



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



PolarTEACHERS

You are invited to the
International PolarTEACHERS conference
in Oslo, June 6-12, 2010.



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POLAR YEAR

How to use polar science in your classroom

We invite you, together with 120 other teachers, to the PolarTEACHERS conference in Oslo, Norway on June 6-12, 2010, in conjunction with the IPY Oslo Science Conference.

The International Polar Year (IPY), from March 2007 to March 2009, was a large scientific programme focused on the Arctic and the Antarctic. IPY involved thousands of scientists from more than 60 nations in a wide range of physical, biological and social research. The IPY Oslo Science Conference (IPY-OSC 2010) will be the first major meeting of scientists to share results from IPY research.

Education, outreach and communication (EOC) has been a central part of IPY and we would like to give teachers and other educators the opportunity to share their experiences. If you have not been involved in IPY, but want to use polar issues in your classroom, you are also welcome to participate.

If you are selected as a participant at the teacher conference you automatically become a participant at the science conference during the rest of the week. You are expected to attend both

the teacher and science conferences. You need to arrive on June 5 and depart June 11 at the earliest.

When and where

The introductory part of the teacher conference will take place at The University of Oslo June 6 and June 7 2010. The science conference lasts from June 8 until June 12.

The teachers will attend the science conference and meet regularly during the week to share their experiences and ideas.

Who can participate?

Teachers and educators worldwide including pre-service teachers

How to register?

To participate in the PolarTEACHERS conference you need to register and apply. There are two ways to be selected:

■EITHER: Present a paper to one of the Theme 6 parallel session in the IPY-OSC 2010 by submitting an abstract on a project or activity that you were involved in during IPY.

■OR: Write an application describing how you plan to use polar science in your classroom.

For further instructions on how to register and submit an application please refer to the website



Criteria for selection of participants

- Quality of the abstract for EOC session or the implementation plan for use of polar science in an educational setting
- Quality of application
- Geographic distribution of participants
- Different educator categories

If you are not selected for the conference, you can still participate at the IPY-OSC 2010. You will then have to pay full registration fee and accommodation costs.

Conditions for selected participants

- Reduced registration fee of EURO 245 (full registration fee is EURO 490)
- Travel support by application

The fee covers accommodation from Saturday June 5 until Saturday June 12. The fee also covers two dinners as well as breakfast and lunch from Sunday to Saturday. Participants will also receive a copy of the new IPY resource book, Polar Science and Global Climate.

(NOTE! You must be willing to share rooms with 1 to 3 persons. It will not be possible to pay extra for single rooms. If you want another accommodation you must organize and pay for it yourself.)

Programme

For updated information about the programme, please refer to the website.

Accommodation

(only for teachers participating at the conference) Cochs pensjonat is in the centre of Oslo. 2-4 persons in each room. See:

<http://cochspensjonat.no/englishindex.html>

You can book extra nights for arrival before June 5 and departure after June 12. You have to book and pay directly with the hotel. Extra nights cost from 300-500 NOK per person depending on the room type.

Travel

You must arrange and pay for your own travel. Participants needing financial assistance for travel may apply for a partial travel stipend. Full cover travel stipends will not be given.

An application formula for travel assistance will be sent to the selected participants. You will get the stipend when you attend the conference.

About Oslo

Look at <http://www.visitoslo.com/en/>



About Oslo Science Conference

The main content of IPY-OSC 2010 will be presentation of science from the almost 200 international projects that was part of this huge international science programme. Five themes and more than 30 sessions are devoted to various aspects of change in the Polar Regions, most prominently related to the climate.

The programme includes sessions for presentation of IPY activities and products in education, outreach and communication (EOC):

- Learning Together: The impacts of integrating EOC in IPY
- Incorporating Polar Science into Formal Education
- Adventures in the Field: Impacts of field programs for students, teachers, artists, writers and others
- Global Learning: The impact of the media
- Informal initiatives and Polar inspiration: IPY in museums, art, films, books and drama

A PolarCINEMA will run parallel to the conference and will be screening documentary films and TV-programs, and arrange post screening discussions.

The concurrent PolarFESTIVAL will take place mainly in Oslo city centre, but partly also in the conference venue in Lillestrøm. The festival will include a broad range of outreach events and exhibits, to showcase the first-class outreach products that have been generated during and around the IPY and to provide outreach opportunities for conference delegates.

Participants in the teachers' conference will be able to take full advantage of the programme offered to IPY-OSC delegates, learning about the latest findings in polar science and getting inspired by other educators' efforts and achievements. Our hope is to provide fresh teaching ideas and more tools for the science teacher's toolbox.

Timeline

Abstract submission/application deadline	January 20, 2010
Acceptance of abstracts/applications	February 15, 2010
Acceptance from selected participants	February 25, 2010
Registration deadline for the conference	March 8, 2010

For more information

Contact Karl Torstein Hetland (karlth@online.no)

Or refer to the conference website:
.../Programme/EOC Programme/PolarTEACHERS



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