



Registration and call for abstracts for International Symposium on Plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic Region Reykjavík, 21-23 April 2020

Call for Abstracts is now open and a direct link to the abstract submissions form is [here](#). The deadline for abstract submissions is 1 December 2019.

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Iceland holds both the Chairmanship of the Arctic Council from May 2019 to May 2021 and the Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2019. During these two presidencies Iceland intends to promote discussion on ways and means that may reduce the impact of plastics in the Marine Environment, with a special focus on the Arctic Ocean. This emphasis will be reflected in the work of the Arctic Council during the period where Iceland intends to stage an international symposium on plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic region in Reykjavik from 21-23 April 2020. The symposium is expected to provide a most relevant update on plastics in the region, its impact on the marine environment and possible solutions.

The symposium is further sponsored by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the OSPAR Commission, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO), the Marine and Freshwater Research Institute of Iceland, the Harvard Kennedy School, the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC), the University of the Arctic (UArctic), the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES) and PAME, a working group of the Arctic Council.

The symposium program outline, registration and call for abstracts can be found on the symposium website: www.arcticplastics2020.is

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SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZERS

The Government of Iceland in collaboration with the Nordic Council of Ministers are the Symposium hosts. To contact Symposium organizers, please e-mail:

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