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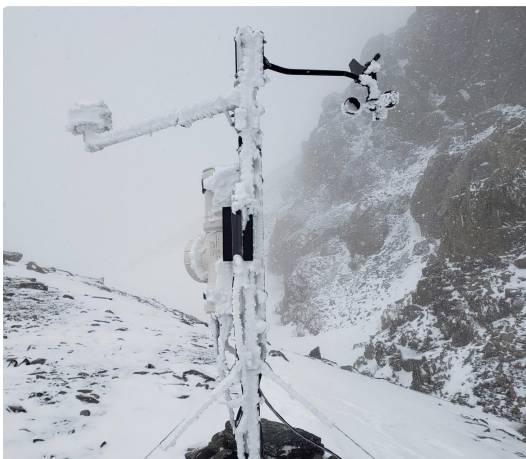
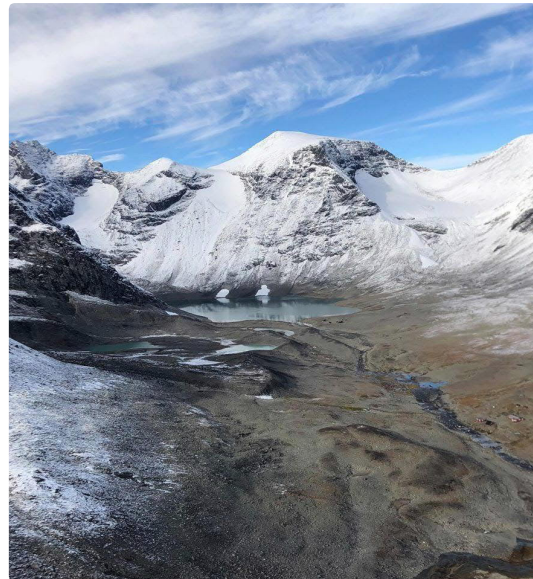


INTERACT Annual meeting held online

Due to the current covid-19 situation, INTERACT Annual meeting was held online during 23-24 September. 92 participants from 16 countries met online. Although a face-to-face meeting would have been an even better platform to create synergies and cooperation, we are all very grateful for the technical possibility to gather this many people and still ensuring that we are taking our social responsibility and mitigate the risk of spreading covid-19. The first day was spent on a workshop focusing on AI and machine learning led by Work Package 6 in INTERACT III, and the second day consisted of the first annual General Assembly for INTERACT III and its second Station Managers' Forum. Minutes from the meeting can be found [here](#).

INTERACT TA Call closed

The TA/RA Call closed on the 15th October 2020 for access taking place in the summer season of 2021 and autumn/winter 2021-22. We received 82 applications, all eligible, for 3469 days of access in total and 627 000 EUR for travel and logistic costs. This is approximately 75% of the record amount of applications we received a year ago for the final TA/RA Call in INTERACT II.



New INTERACT-ive online tools

Each station providing Trans-National, Remote or Virtual Access have identified one or more societal challenges, to which their facilities are especially suitable to respond to by research. The resulting **Infrastructure Matrix** can be used to identify the stations, which would be best suited for your research. Find the Infrastructure Matrix and instructions how to use it [here](#).

Access Modality Selection Tool helps you to choose a suitable modality of access: Trans-National, Remote or Virtual Access, or a

combination of them. Answer simple questions about your study, the data you need for your research, what station support is required etc, and the tool will tell you which form of access would be the best suited for your study. Find the Access Modality Selection Tool [here](#).

INTERACT at meetings

INTERACT has had a busy autumn presenting our project and progress in different online fora:

On the 25 November, INTERACT was presented at the Arctic and Antarctic Days in Moscow, an online meeting where Russia presented the program for its chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2021–2023. INTERACT Scientific Coordinator participated in a panel discussion on “Arctic and Antarctic – A territory of sustainable development, harmony of nature and human being”.

On the 19 November, INTERACT was presented at the NSERC PermafrostNet & Canadian Permafrost Association Joint Virtual Annual General Meeting 2020 in a session called “Making new connections: International Partners”.

On the 11 November, INTERACT was presented at the Arctic Science Ministerial Meeting 3 Webinar “Addressing Gaps and Barriers in International Arctic Science Research”.

On the 2-3 November, INTERACT was presented in the E-exhibition at the meeting “Arena for the gap analysis of the existing Arctic Science Co-Operations (AASCO)”.

On the 27 October, the EU Polar Cluster had its annual meeting and INTERACT, who is a member of the cluster, was present.

On the same day, INTERACT was also presented at the European Polar Science week that was held 26-30 October, organised by the European Space Agency together with the European Commission. The recording of this meeting can be found here: <http://eo4polar.esa.int/>



news from the stations



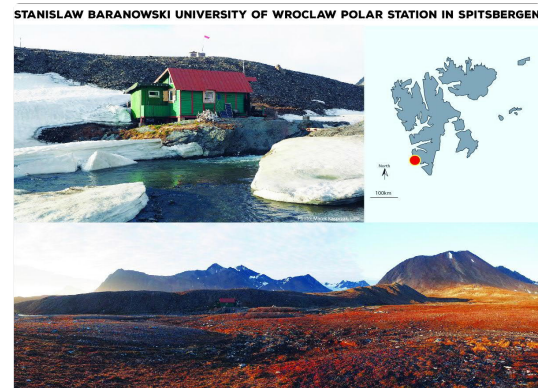
Tales from INTERACT Stations

A new guest blog “Tales from the INTERACT Stations” started at the INTERACT Arctic Research blogs in September 2020. The blog is featuring the different research stations providing Trans-National, Remote or Virtual Access in INTERACT, and the research that has been ongoing at them despite of the challenging times. Some wonderful and very interesting work has been done at the stations!

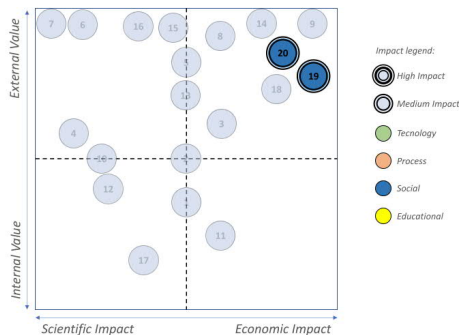
Click [here](#) to join the adventure!

New Station joining the INTERACT Network

The [Stanisław Baranowski University of Wrocław Polar Station](#) in Svalbard has joined the INTERACT network as an Observer Station. The station was opened in 1971 and is located about 1.5 km from the center of the Werenskiöld Glacier. It is open during Arctic summer months (July - September) and supports glaciological, hydrological, geomorphological, geological, geochemical and botanical research.



milestones & deliverables

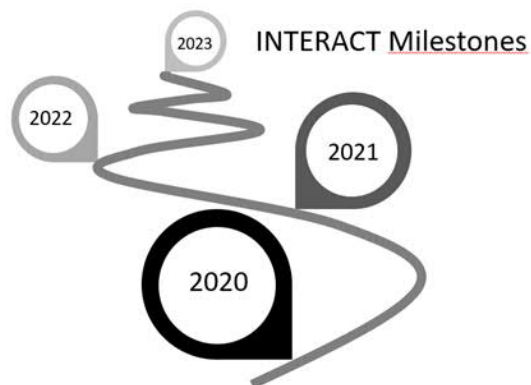


D1.13 – Innovation Monitoring Plan

To determine impacts and improvements of INTERACT III project, several metrics (i.e. system of measurement) have been developed to quantify innovation. The innovation management (Task 1.3 – watch dog) will consist of a continuous evaluation throughout the project of the INTERACT Innovation Factors for each WP, measuring both internal (INTERACT Network Effects) and external (Stakeholders) potential impacts. Proper indicators have been proposed and approved by WP leaders. To evaluate the innovation impacts from all parts of the project, KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) will be periodically collected and reported.

M1.2 and M2.2

M1.2 "General Assembly". This milestone was reached on the 24th of September 2020 together with Milestone M2.2 "SMF Meeting 2". Both these milestones were reached four months ahead of time as the original plan was to hold these meetings back to back with the Final meeting of INTERACT 2 to ensure efficient use of funding.



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