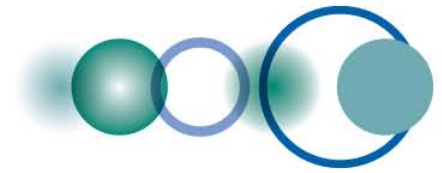# International Polar Year
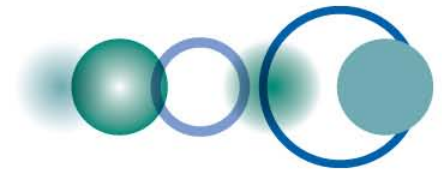# November 2, 2010

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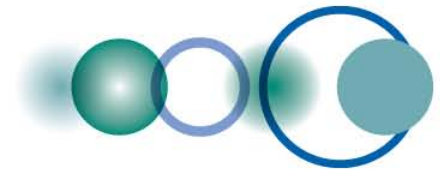
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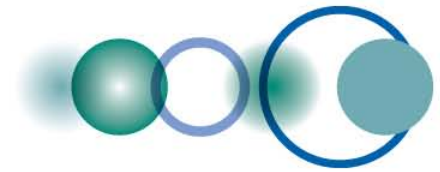- formal acknowledgement of data authors (contributors) and sources.

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- provide continual access

- ensure the long-term preservation

- adhere to the IPY Data Policy

- adhere to standards and guidelines developed for IPY

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