

Project Summary Background

Process

Summaries of the network projects will communicate next practice and are an important network output. They make progress in research and next practice broadly visible and accessible. The design of the project summaries has been developed and guided by the Knowledge Mobilization and Communication Committee (informed by people at NWT Geological Survey, Aurora Research Institute, and Wilfrid Laurier University's Yellowknife Office), Stephan Gruber, Nick Brown, a focus group of graduate students and discussions with the IPA.

Developed so far:

- ☐ a project summary template,
- ☐ a guide,
- ☐ 'pilot' versions of a select number of summaries,
- ☐ draft framework content for a compendium document
- ☐ a 'mini-compendium' of 16 pages to be produced by the IPA as part of Frozen Ground

Initial designs have been produced for project summaries in both single and two column versions.

The mini-compendium can be produced as a 16-page insert that can be printed as a stand-alone publication, and then shared and distributed separately e.g., at the 2024 ICOP in Whitehorse.

These materials are available in [Tab 4: Research Outputs](#).

Feedback

The tools, designs and guidance for the project summaries are being iteratively developed and feedback that may improve them is welcomed. The aim is for the final compendium to be produced in summer 2025 in conjunction with the end of the network, with finalized designs, templates and guidance materials circulated to students and post-doctoral fellows before they complete their projects. Proposed changes will therefore need to balance the time and expense spent in the design process with the timeline for production of content.

Amendments and Feedback so far

There are a number of initial changes to the summaries and compendium that are being planned as a result of the development of the materials so far and these are not reflected in the current materials:

- to change the map to a grayscale, so that locations represented by red dots are more obvious and prominent.
- Don't show links unless they are DOIs, otherwise only include if they are guaranteed to be persistent.

We have also received feedback on the project summaries from IPA, the Board Executive have looked at the materials, and they were discussed by co-investigators at the 20 September 2023 co-investigator meeting.

Suggestions:

- Forego a title page for the Frozen ground publication.
- Write the Frozen Ground compendium specifically for the ICOP audience (permafrost experts).
- Have a short and combined message from the Scientific Director and board chair in the Frozen Ground compendium.
- Include a section on how we built towards a network including a description of the 2017 workshop,
- Reduce description of all the themes to one page.

- Combine the description of the network and themes and reduce both to one page in the Frozen Ground compendium.
- Consider an executive summary with two sections: Permafrost in Canada, and Permafrost knowledge in Canada.
- Consider a few alternative titles “Permafrost in Canada: Creating knowledge and envisioning next practice together”
- Include almost finished projects in Frozen Ground compendium.
- Reduce project summaries to one-page summaries.
- Include a section called key learning / key results on each project summary.
- Omit keywords on project summaries, only use in full compendium summaries for indexing in compendium.
- Omit connections to other projects (may not be important after the network stops)
- Have a concluding section that is an outlook and that speaks about the new people educated and the new connections shaping how permafrost work will happen in Canada, increased policy interest.
- Two-column layout is nicer than the one column layout.
- Reduce line spacing
- Use space well in layout
- Make pages look less white
- The need for careful editing of the content to ensure each project summary conveys the right message has been highlighted.