



NEESPI Science Team Meeting, Helsinki, Finland, June 2-6, 2008. 1st Circular

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Dear Colleague:



You are cordially invited to attend the "**NEESPI Science Team Meeting devoted to the High Latitudes of the NEESPI domain**", which will be held at the University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, on June 2-6, 2008. The Science Team Meeting will also include scientists and/or representatives of Institutions that may consider associating their research with similar NEESPI activities, as well as the representatives of the Earth System Science Partnership Programs and Projects.

.During the past year the number of the NEESPI projects have increased to 125 with a total budget close to \$15M. Research of ~ 75% of these projects is conducted primarily in the high latitudes of the NEESPI domain. Therefore, the main objectives of the **Workshop** will be to review the status of the current NEESPI projects and to formulate major directions for the future studies. This event provides a unique opportunity for each research group contributing to NEESPI (as well as perspective contributing groups) to present their latest results and to demonstrate their current involvement in addressing climatic and environmental issues in the northern half of the NEESPI region.

Your participation in this meeting will be greatly appreciated. In order to plan our agenda and logistics we would appreciate hearing your intent as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please don't hesitate to contact us at neespi@neespi.org (attn: Pavel Groisman) or at Pasha.Groisman@noaa.gov. We will be sending a Meeting Final Agenda to the confirmed attendees by 20th of May 2008. Meanwhile, please find attached The Preliminary Draft Meeting Agenda and Logistics Information. Updates and further information will be posted at <http://neespi.org> (Sub-section "Upcoming events" in the "NEESPI News" Section). If you need assistance with **visas**, please contact our Local Host, the iLEAPS International Project Office, at ileaps-ipo@helsinki.fi.

Sincerely,

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