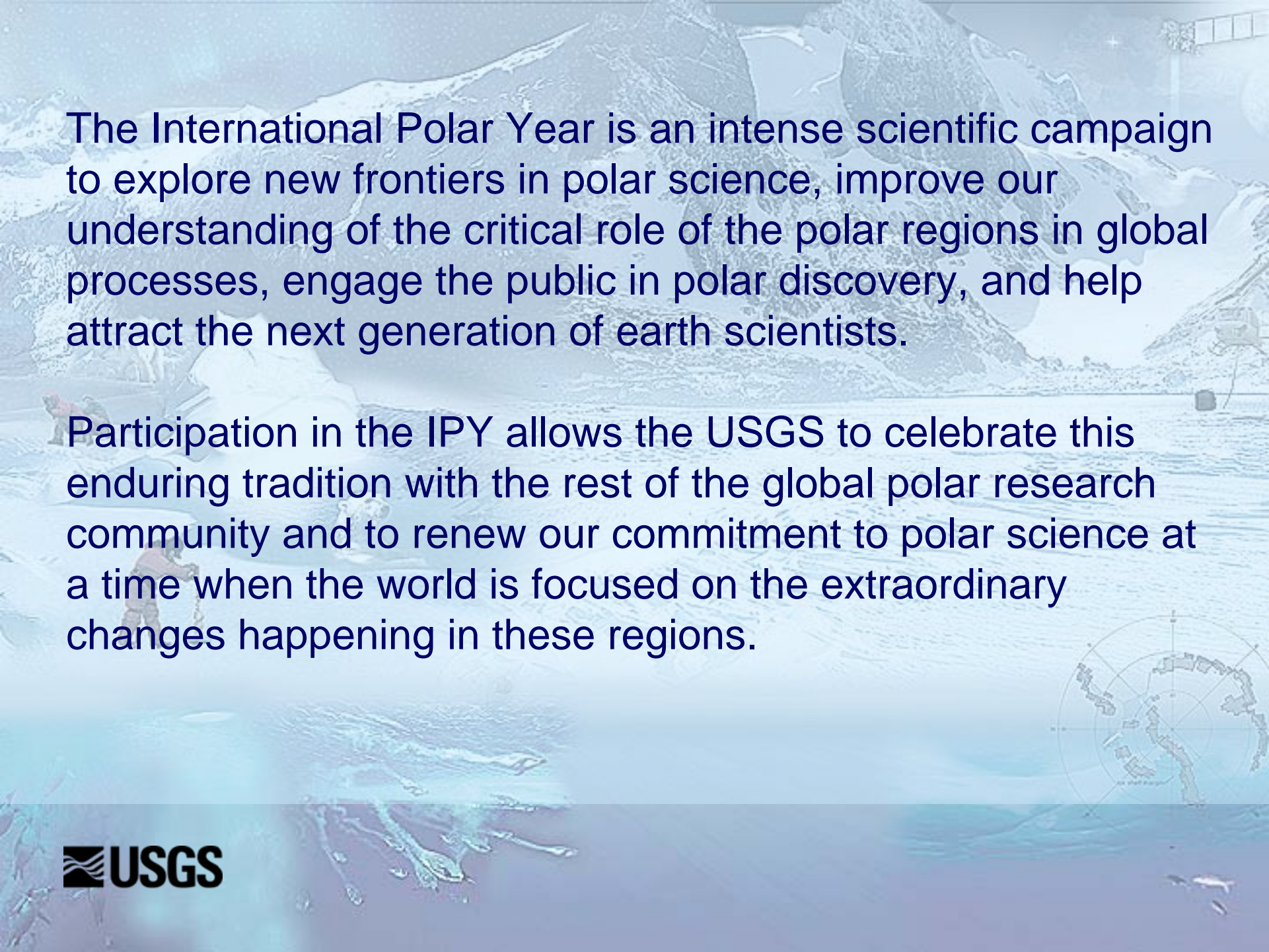




International Polar Year

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The International Polar Year is an intense scientific campaign to explore new frontiers in polar science, improve our understanding of the critical role of the polar regions in global processes, engage the public in polar discovery, and help attract the next generation of earth scientists.

Participation in the IPY allows the USGS to celebrate this enduring tradition with the rest of the global polar research community and to renew our commitment to polar science at a time when the world is focused on the extraordinary changes happening in these regions.

Status of USGS IPY

- Eol submitted on 1/12/05
- Working group established
 - Kickoff meeting at ASC with PRB
 - Internal website for IPY established
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- Full proposal due in June
- IPY coordination role identified within International Office



IPY International Themes

- **Current Status of the polar regions**
- **Change - past and present, social and environmental**
- **New Frontiers of Science**
- **Unique Vantage Point**
- **Human Dimensions**

