

## GEOCRI Side Meeting, Polar 2018

Tuesday, 19 June 2018

12.30pm – 2pm

Room A Wisshorn

Open

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Group on Earth Observations (GEO, [https://www.earthobservations.org/geo\\_community.php](https://www.earthobservations.org/geo_community.php)) is a partnership of more than 100 national governments and in excess of 100 Participating Organizations that envisions a future where decisions and actions for the benefit of humankind are informed by coordinated, comprehensive and sustained Earth observations. GEO Cold Regions Initiative (GEOCRI) is a network of organisations, countries and projects within GEO, covering cross-cutting scientific issues and societal benefit areas related to both remote and in situ observations from the world's cold regions including the Arctic, the Antarctic and high-mountain areas. The side meeting will provide an introduction to the GEOCRI, including its main contributors, activities and services to end-users of cold region related Earth observation data. The meeting will especially highlight two ongoing GEOCRI activities: the development of the GEOCRI Community Portal and the Essential Cold Regions Variables.

12:30-12:40 Opening and introduction to the GEOCRI activities -Hannele Savela, University of Oulu/INTERACT/GEOCRI co-leads team

12:40-13:00 Polar Data Planning efforts and GEOCRI Community Portal Development –Peter Pulsifer, University of Colorado/ADC/GEOCRI co-leads team

13:00-13:20 Essential Variables –insights to their development - Gregory Giuliani, University of Geneva Institute for Environmental Sciences/enviroSPACE

13:20-13:40 Essential Cold Regions Variables to reach societal benefits –Yubao Qiu, RADI-CAS/GEOCRI co-leads team

13:40-14:00 Discussion