
Guidelines for the consultation of SPI Science Plan

The Swiss Polar Institute (SPI) is looking for feedbacks from interested members of the Swiss science community on the draft version of its first science plan, which should reflect the key strengths, future challenges and main initiatives of the Swiss Polar community.

Background

As a strategy, this document serves to identify the priorities and initiatives, which should be supported by the SPI for the near future up to 2025 and beyond in order to best serve and develop Swiss Polar science.

This paper has been prepared by Swiss Polar Institute's [Science and Technology Advisory Board](#) on the basis of two stakeholder consultations in 2017 and 2018, namely inputs collected during workshops at the Swiss Polar Day 2018 and a Call for Ideas launched by the Swiss Polar Institute in 2017-2018. A number of key stakeholders have also been consulted and their inputs integrated into this document. The Swiss Committee on High Altitude and Polar Research (SKPH) has also actively contributed to this paper.

About this consultation paper

SPI is seeking feedbacks on the identified current strengths and future priorities presented in this paper. As a medium term strategy paper, this document will support the development of SPI's portfolio and present the importance and relevance of the Swiss Polar research community both to a national and international audience. Once finalised, this document will be supplemented by a brief summary for policy makers.

SPI warmly invites researchers from all fields, in particular those which are less active in Polar regions or which feel under-represented in this current draft to submit input through the procedure outlined below. Contributions from the Social Sciences and Humanities community would be specifically welcome.

Procedure

In order to submit a feedback, please download the provided Excel table and present in a few sentences the amendments/additions you suggest within the cell linked to the chapter of your interest. Please try to be concrete and respect the level of detail of this document in order to help the SPI prepare the most precise and convincing case for Swiss Polar science in the future. You are of course welcome to make more than one input/suggestion.

Your input will, once received by the SPI Secretariat, be forwarded to the STAB, which will decide how your input can be integrated. If they decide against integrating a feedback/input, the decision will be briefly justified in the table.

The document is **open for consultation until Sunday, 3 March 2019**. Please make sure to submit your inputs before this deadline as secretariat.spi@epfl.ch.

If you need further information on the process and other SPI activities, just visit the SPI [website](#), or contact us directly via email.