## International Glaciological Society

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Dear Participant

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On behalf of the International Glaciological Society (IGS), I would like to extend an invitation to those of you who are not already members of the IGS to join the Society.

The interest in Snow Science that will have brought you here to the beautiful town of Davos, Switzerland, has been addressed in the past by several IGS meetings (published in the *Annals*) such as: 'Snow and Motion', which was addressed in Fort Collins, Colorado, USA, in 1979 (published in Journal **26**(94), 'Snow & Ice Processes at the Earth's Surface', in Sapporo, Japan, in 1984 (published in Annals **6**), 'Snow & Glacier Research re Living Conditions', in Lom, Norway, in 1988 (published in Annals **13**), 'Snow and Snow-Related Problems' in Nagaoka, Japan, in 1992 (published in Annals **18**), 'Applied Ice and Snow Research', in Rovaniemi, Finland, in 1993 (published in Annals **19**), 'Snow and Avalanches', in Chamonix, Mont Blanc, France, in 1997) (published in Annals **26**), 'Snow, Avalanches and Impact of the Forest Cover', in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2000, (published in Annals **32**), 'Snow and Avalanches', in Davos, Switzerland, in 2003 (published in Annals **38**), 'Snow Science' in Moscow, Russia, in 2007 (published in Annals **49**), 'Snow and Avalanches' in Manali, India, in 2009 (published in Annals **51**(54)), 'Snow, Ice and Humanity in a Changing Climate' in Sapporo, Japan, in 2010 (published in Annals **52**(58) and 'Seasonal Snow and Ice' in Lahti, Finland, in 2012 (published in Annals **54**(62)).

As you can see, the theme of 'Snow Science' has been well covered by IGS symposia in the past and now, after almost 20 years, we are returning to Davos, one of the most esteemed Snow Science centres in the world.

IGS symposia and the *Annals of Glaciology* cover a myriad of subjects being addressed by glaciologists today. Membership of the Society not only brings you full online access to all IGS publications dating back to 1947, it also allows you to register for IGS symposia and workshops at a lower rate and as an IGS member you get 10% discount on Article Processing Charges, APCs.

Already we are in the process of planning future meetings, which will highlight several different aspects of glaciology. In 2023 we have a symposium in Bremerhaven, Germany, on 'Sea Ice Across Spatial and Temporal Scales' followed by one on 'The Edges of Glaciology' held in Limerick, Ireland, and in 2024 we have a symposium on 'Verification and Validation of Cryospheric Models' to be held in Newcastle, UK.

We are also planning symposia on themes such as 'Artificial Intelligence in Glaciology', 'Radioglaciology', 'Ice Drilling Technology' and many others, as we are planning symposia several years into the future.

So, there is a lot to look forward to. Please keep checking our website for the latest news. And if you and your team are interested in hosting an IGS symposium, please get in touch with the IGS Secretary General at igsoc@igsoc.org.

For us to continue to organize our symposia we need the support of our members, so please renew your membership and, if you are not a member already, please join us. You can fill in a membership application form online through our website. The more members we have the stronger our Society and the better it will be able 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

Magnús Már Magnússon Secretary General