) parts 1 and 2. The Sea Ice community is a very enthusiastic crowd and the sea ice symposia are always very interesting events..

There are many more issues of the *Annals* that touch upon the topic – it would take too long to list them all here but a comprehensive list can be found on the IGS website. We are convinced that this symposium and the subsequent publication of *Annals* 81 will contribute substantially to the ongoing scientific discussions about sea ice. It is worth noting that all papers in the *Annals of Glaciology* are published as Gold Open Access.

IGS symposia and publications cover a myriad of subjects of interest to glaciologists today. In July next year we are sponsoring a symposium in Durham, UK, with the theme 'Ice Streams and Outlet Glaciers'. In September 2020 we are co-sponsoring, along with WMO, IACS, SCAR, IAHS and many others, a symposium, 'Cryosphere 2020 – Ice, Snow and Water in a Warming World' in Reykjavík, Iceland.

The IGS also has several local branches where glaciologists from a specific region meet and discuss their on-going work. Often, it is at these branch meetings that young scientists give their first scientific presentation to their fellow students and their peers in the glaciological community.

We are planning more symposia several years into the future so there is a lot to look forward to. Please keep checking our website at www.igsoc.org for the latest news.

You can fill in a membership application form online through our website. The stronger our Society, the better able it will be to serve its members and the science in which we all have an interest.

I hope you enjoy this Symposium and resolve to be with us again in the future.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary General