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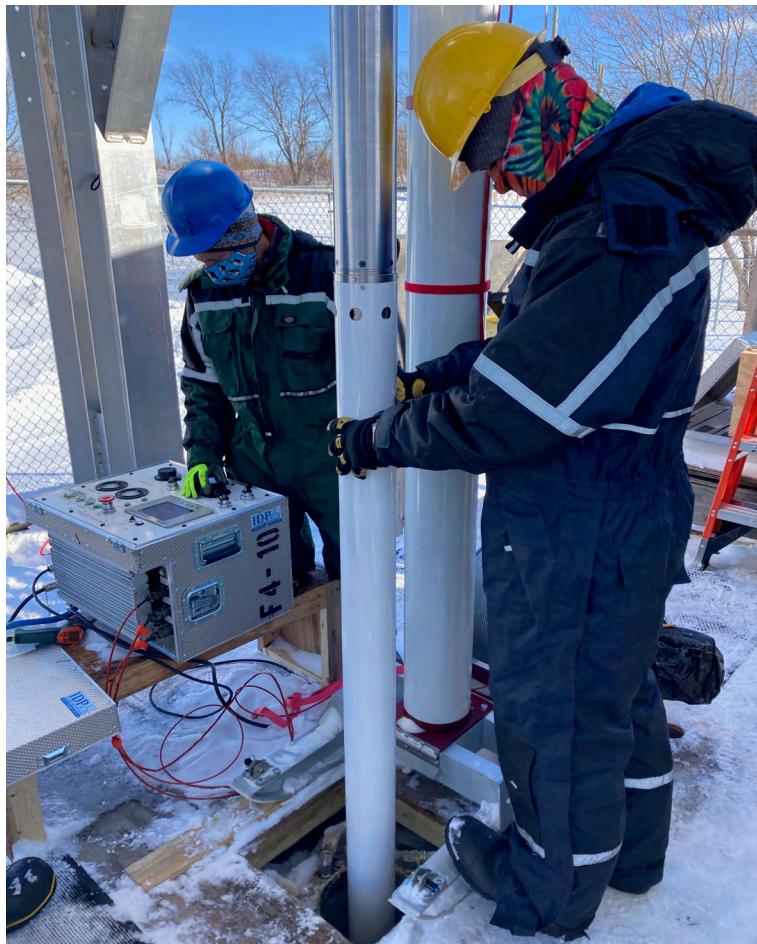
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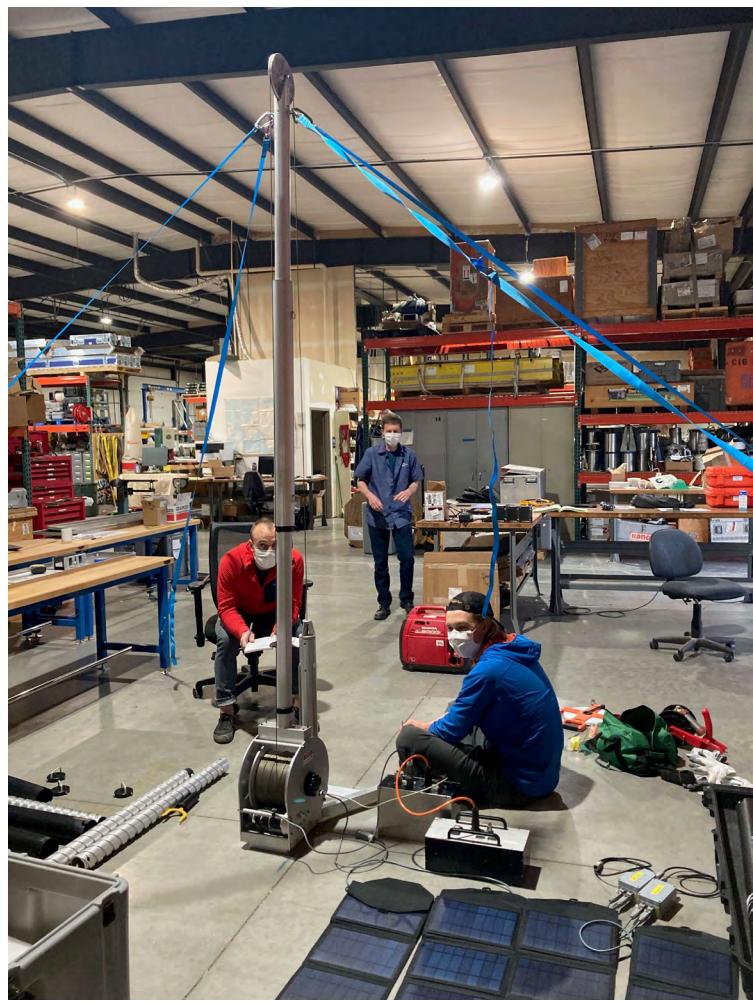
Newsletter of the U.S National Science Foundation Ice Drilling Program (IDP)

Beneficial Drill System Testing and Operator Training Conducted near Madison, WI

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(Left) Elliot Moravec works on a new ramp designed and built for safer loading and unloading of small aircraft; (Right) Elliot Moravec, Grant Boeckmann, Jay Johnson and Anna Zajicek (not pictured) conduct virtual training on the Stampfli Drill for IDP Equipment Operator Dom Winski. Photo credits: Anna Zajicek, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Science Advisory Board 2021 Meeting

The annual IDP [Science Advisory Board \(SAB\)](#) meeting was held March 18-19 via Zoom. The meeting included updates from NSF and IDP, as well as from the three SAB working groups: [Ice Core Working Group](#), [Subglacial Access Working Group](#), and [Borehole Logging Working Group](#). SAB members also discussed draft updates for the IDP [Long Range Science Plan](#) and prioritization of drilling technology developments. The presentations made during the meeting are available on the IDP website at <https://icedrill.org/library/presentations-2021-science-advisory-board-meeting>.

Ice Core Working Group 2021 Meeting

The annual [Ice Core Working Group \(ICWG\)](#) meeting was held virtually on March 8 via Zoom. Discussions included updates from NSF and IDP, project updates from Canada, Greenland, and Antarctica, the current status and future plans for the NSF-Ice Core Facility, data archiving, updates to the [Long Range Science Plan \(LRSP\)](#), and ice drilling technology development for the LRSP. The presentations made during the meeting are available on the IDP website at <https://icedrill.org/library/presentations-2021-ice-core-working-group-meeting>.

Request for Community Input — DRAFT 2021 Long Range Science Plan

Each year in the spring, the Ice Drilling Program (IDP) works with its [Science Advisory Board \(SAB\)](#) and the research community to update the [Long Range Science Plan](#). This Plan identifies the science in the coming decade that will require the use of ice drilling technology and expertise for the community. This also drives the formation of other plans, for example, the [Long Range Drilling Technology Plan](#). The plans provide the basis for multi-annual planning for the actions and drill development projects of IDP and others, and the plans give the funding agencies advance notice of upcoming community science needs.

If you need an ice core or a hole drilled in a glacier or ice sheet in the coming decade or a rock core from under shallow glacial ice, please make sure that the high-level articulation of your science is captured in the current draft update of the Long Range Science Plan!

Please read through the draft Long Range Science Plan and **send corrections, updates, or additions to IceDrill@Dartmouth.edu ASAP or not later than June 12, 2021**. When sending corrections/updates, please also reference the appropriate line number in the draft Long Range Science Plan where the correction/update is needed.

Submission deadline: June 12, 2021

To download the working draft, visit:

<https://icedrill.org/long-range-science-plan>

IDP Education and Public Outreach Update Spring 2021

Planning for the [School of Ice](#) is well underway, and the workshop will take place at Oregon State University July 31-August 4, 2021, with participating faculty from across the country. Two new [Virtual Field Lab](#) resources will be introduced during the workshop.

The Virtual Field Labs (VFLs) were also presented to middle school and high school educators during the National Science Teaching Conference and college faculty at the CUNY Climate Change Education Resources Conference. The VFL's are available on the [IDP Education and Outreach website](#) and are appropriate introductory teaching resources for a wide range of age levels (middle school to college), both in classrooms under a teacher's direction and as independent work on a student's laptop or tablet. The first two 3-part series featuring Dr. Erich Osterberg and Dr. Meredith Kelly are available now, and two new series of videos will be available in August.



In the Abrupt Climate Disruptions Virtual Field Lab, Dr. Erich Osterberg explores abrupt climate disruptions in the past as a way to predict the abrupt climate changes we can expect in the future. In the Climate Clues from the Past Virtual Field Lab, Dr. Meredith Kelly looks at geologic clues from the end of the last ice age for insight into how our current ice sheets may respond to the rapid warming of our planet. Two new Virtual Field Labs will be available in August on the [IDP Education and Outreach website](#).

U.S. Scientific Traverses on the Greenland Ice Sheet: a Planning Workshop

June 11, 2021 via Zoom

Sponsors: U.S. Ice Drilling Program & Summit Science Coordination Office

Conveners: Joerg Schaefer, Mary Albert, Jason Briner, Zoe Courville

Website: <https://icedrill.org/meetings/us-scientific-traverses-gris-planning-workshop>

The U.S. Ice Drilling Program and the Summit Science Coordination Office will co-sponsor a **U.S. science community planning workshop** to identify and articulate U.S. science community interests for **long-term planning of potential scientific traverses on the Greenland Ice Sheet**.

Purpose: The workshop is designed to identify the driving scientific questions that require access to interior areas of the Greenland Ice Sheet and would benefit from scientific traverses for the coming decade and beyond. What are the primary science questions that the U.S. scientific community would seek to answer? The outcome from the workshop is a set of white papers that will help identify technological and logistical requirements for the traverses that will be needed to support the science.

Description: Scientific discoveries achieved on the Greenland Ice are critical to society today, but they are not achieved without significant advance planning. This interdisciplinary science community workshop will identify future sites and traverse routes on the Greenland Ice Sheet where ground-based measurements and/or ice coring will be needed and the associated timeline over the coming decade for advancing science on multiple frontiers. The outcome of the workshop will be a set of white papers describing compelling scientific issues and associated measurements, timelines, and geographic locations on the Greenland Ice Sheet. The white papers will be made available to all on both the [Icedrill.org](https://icedrill.org) and [Geosummit.org](https://geosummit.org) websites.

Additional workshop information and the draft agenda are available at <https://icedrill.org/meetings/us-scientific-traverses-gris-planning-workshop>. **To participate in the workshop, please register** by following the instructions on our website, where you will be able to provide a title for your 5-minute “pitch” for the science that you envision for the future. After we receive your registration, we will send you additional details of the workshop as it develops. **The deadline for registration is June 6, 2021.**

Acknowledgment of IDP in Publications

If you receive any support from IDP, we kindly request that you acknowledge IDP in any resultant publications or articles with the following statement: *“We thank the U.S. Ice Drilling Program for support activities through NSF Cooperative Agreement 1836328.”* If you have any questions, please contact us at IceDrill@Dartmouth.edu.

Ice Drilling Support for NSF Polar Proposals

If you are preparing a National Science Foundation (NSF) proposal that includes any kind of support from IDP, you must include a Letter of Support from IDP in the proposal.

Researchers are asked to provide IDP with a detailed support request three weeks prior to the date the Letter of Support is required. **Early submissions are strongly encouraged.**

Although there are no proposal deadlines for the Antarctic Research and Arctic Research solicitations, NSF advises researchers to submit proposals 18 months in advance of their potential deployment date.

For further information on requesting IDP support, visit our website at <https://icedrill.org/requesting-field-support> or contact us at IceDrill@Dartmouth.edu.

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