



SSF-workshops in 2008 and 2009

Svalbard Science Forum (SSF) is at the moment holding a series of workshops in order to initiate science flagship programs in Ny-Ålesund*. There are four flagships planned: 'Kongsfjorden System' (marine science), 'Atmosphere Research', 'Terrestrial Systems' and 'Snow and Ice'.

March 2008: Kongsfjorden System workshop

More information:

<http://ssf.npolar.no/pages/news161.htm>

November 2008: Atmosphere Research

More information:

<http://www.svalbardscienceforum.no/pages/news243.htm>

May 2009: Terrestrial Systems

If you are interested to contribute, please send input to ssf@npolar.no

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<http://www.svalbardscienceforum.no/pages/SSFworkshop.htm>

Snow and Ice

To be announced – probably in 2010

** The Ny-Ålesund Science Plan states “Research within Kongsfjorden International Research Base (KIRB) is comprised of activities at all the stations. Substantial portions of these activities are related and complementary. To release the full potential of these complementarities and simultaneously increase the influence of KIRB in the scientific debate, the stations have agreed to build and implement flagship programs during the plan period. Each flagship program will be guided by a science group. The science group will nominate a leader that will be responsible for calling meetings for defining yearly milestones and goals to achieve the long term visions for the programs.”*

Cooperation in Svalbard

This workshop will be held on the polish vessel Horyzont on 16 - 19 August 2009.

The aim is to strengthen cooperation between the research bases Ny-Ålesund,

Longyearbyen, Barentsburg and Hornsund. Input, ideas and comments are welcome and

can be send to Marzena@npolar.no.