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Polar Date Catalogue is 100th Member of ICSU World Data System

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The ICSU World Data System (ICSU-WDS) is delighted to announce that on 11 October 2016, the Canadian Cryospheric Information Network/Polar Data Catalogue (CCIN/PDC) became its 100th Member. ICSU-WDS has reached this milestone after being formed in 2008 by the International Council for Science (ICSU) with a mandate to facilitate scientific research under the ICSU umbrella by coordinating and supporting *trusted scientific data services* for the provision, use, and preservation of relevant datasets. Since 2011, ICSU-WDS has been building a worldwide 'community of excellence' for scientific data stewardship by certifying *Regular* and *Network Member Organizations*—holders and providers of data or data products—from wide-ranging fields using internationally recognized standards. In addition to being its 100th Member overall, CCIN/PDC becomes the 76th certified Member Organization of ICSU-WDS.

Upon hearing that the Polar Data Catalogue had taken this landmark position in the WDS membership, Professor Ellsworth LeDrew (Director of CCIN) stated that 'The World Data System is at the forefront of an international effort to ensure transparent sharing of data and information that is of value for all users across the globe, from the professional to the casual. The Polar Data Catalogue of the Canadian Cryospheric Information Network is proud to join this community and contribute towards the ongoing development of technical and human interoperability.'

Canadian Cryospheric Information Network/Polar Data Catalogue

CCIN was developed to manage knowledge and data generated through polar research; thus ensuring their lasting legacy. Its objectives are to provide a data and information management infrastructure for the Canadian cryospheric research community; enhance public awareness and access to cryospheric information and related data; and facilitate the exchange of information between researchers, northern communities, decision makers, and the public. CCIN's Polar Data Catalogue is a database of metadata and data that describes, indexes, and provides access to the diverse datasets generated by Arctic and Antarctic researchers. PDC records cover a wide range of disciplines from Natural Sciences and Policy, to Health and Social Sciences.

ICSU World Data System

ICSU-WDS promotes universal and equitable access to quality-assessed scientific data, data services, products, and information. It is committed to fostering compliance with agreed-upon data standards and conventions, and providing mechanisms to facilitate and improve access to data. WDS Member Organizations have a national or international remit for scientific data stewardship and coordinate their activities to achieve an overall capability that transcends that of individuals. Regular and Network Members are certified trusted data services covering a broad range of disciplines from the Natural and Social Sciences, and Humanities. Partner and Associate Members are co-opted organizations that provide support and that participate in the WDS endeavour.

For more information on ICSU-WDS:

www.icsu-wds.org

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www.polardata.ca