

International Polar Year celebration and release of the State of Polar Research Report, Geneva, 24-25 February 2009

On February 25th, 2009, as the formal observational period of IPY draws to a close, the IPY Joint Committee will issue a report on the **State of Polar Research**. In conjunction with this release, IPY sponsors International Council for Science (ICSU) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) are pleased to announce an IPY Celebration, including a press conference and presentation, in Geneva, Switzerland. The State of Polar Research report will present an overview of the collective impact of international and interdisciplinary research that has been achieved through the International Polar Year 2007-2008, and will outline the future for polar research. Thousands of scientists from over 60 countries have carried out over 160 research and outreach projects, which advance our understanding in many areas, including global climate change. (More information: www.ipy.org)