

IASC Cryosphere Working Group report from ASSW 2024, Edinburgh.

The UK is represented on the Cryosphere Working Group (CWG) by members Richard Essery (University of Edinburgh) and Kelly Hogan (BAS), and 2024 Fellow Beatriz Recinos-Rivas (University of Edinburgh), all of whom attended ASSW 2024.

The meeting included the usual round of national updates, with 12 out of the 23 nations represented in the CWG presenting reports. These annual reports take up a lot of meeting time and there is not a lot of contact between meetings; additional shorter online meetings (at most quarterly) were suggested as a means of increasing member engagement, or possibly a newsletter collated by the CWG Fellows.

A draft update to the CWG work plan covering 2024-2027 was discussed, to be voted on for approval in May.

After having a budget carry-over from 2023, the CWG received proposals amounting to double the allocation for 2024 to review. These were prioritised in the closed session. Funded [cryosphere projects](#) and [cross-cutting projects](#) with CWG support can be found online.

In future, it is suggested to split the funding and have two calls per year (March and September?), to allow the possibility of supporting activities that do not fit in the timeframe of the current annual call.

At the close of the meeting, Kelly Hogan was elected unanimously to succeed Shaun Marshall immediately as the Chair of the CWG with a four-year term.