



STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ARCTIC CHANGE

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Dear Xiangdong:

I'm happy to acknowledge formal collaboration between the SEARCH Program and your newly created US CLIVAR Working Group on Arctic-Midlatitude Climate Connections. This topic is of considerable interest to SEARCH and the newly created Action Teams.

With Jennifer Francis as Co-Lead of the SEARCH Sea Ice Action Team and Steve Vavrus as member of the SEARCH Science Steering Committee joining your group, I see this collaboration in good hands. Please share with us specific activities and plans of your group as they evolve so that we can tie this in with other SEARCH activities.

Also, please note that we would like to have a broader conversation about SEARCH-CLIVAR collaboration and are planning a conversation about this during Detlef Stammer's (CLIVAR Steering Group Co-Chair) visit to Fairbanks on September 11 this fall.

With best wishes,

Hajo Eicken
Chair, SEARCH Science Steering Committee