

AGENDA
THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE
UK NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ANTARCTIC RESEARCH

11:00-13:00 25th June 2026

Location: Hybrid – Online MS Teams meeting or BAS Seminar Room 2

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Agenda (P).....Rob Bingham
 2. Unconfirmed Minutes of the Thirtieth Meeting (P).....Rob Bingham
 3. Matters Arising, including Actions from Last Meeting (P).....Rob Bingham
 4. UKNCAR Membership (P).....Jack Humby/Rob Bingham
 5. Report from the Director of BAS.....Jane Francis
 6. Report from the Royal Society.....Ruth Cooper
 7. NERC update (P).....Jess Surma
 8. FCDO update.....Natalie Allen
 9. UK Polar Data Centre (P).....Helen Peat
 10. UKAAP (P)..... Bethan Davies
 11. UK Polar Network (P).....Lucy Stephenson
 12. Diversity in UK Polar Science Initiative (P).....Sammie Buzzard
 13. International Polar Year (2032-33).....Henry Burgess/Petra Heil/Kate Hendry
 14. SCAR Science Reports (P)
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Group.....tbc
- Standing Scientific Groups and Standing Committee Reports
- Geosciences.....Kate Hendry/Stewart Jamieson/Tom Jordan
- Life Sciences.....Pete Convey
- Physical Sciences.....Tom Bracegirdle/Liz Thomas
- SC-ATS (Antarctic Treaty System).....Rachel Cavanagh
- SC-ADM (Data Management).....(covered in Agenda item 9)
- SC-AGI (Geographical Information).....Louise Ireland
- SC-HASS (Humanities & Social Sciences).....Klaus Dodds
- Scientific Research Programmes
- AGATA.....Ingrid Cnossen
- ANTClimNOW.....Rachel Cavanagh
- ANT-ICON.....Adrian Howkins/tbc
- INSTANT.....Jo Johnson

SRP Planning Groups (AGE, C-CAGE)	Huw Griffiths/Stewart Jamieson
Expert Groups, Action Groups, Data Products and Advisory	
AntArchitecture	Rob Bingham
ANTOS	Pete Convey
ANTVOLC.....	Max Van Wyk de Vries
ASPECT (Sea Ice Processes & Climate).....	Petra Heil
Bedmap.....	Rob Bingham
EG-BAMM (Birds and Marine Mammals).....	Ryan Reisinger
FRISP (Forum for Research into Ice Shelf Processes).....	Peter Davis
Groundwater.....	Bernd Kulesa
IBSCO.....	Rob Larter
ICED.....	Rachel Cavanagh/Nadine Johnston
INSYNC.....	Petra Heil
IPICS.....	Liz Thomas
JEGHBM (Joint Expert Group on Human Biology and Medicine).....	Jonathon Lowe
Plastics.....	Cath Waller/Claire Waluda
RINGS.....	Tom Jordan
SOOS/MEASO.....	Sian Henley
SORP (Southern Ocean Region Panel).....	Channing Prend
Other Groups with UK leadership.....	Open
15. Upcoming Science Meetings.....	Rob Bingham/Stewart Jamieson
16. Any Other Business.....	Rob Bingham

Attendance:

Confirmed: Robert Bingham, Jane Francis, Jack Humby, Petra Heil, Huw Griffiths, Louise Ireland, Ruth Cooper, Lucy Stephenson, Bethan Davies, Eric Wolff, Pilvi Saarikoski, Ryan Reisinger, Ingrid Cnossen, Channing Prend, Helen Peat, Natalie Allen, Kate Hendry, Sammie Buzzard, Henry Burgess, Cath Waller, Rob Larter, Peter Davis, Jon Lowe, Bernd Kulesa, Stewart Jamieson, Jo Johnson, Jessica Surma, Rachel Cavanagh, Anne Jungblut, Pete Convey

Tentative/Not yet confirmed: Nadine Johnston, Liz Thomas, Chandrika Nath, Tom Jordan, Matt Warner, Claus-Dieter Hillenbrand, Max Van Wyk de Vries

Apologies: Adrian Howkins, Sian Henley, Eoghan Griffin, Claire Waluda, Mike Bentley, Susie Grant, Klaus Dodds, Elizabeth Petrie, Richard Powell, Thomas Bracegirdle

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