

March 15:

A Year of Polar Prediction side meeting will take place during the Arctic Science Summit Week held in Prague, Czech Republic from March 31st to April 7th. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 31st at 6 pm. Anyone interested in polar prediction is welcome learn and discuss about the current state of planning of various activities during the Year of Polar Prediction.

The Year of Polar Prediction is a major WMO World Weather Research Programme activity to enable a significant improvement in the environmental prediction capabilities for the polar regions, and beyond. It will be officially launched in May this year.

The core period of YOPP (mid-2017 to mid-2019) will entail intensive observation and modelling campaigns in both the Arctic and the Antarctic. This will allow for subsequent forecasting system experiments aimed at optimizing observing systems in the polar regions and providing insight into the impact of better polar observations on forecast skill also in lower latitudes. All observations carried out during the Year of Polar Prediction will be shared through the Global Telecommunication System (GTS) to make them accessible to all WMO member states. Several ways to get involved with the Year of Polar Prediction initiative will be raised during the ASSW side event.

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 31, from 6 to 8 pm.