The Academy cooperates with the Arctic Frontiers conference, which brings academia, government and business together to create a firmer foundation for decision-making and sustainable economic development in the Arctic.

The Academy is member of the University of the Arctic, which gives us access to a large network with interesting opportunities to develop educational programs and research projects in cooperation with like-minded partners and institutions.

In 2016, the Academy signed a Collaboration Agreement with the Russian Geographical Society. The Agreement provide challenging opportunities for bilateral cooperation on higher education, research and other activities.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (KVA) and our Academy has established a programme committee for joint presentations, seminars, conferences and projects.

The Polar Regions will no doubt face new and increasing geopolitical, social, cultural, environmental and economic challenges in the years to come.

The impacts on the Arctic region are global in origin and their effects are global in scope. Hence, the quest for knowledge must also be based on global collaboration, cutting across scientific disciplines, transcending national boundaries and traditional political confines.

Events

• Since 2011 the Academy has hosted, in cooperation with like-minded partners, semi-annual international summer schools for young researchers in Longyearbyen, Svalbard. Our goal is to organize summer schools yearly.

• The Academy has their own local committees in Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Tromsø, Bodø and in Longyearbyen.

• Each year, and back-to-back with our annual meetings, we organize seminars or symposiums together with like-minded institutions.

Norway’s King Harald is the Academy’s patron.

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The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP) is the world’s only scientific academy that concentrates on the polar regions and related challenges within all scientific disciplines and in an international perspective.

A brief presentation

The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research (NVP) is a non-profit foundation, established on 27 March 2008, its main office is located in the Arctic, at the University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS) in Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

NVP includes both the Arctic and the Antarctic, it is interdisciplinary in approach, international in effort, collaborative in solution, knowledge based in contribution, and independent in work.

The Academy’s Board consists of a President, a Vice President and four Board members. The Board manages the Academy’s assets and implements activities for promotion of the Academy’s mission.

Academy members

The Academy currently has 150 individual members and one honorary member spread across 19 nationalities (2019). Our institutional members, which support the Academy and participate in its activities, represent universities, research institutions and the private sector.

The Academy’s institutional members (2019) are: UNIS – The University Centre in Svalbard; UiT – The Arctic University of Norway; Nord university; NTNU – The Norwegian University of Science and Technology; UiB –University of Bergen and NORSAR – The Norwegian Seismic Array.

Academy’s vision

The Academy’s vision is to be the central node in the network of international academies and scientific organizations, which are working with research, education and policy challenges in the polar regions.

The mission of the Academy is to:

- Promote research and education in polar areas.
- Stimulate national and international cooperation and interdisciplinary polar research.
- Contribute to communicating the knowledge of polar regions and the people that live there to national and international governing bodies, industry and the public.
- Contribute to the understanding of environmental and climate changes and human activities that affect and are affected by these.
- Promote sustainable development in Svalbard and in northern regions.
- Contribute to the development of expertise at the University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS) and the polar scientific community in general.

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