

# Societal relevance of polar research

Scientific conference and workshop

## First circular

27 - 28 November 2018

**Venue:** Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences,  
Powstańców Warszawy 55, Sopot 81-712, POLAND

Representatives of natural sciences, in the era of rapidly growing number of projects and plans for the polar research, are encouraged more than ever before to reflect upon the significance and relevance of the scientific research in polar regions for the wider society. This is linked with the other question, namely, how the polar research is perceived and understood by the community, by decision makers, by media and opinion trendsetters.

To stimulate discussion about these topics we would like to examine the relevance of polar research among different countries and particular societies that are rooted in the tradition, history and geographical settings. Due to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of regaining independence there will be a wider presentation of case studies from Poland.

The scientific conference and workshop will be devoted to: (1) presentation and discussion of state of art of interdisciplinary scientific knowledge about social relevance of polar research; (2) brain-storming new ideas, that through excellent studies and well-designed outreach could boost the significance of polar research in contemporary societies in different parts of the world; (3) developing a network of institutions interested in establishing closer cooperation on societal relevance of polar research and preparation proposals to international funding programs.

The language of the meeting is English, authors of presentations are encouraged to present their contributions as papers in peer reviewed journals and in Springer thematic book.

### **Organisers:**

Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences, Centre for Polar Studies

Centre for Polar Studies - the Leading National Research Centre

Committee of Polar Research Polish Academy of Sciences (Section of Social Sciences and Polish Polar Research History)

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### **Organising Committee**

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## **Provisional agenda**

### **27 November**

11:00 – 13:00	Opening ceremony and welcome address; Plenary lectures by invitation (20 min. each)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Lectures by invitation (20 min. each)
19:00 –	Conference dinner by invitation

### **28 November**

9:00 – 12:00	Discussion panel/workshop
13:00 –	Lunch

**Abstracts should be submitted to Magdalena Łacka or Tymon Zieliński before 30 June 2018.**