



Expedition GEOEO 2024

Background

The upcoming expedition GEOEO in 2024 is a result of a bottom-up process for proposals of research theme at programme level carried out by the Swedish Polar Research Secretariate (SPRS). The process lays the foundation for planning and to offer participation in larger and more complex field operations.

The research theme proposal GEOEO (North Greenland Earth-Ocean-Ecosystem Observatory) was submitted to SPRS by Martin Jakobsson and Nina Kirchner et al in 2020. SPRS decided to endorse this theme proposal and the expedition was scheduled in "Timetable ODEN" tentatively to 2024.

Participation

SPRS have decided to open the expedition for international cofounding and cooperation. Preliminary, 15 berths are reserved for international partners and 25 berths are reserved for the national Swedish research process.

Researchers affiliated with a Swedish university or research institute will be invited to apply for participation and space on board I/B Oden for research projects within a Swedish coming open call. For international researcher to gain access to a berth onboard I/B Oden, **a berth fee of 1,5 million Swedish kronor** has been set.

Any projects that are consistent with the scope of the theme GEOEO and can contribute to this particular expedition profile will be welcome to apply for a berth.

I/B Oden is tentatively planned to depart, somewhere in August and arrive in September, 2024. The exact time and dates will be determined more closely to the expedition. All basic infrastructure onboard I/B Oden is provided and managed by the crew and by the staff of the SPRS to all participating projects. The usage of all Oden facilities during the expedition are included in the berth fee.

The specific usage of all infrastructure and facilities both onboard and adjacent to the ship, will be planned and developed via coordination of SPRS management, logistic personnel and GEOEO scientific leadership later in the planning process.



Communication

SPRS is responsible for the planning, organization and execution of the expedition and all communication regarding berths, logistic support, funding, legal aspects etc. must be done with SPRS. To be able to reserve berth for international partners SPRS must know when and where research funding has been proposed and for how many berths. The process of admission of international researcher will proceed continuously.

All applicants have a liability to update SPRS when an application for research funding is submitted and when new information is available regarding if the project is granted. Since funding procedures differs between countries it is important to have a continuous dialog during the planning process.

Legal assignment

Given existing funding cycles, cost share agreements between the parties will be signed continuously during the planning process. This can be done either between the research funder and SPRS or between the applicant's employer and SPRS. From that date a cost share agreement is signed between the parties, the reservation of a berth considers to be valid.