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of cryospheric sciences of  
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International Association  
of Cryospheric Sciences

# IACS NEWSLETTER

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## New webpage

Check out the IACS homepage which has been completely revamped and its look modernized. The page is now hosted at the Department of Geography, University of Zurich. The address is still the same: [www.cryosphericsscience.org](http://www.cryosphericsscience.org).

**NEWS**

**XXVII IUGG General Assembly**  
in Montréal, Canada, July 2019  
[Full IACS Scientific Programme](#)  
(9-13 July 2019)  
[Conference website](#)  
Abstract/travel grant application  
deadline: **18 February 2019**

**Graham Cogley passed away**  
See [Obituary](#)

**Call for nominations for  
Early-Career Scientist  
Award (best paper)**

## New organization of the Randolph Glacier Inventory (RGI) working group

Due to co-chair Graham Cogley's passing in fall 2018 structural changes in the Randolph Glacier Inventory (RGI) working group were necessary. To continue the group's work of updating the RGI and releasing new versions an Executive Committee was formed in January 2019. The Committee includes chair Regine Hock (University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA), Fabien Maussion (University of Innsbruck, Austria), Frank Paul and Phillip Rastner (University of Zürich, Switzerland) and Bruce Raup (National Snow and Ice Data Center, Boulder, USA). The Committee will meet regularly via videoconferencing to work towards a new RGI release and a full transition of the RGI into the GLIMS (Global Land Ice Measurements from Space) Glacier Database. [www.glims.org/RGI/](http://www.glims.org/RGI/)

The Working Group will hold its annual meeting during the IUGG symposium in Montreal in July 2019 .

# Call for nominations IACS early career scientist best paper award

The award is a bi-annual cash prize of € 1000 awarded to two early career scientists (ESC) who have published the best scientific papers on a cryospheric subject as assessed by an independent evaluation committee. The objective of the prize is to recognize excellence in cryospheric science by honouring and promoting two ECS scientists, and to draw attention to the work of IACS.

The award is a cash prize of € 1000 plus a certificate, which will be awarded at the IUGG Assembly in Montreal in July 2019.

The nominee must be an early-career scientist (student or less than 2 years after highest degree).

Nominated papers must have been published between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018.

Download the nomination form and find more details at the IACS homepage.

**Nomination Deadline: 1 March 2019.**

## Join us in Montreal at IUGG 2019

The International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) General Assembly will be held in July 2019 in Montréal, Canada.



IACS will host or co-host more than 30 symposia with a wide range of snow and ice topics. See list session descriptions of the cryospheric symposia:

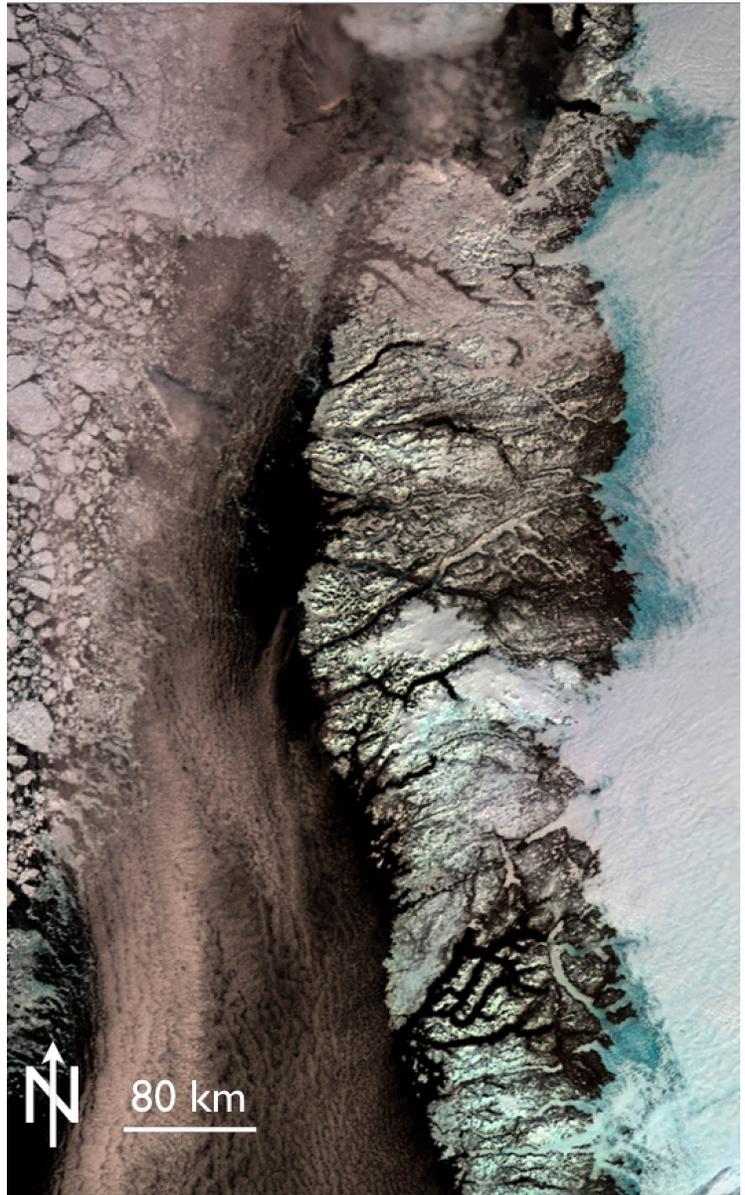
[iugg2019montreal.com/c](http://iugg2019montreal.com/c)

All IACS cryosphere sessions are held in the period 9-13 July. In this period there will also be meetings of the IACS working groups and GLIMS, IACS will held its open IACS Bureau Meeting and Plenary Administrative Session with election of new officers for the IACS bureau for the coming 4 years. IACS will also arrange the Festa Cryospherica and celebrate 125 years of glacier monitoring.

Travel grants are available to support students, early career scientists and attendees from less-affluent countries.

Apply here: [iugg2019montreal.com/travel-grant](http://iugg2019montreal.com/travel-grant)

**Abstract and travel grant deadline:  
18 February 2019.**



Copernicus Sentinel-3A Ocean and Land Color Instrument (OLCI) image of southwestern Greenland, 22 April 2018, showing bare ice conditions along the western ice sheet periphery (blue areas) with a snow covered ice sheet area to the east, clouds and many giant (>20 km diameter) sea ice floes in Baffin Bay to the west. Image provided by J. Box, Geus, Denmark, as part of the ESA study: S34Sci Land Study 1: Snow.

## About IACS

The International Association of Cryospheric Sciences (IACS) is a constituent Association of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG).

IACS promotes and sponsors workshops, symposia and educational activities. IACS has targeted working groups on cryospheric topics.

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[www.cryosphericsscience.org](http://www.cryosphericsscience.org)

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