

# Seminar Series:

## NOAA work in the high latitudes and the International Polar Year

March-April 2009  
Silver Spring, MD

First Call for abstracts

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## I. Background and Motivation:

The International Polar Year ([IPY](#)) programs involve hundreds of projects and scientists from over 60 nations examining a wide range of physical, biological and social research topics on the Arctic and the Antarctic. NOAA routinely contributes in many ways to atmospheric and oceanographic work in the high latitudes involving scientists, educators, resource managers, and educators across several line offices. NOAA began planning for IPY activities in the fall of 2004 around several projects ranging from exploration, observations, prediction and modeling, to data, outreach, and decision support. The current IPY draws to a close in March 2009.

In appreciation of the scientific advancements and fundamental role of the high latitude regions in global climate change, economics, and society, NOAA scientists, resource policy managers, educators, and other workers involved in Arctic and/or Antarctic are invited to present their work as part of a **NOAA work in the high latitudes and the International Polar Year 2007-2008** seminar series to be tentatively held in the March-April 2009 time frame in the Silver Spring Metro Center Complex ([SSMC](#)). When possible, speakers not in the Silver Spring area may offer seminars remotely via web/phone access. A list of invited speakers is in preparation. There is no cost to participate. There are no funds to pay for the travel expenses of seminar speakers.

## II. FORMAT (tentative)

We anticipate having oral and e-poster presentations as part of the [OneNOAA science discussion seminar series](#) and the [NOAA Central Library Brown Bag seminars](#).

*1. Oral presentations:* Each seminar will include one or two seminar speakers (30 minute oral presentations including 10 min for discussion). In addition, we plan to schedule 1 hour long presentations by invited speakers and selected abstracts submissions. Every effort will be made to offer all seminars via a combination of webcast and phone access. *2. E-posters:* The option is open for presenting results via a 1-5 page presentation in PDF format to be placed online and accessible to the public (details to be determined).

If interested in participating via oral and/or e-poster presentations, please submit a 1-page abstract (PDF or ASCII/text format only) by 15 February 2009; 5:00 PM Eastern Time to both [Hernan.Garcia@noaa.gov](mailto:Hernan.Garcia@noaa.gov) and [Igor.Smolysar@noaa.gov](mailto:Igor.Smolysar@noaa.gov). Every effort will be made to accommodate all speakers and e-posters. Presenters will be selected and notified by 20 February 2009. The option will be retained to recruit visiting scientists as speakers.

## III. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (tentative list, others participants to be added when confirmed)

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