

Cooperation Agreement

on consolidating the collaboration for maintenance of

the International Monitor for Auroral Geomagnetic Effects (IMAGE)

between

**Tromsø Geophysical Observatory, Faculty of Science and Technology,
UiT The Arctic University of Norway**

(hereinafter referred to as "TGO")

and

Finnish Meteorological Institute (Finland), The Host Institute at the time of signing of this Agreement

(hereinafter referred to as "FMI")

and

Institute of Geophysics Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland)

(hereinafter referred to as "IG PAS")

and

Helmholtz-Centre Potsdam German Research Centre for Geosciences GFZ

(hereinafter referred to as "GFZ")

and

Geological Survey of Sweden (Sweden)

(hereinafter referred to as "SGU")

and

Swedish Institute of Space Physics (Sweden)

(hereinafter referred to as "IRF")

and

Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory of the University of Oulu (Finland)

(hereinafter referred to as "SGO")

and

Polar Geophysical Institute (Russia)

(hereinafter referred to as "PGI")

1. The undersigned Parties to this Cooperation Agreement (CA) intend to continue their collaboration as a Consortium in order to maintain the International Monitor for Auroral Geomagnetic Effects (IMAGE). The Parties are research institutes or groups that own or maintain ground-based magnetometers and conduct continuous systematic measurements with them.
2. The aim of IMAGE is to collect and disseminate high quality measurements of geomagnetic field variations with a network of several tens of measurement sites distributed in and close to the Fennoscandian mainland and in the Svalbard archipelago.
3. This CA covers archived IMAGE data intended for use in scientific studies.
4. The Parties shall enhance communication in the Consortium and share and align their magnetometer data, thus increasing the value of them and facilitating the Consortium's involvement in new research and funding opportunities.
5. The IMAGE Consortium as specified with this CA does not represent its Parties as a unified legal entity. The collaboration will be based on the principle that each Party will retain the ownership to its magnetometers and to their data, and consequently each Party also serves as the legal entity for its own assets. Each Party will cover for its own costs and none of the Parties assumes any liability towards the other Parties.
6. This CA does not limit, supersede or otherwise affect any Party's normal operations in carrying out its statutory, regulatory or other duties. This CA does not either limit or restrict any Party from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other entities.
7. As a common agreement one of the Consortium Parties serves as the Host Institute of IMAGE. The Principal Investigator (PI) of IMAGE is an employee of the Host Institute. The IMAGE Science Council (SC) serves as the discussion and governing forum in matters where the Consortium wants to appear as one unity. The composition of SC, qualifications of the PI, the task division between these bodies, and the procedures to select them are described in the Statutes of this CA. If there is controversy between the CA and Statutes, the CA supersedes.
8. This CA and its Statutes are written in English only and their signed versions will be publicly available in the IMAGE homepage. These documents will become valid after all Parties have signed them and they will stay in force until their termination as a simple majority decision by the Parties.