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Summary

This paper presents information on the membership of Turkey to the European Polar Board (EPB).

Background

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Marmara Research Center (MAM), Polar Research Institute (PRI) aims to improve coordination with European countries in terms of polar research by increasing the possibility of collaborations such as joint research projects or hosting European scientists in our national expeditions. In addition, the PRI focuses to contribute and as well as to benefit from the collective knowledge of European countries. Therefore, being a part of the EPB for PRI was considered to provide a strong scientific collaboration and opportunity to produce significant scientific outcomes.

EPB Membership

To this aim, TUBITAK MAM PRI, as the national polar operator of Turkey, applied for membership to the EPB. During the EPB Autumn 2020 Plenary Meeting held online on the 15th and 16th October, a presentation was given by the TUBITAK MAM PRI on the application. After the voting, Turkey was welcomed as a new Member, upon the application. The representative delegate of Turkey to the EPB is Prof. Burcu Ozsoy, Director of the TUBITAK MAM PRI while the alternate delegate is Dr. Atilla Yilmaz, Senior Researcher from the TUBITAK MAM PRI.

Conclusion

The EPB membership will support and increase the coordination and the potential collaborations of Turkey with European countries in terms of international polar research activities. TUBITAK MAM PRI ensures participation in the activities of EPB with full support.