



INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR  
**OSLO SCIENCE CONFERENCE**  
2010 8-12 JUNE



## The largest polar science gathering ever

OSLO, 8-12 JUNE 2010



### Register now!

- › Catch up with the latest in all aspects of polar science through 41 sessions and 2500 presentations!
- › Enjoy networking at this unique meeting of the international polar community!
- › Join us in celebrating the accomplishments from the International Polar Year 2007–2008!

# Welcome to Norway



Since the early days of polar history, Norway has seen the importance of presence in both the Arctic and the Antarctica, and has taken the responsibility that comes along with this presence. The international interest in the polar regions is growing, not least due to the awareness of the challenges posed by climate change. Joint scientific efforts such as the International Polar Year are needed to meet these challenges and to manage the environment in the best possible way.

The IPY has enhanced our understanding of the polar regions. The IPY Oslo Science Conference will be the first opportunity to present the outcomes of the largest international polar research programme of all times. I find it particularly promising that so many young scientists, and enthusiasts involved in education and outreach, have contributed to the programme.

As a major contributor to polar research in general and the IPY in particular, Norway is proud to host the IPY Oslo Science Conference. On behalf of the Norwegian Government, I welcome you to the Conference. I trust that IPY Oslo Science Conference will serve as an inspiration to the whole polar research community to carry forward the legacy of this impressive joint research programme.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tora Aasland".

Tora Aasland  
*Minister of Research and Higher Education*



**The IPY Oslo Science Conference** will have 2500 presentations of the full breath of IPY research, education and outreach. These will emphasize the breadth and global impact of polar research and the urgent and compelling IPY contributions to new knowledge about climate change.

The event will also chart future directions for polar science and observations. The International Polar Year 2007–2008 (IPY) attracted more than 50,000 participants from 60 countries covering a wide variety of disciplines and activities. Visionary data managers, science educators, members of northern communities, young polar scientists, exhibition designers and filmmakers – all these partners in IPY's success will join the Oslo Science Conference.

**Venue** The IPY-OSC venue is located at Norway Trade Fairs in Lillestrøm – 11 minutes by train from Oslo Central Station and from Oslo Airport Gardermoen.

Compared to most capitals, Oslo is a very compact city. Public transport makes it easy to reach popular tourist spots like the famous Holmenkollen ski jump, the Edvard Munch Museum and Bygdøy, with the Viking ships, Fram and Kon-Tiki. The city centre and the harbour with Aker Brygge has a pulsating life in the summer. More info on <http://www.visitoslo.com>.

## Overall programme plan

31st May – 7th June	Pre-conference excursion – CLIMATE PILGRIMAGE – to Svalbard	
6th – 7th June	APECS workshop	
	PolarTEACHERS conference	
7th June	Business meetings and side events	
	Registration open – Oslo Airport Gardermoen and Norway Trade Fair	
	Icebreaker	
8th June	Plenary, Official opening	Parallel science and EOC sessions, poster sessions, PolarEXPO, PolarCINEMA
	Afternoon popular highlights session	
	APECS speed networking	
9th June	Plenary lecture	
	PolarFESTIVAL, Oslo city centre	
	Barbeque at the Fram museum	
10th June	Plenary lecture	
	Afternoon popular highlights session	
11th June	Plenary lecture	
	Afternoon popular highlights session	
12th June	Plenary lecture	
	Closing reception	
	Post-conference excursions	

**Science programme** The science programme of 35 sessions will provide excellent opportunities to catch up with the latest polar research. Prominent plenary lectures speakers will add perspective to the main themes.

The sessions are organized in 6 main themes:

- 1 Linkages between Polar Regions and global systems
- 2 Past, present and future changes in Polar Regions
- 3 Polar ecosystems and biodiversity
- 4 Human dimensions of change: health, society and resources
- 5 New frontiers, data practices, and directions in polar research
- 6 Polar science education, outreach and communication

More details about each theme and session on [www.ipy-osc.no/](http://www.ipy-osc.no/)

**Early career** The IPY-OSC will set a new precedent for the involvement of early career scientists. The Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) is arranging a Professional Development Workshop and a networking reception with senior mentors. Stipends and travel support will help 400 early career scientists to attend the conference. See [www.apecs.is/oslo2010](http://www.apecs.is/oslo2010) for details.

### Education, outreach and communication

There will be 6 sessions related to education and outreach activities. Other activities include a PolarFESTIVAL in Oslo city centre, and a PolarCINEMA.

**Social events** Social events include Icebreaker on 7th June and a visit to the famous polar ship Fram with Barbeque on June 9th.

**Excursions** The excursions will be open to bookings on a first-come-first-served basis. There is a pre-conference cruise to Svalbard – CLIMATE PILGRIMAGE – from 31st May until 7th June, timed so that participants can fly from Longyearbyen to reach the Icebreaker Party in Oslo. Registered participants for IPY Oslo Science conference will be able to attend the cruise at discounted rates. Other post-conference destinations include the fjords and glaciers in western Norway, Bergen, Tromsø, and the Sami communities in the North. The full excursion programme will be announced on the conference website.

**Exhibition** The conference site also includes exhibition space, PolarEXPO, where organisations and businesses operating in the polar environment can meet and show state-of-the-art equipment, products and services. PolarEXPO is also an ideal setting for science publishers to display their most recent books and journals. The exhibition area is located in the same hall as the poster presentations, ensuring a significant flow of people through the area. PolarEXPO can accommodate more than 200 exhibitors.

**Business meetings** There are extensive facilities for business meetings before, during or after the conference, generally at no extra cost for registered participants on a first-come-first-served basis. Requests to [askn@rcn.no](mailto:askn@rcn.no)

## REGISTRATION FEES

Up to Early bird registration deadline 8th March	EURO 490
From 9th March and onsite	EURO 590
Children under 16	Free
Accompanying person (does not cover attendance at the venue, but includes all social activities except Barbeque)	EURO 90
Press (approved "Press registration form" with required documentation)	Free
Teachers and early career scientists (approved application, deadline 20th January)	EURO 240
+ Barbeque 9th June, includes transport, food/drinks and entrance to the Fram Museum. (Separate registration because of transport.)	EURO 20

Registration fees include: Icebreaker Monday evening, access to all parts of venue , free transport between central Oslo and the venue, lunches and coffee breaks during the conference

**Register now!**

## HOTEL BOOKING

We recommend you to book hotel rooms as soon as possible and simultaneously with your registration. All hotels, except Thon Hotel Arena, are located in walking distance from Oslo City Centre. Hotel Arena is part of the conference venue. Single rooms are offered at rates ranging from EURO 100 to 250, double rooms EURO 120 to 300, per night.

June is very busy in Oslo. We cannot guarantee hotel room if the reservation is made after 8th March!



### NEWSLETTER

Keep up to date on the conference, and receive reminders, by subscribing to the conference newsletter.

For registration and updates visit [www.ipy-osc.no](http://www.ipy-osc.no)

