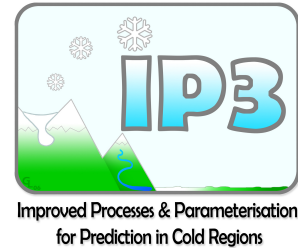


IP3 Scientific Committee Mandate



1. The prime mandate of the Scientific Committee is to maintain the scientific focus and ensure the scientific progress of the Network. The Scientific Committee is accountable for both research integration and research development. The Scientific Committee acts as a valuable asset for the promotion and application of the research advocated by the Network.
2. The Scientific Committee is responsible for the proper advance of research in each field of science presented in the research plan and for the integration of newly acquired knowledge from all research components in a usable form. The Scientific Committee will be responsible for recommending new Network Research projects and whether or not existing Network Research projects should be continued. These recommendations will be based on the scientific soundness and the general progress of research in the pursuit of Network objectives.
3. The Scientific Committee is composed of the Program Leader and the Theme Leaders of the different Themes of the research plan, as well as other selected members, for example, representing government scientists. The Board of Directors will approve the composition of the Scientific Committee. The Chair of the Scientific Committee will be the Program Leader for the first two years and possibly another member of the Scientific Committee afterwards.
4. Each Theme Leader acts as the speaker for his/her Network Theme, reporting results, submitting financial and progress reports, and feeding back Network information to his or her group.
5. The Scientific Committee also has the duty of promoting activities and maintaining linkages with existing international networks and organizations. The Scientific Committee is in charge of the evaluation of the training program of highly qualified personnel and of the promotion of the principle of standardization of research protocols.
6. The recommendations of the Scientific Committee and changes in its composition are subject to approval from the Board of Directors. Scientific Committee members normally serve for the duration of the Network, unless other arrangements are agreed to by the Board of Directors. The members of the Scientific Committee will meet by teleconference or other means at least semi-annually.