



The 16th International Symposium on Polar Sciences:
Polar Exploration with ARAON

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to announce that the 16th International Symposium on Polar Sciences will be held in Incheon, South Korea, on June 10-12, 2009. Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) annually hosts polar scientists in the world to discuss the progress and future of polar sciences.

This year, the symposium will be dedicated in particular to celebrate launch of a brand new icebreaker, R/V Araon. Thereby the themes of this symposium will be focused on the polar research that can be achieved on platform of icebreaker or research vessel in the field of geosciences under the banner of “Polar Exploration with Araon”.

Please find attached the first circular of the symposium. Information on the symposium will be updated on our symposium website (<http://symposium.kopri.re.kr/>). We would appreciate it if you forward this information to your colleagues and friends who will be interested in the symposium but have not received this announcement.

When you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee of the symposium, Sung-Hyun Park (shpark314@kopri.re.kr) and Tae Siek Rhee (rhee@kopri.re.kr).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hong Kum Lee'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hong Kum Lee, Director General
Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI)

The 16th International Symposium on Polar Sciences: *Polar Exploration with ARAON*



First Circular

- **When:** 10 - 12 June, 2009
- **Where:** Incheon, Rep. of Korea
- **Website:** symposium.kopri.re.kr

Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) has held international polar symposium every year since 1994, giving an arena to integrate progresses in polar research. The 16th symposium will mark celebration in launch of a brand new icebreaker in Korea, R/V Araon, by providing a forum to discuss and to share ideas on how to exploit research vessels in the polar oceans to advance our knowledge. This year the symposium will focus on (1) interaction of polar ocean systems to the changing climate, (2) past climate archived in the polar oceans and ice-sheets, (3) exploration of hydrothermal vent system in the polar oceans, and (4) tectonics and magmatism at the polar ocean ridges.

Major topics

- Climate change and ocean system
- Paleo-climate
- Hydrothermal vent system
- Tectonics and magmatism at polar ridges

Key dates

- Abstract submission deadline: 17 April
- Announcement of 2nd circular: 1 May
- Registration: 15 May
- Symposium: 10-12 June

Call for papers

Participants wishing to present a paper/poster are requested to submit an extended abstract with references and figures (4 page limit).

Organizing committee

- Sung-Hyun Park (shpark314@kopri.re.kr)
- Tae Siek Rhee (rhee@kopri.re.kr)

Sponsored by Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI)



Contact

Korea Polar Research Institute, KORDI,
Songdo Techno Park, Yeonsu-gu Songdo-dong 7-50, Incheon 406-840, Korea
Tel: +82 32 260 6143 / +82 32 260 6119 Fax: +82 32 260 6109 E-mail: symposium@kopri.re.kr