**Call for Expressions of Interest to Host the WCRP International Project Office for the Climate and Cryosphere**

The World Climate Research Programme is soliciting offers to host an International Project Office (IPO) to coordinate its cryospheric activities from **1st January 2019** onward.

**Background**

The Climate and Cryosphere Core Project[[1]](#footnote-1) (CliC) of the World Climate Research Programme[[2]](#footnote-2) (WCRP) serves as the focal point for climate science related to the cryosphere, its variability and change, and interaction with the broader climate system.

All WCRP IPOs, including CliC, will play a paramount role in refining and implementing WCRP’s upcoming 2019-2029 strategy, including their own strategic contributions to the programme.

CliC activities have resulted in a wealth of cutting-edge research, valuable data products, and innovative use of models to project changes in the Polar Regions and other frozen areas globally.

Cryospheric research coordinated by CliC covers the Arctic, Antarctic, high-elevation mountain areas across the globe, as well as broad regions experiencing snow, lake or river ice, and permafrost. CliC supports many cryosphere-related modelling studies within the “CMIP6” climate model experiments, which will underpin the upcoming 6th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). It works closely with a variety of partners, including the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, the International Arctic Science Committee and the Global Cryosphere Watch, an initiative of the World Meteorological Organization supporting all key cryospheric observations. It informs a range of stakeholders in relevant socioeconomic domains and provides input to international efforts like the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and their contributions to society.

WCRP’s cryospheric research has a notable impact on policy fora, in particular the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings, the Arctic Council and its Working Groups, and UNFCCC.

**Hosting the WCRP International Project Office for the Cryosphere**

The CliC IPO is currently hosted at the Norwegian Polar Institute in Tromsø until December 31, 2018.

The CliC IPO consists of a full-time Director and an Executive Officer, for which salaries are provided by the host institution. Administrative and IT support is likewise provided by the host institute.

The Director of the CliC IPO reports to the WCRP Joint Planning Staff in close consultation with the CliC Scientific Steering Group for scientific and technical matters, and to the host institution for administrative matters. The CliC IPO is subject to the overall policy directives of WCRP and works in close cooperation with the WCRP Joint Planning Staff in Geneva.

The primary function of the CliC IPO is to provide management support to planning and implementation of WCRP cryospheric priorities. It ensures both appropriate international coordination between different cryospheric activities and scientists as well as collaboration and liaison with other international programmes.

Past host institutions of the CliC office, including their scientists and students, have consistently benefited from elevated international exposure as well as increased leverage in national and international funding and partnership opportunities. The CliC International Project Office can act as a focus for cryosphere research in its host institution and country and through its network, infrastructure and expertise, can facilitate international research collaboration.

**WCRP International Project Office for the Cryosphere (CliC) requirements**

*1. Hosting by an institution with a strong connection to cryosphere and climate research*

In view of the envisaged synergies between host institution and the CliC Secretariat, preference will be given to hosts with a strong record of cryospheric and climate research.

*2. Salaries and benefits for CliC IPO staff*

Currently, the CliC IPO consists of a full-time Executive Director and an Executive Officer, with administrative support (including secretarial and IT) provided by the host institution.

*3. Office space, internet, telephone and other necessary office equipment*

Two separate offices are currently provided with associated computers, telephones and other office equipment. CliC IPO staff should be considered as regular full-time staff and will have access to the same additional institutional facilities as other staff.

*4. Supplies and consumables*

Supplies and consumables are provided by the host as required for regular IPO operations.

*5. Allowance for travel and similar expenses*

A yearly allowance for travel and similar expenses should be provided directly to the CliC IPO by the host (to be negotiated; currently USD 25k annually).

WCRP welcomes offers to host the CliC Project Office for a next hosting period starting from January 1, 2019. Please send a letter of intent by **1st September 2018** to Dr Mike Sparrow, Senior Scientific Officer, World Climate Research Programme (msparrow@wmo.int). General enquiries are welcome under the same address.

**Expression of Interest to Host the WCRP Climate and Cryosphere (CliC) International Project Office**

For completion and return to WCRP Joint Planning Staff (c/o Dr Mike Sparrow, msparrow@wmo.int).

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| **Institute and Contact Information** |
| Point of contact for current Expression of Interest(name, email, phone, position): |  |
| Proposed host institution: |  |
| Proposed operational starting date(proposals are primarily sought for a starting date of January 1, 2019): |  |
| Expected hosting period: |  |
| Existing and/or past other hosted national or international programme offices or initiatives: |  |

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| **Synergies with host institution** |
| Host institution key programmes and activities in cryosphere/polar research: |  |
| Supplementary information: |  |

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| **Financial and timeline information** |
| Organization(s) providing funds for project office hosting: |  |
| Estimated annual overall budget to support the IPO: |  |
| Additional in-kind or other support: |  |

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| Any additional comments: |  |

1. . www.climate-cryosphere.org [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. . [www.wcrp-climate.org](http://www.wcrp-climate.org)

*WCRP’s Mission is to facilitate analysis and prediction of Earth system variability and change for use in an increasing range of practical applications of direct relevance, benefit and value to society. The two overarching objectives of WCRP are: (1) to determine the predictability of climate; and (2) to determine the effect of human activities on climate. WCRP is co-sponsored by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the International Council for Science (ICSU).* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)