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NEWS: June 6, 2005 - Dr. Bruce Alberts, president of the US National Academy of Sciences and chairman of the National Research Council, has delivered a report to Congress on planning for International Polar Year 2007-2008, as called for in Senate Resolution 466. The [letter from Dr. Alberts](#) highlights the increasing momentum of IPY planning, provides an overview of the IPY organizing themes, discusses international participation in IPY, and encourages Congress to make the United States a leader in IPY activities. It is accompanied by copies of two National Academies reports, *A Vision for IPY 2007-2008* and *IPY 2007-2008: Report of an Implementation Workshop*.

NEWS: March 13, 2005 - The US National Committee for IPY has issued a [Letter on the progress of US IPY planning](#).

NEWS: November 24, 2004 - To facilitate the submission of arctic social science and humanities expressions of intent (pre-proposals) to the ICSU by January 14, 2004, the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) has launched an [initiative](#) to create a vigorous exchange of ideas, discussion, and active communication.

NEWS: November 12, 2004 - ICSU-WMO has released a new report, "A Framework for the International Polar Year," that summarizes IPY planning.

NEWS: November 9 - The ICSU/WMO IPY "Expression of Intent" is available. US researchers should first read this [cover letter](#) from the US National Committee and then the the WMO/ICSU Cover Letter. A copy of the Expression of Interest Form is available [here](#) and the IPY criteria are available [here](#). Please note that these are all .doc files. Actual submissions of Expressions should be done at the [ICSU IPY Planning Committee Website](#).





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NEWS: October 26 - The NSF has announced a call for proposals that includes IPY submissions. Full details are available at the NSF web site.

NEWS: October 25 - The AGU schedule for IPY is now available. There will be one full oral session, one half oral session, and one poster session.

NEWS: October 20 - The AMS schedule for IPY is now available. There will be one full oral session, and one poster session.

NEWS: October 11 - The U.S. Senate passes S.RES.466 celebrating anniversaries of the International Polar Years and the International Geophysical Year. The full text is available [here](#) and it will be stored on the downloads page.

NEWS: October 11 - The first "newsgram" is available [here](#) and future newsgrams will be available at the [downloads](#) page. These newsgrams will be released monthly and they will provide the latest information on IPY events, proposals, meetings, etc.

NEWS: October 11 - The pre-publication version of the IPY workshop report is available for on-line viewing at http://us-ipy.org/download/ipy_workshop.pdf

NEWS: October 7 - The USNC Vision Report is available as a free PDF at <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/11013.html>

The International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008 is envisioned as an intense, internationally coordinated campaign of research that will initiate the dawn of a new era in polar science. IPY 2007-2008 will include research in both polar regions and involve strong links to the rest of the globe. It will be multi- and interdisciplinary in scope and truly





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international in participation. It will educate and excite the public, and help train the next generation of engineers, scientists, and leaders. It will include elements from a wide range of scientific disciplines, including issues related to human populations.

Please email Rachael Shiflett to add your name to the mailing list for updates on the IPY.

Please email IPYINPUT@nas.edu with comments and questions concerning the IPY.



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