

BELGIUM AND SCIENCE IN THE ARCTIC



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Belgium is not an Arctic country...

but has a long tradition in polar research

First overwintering in Antarctica
in 1898 on board the Belgica

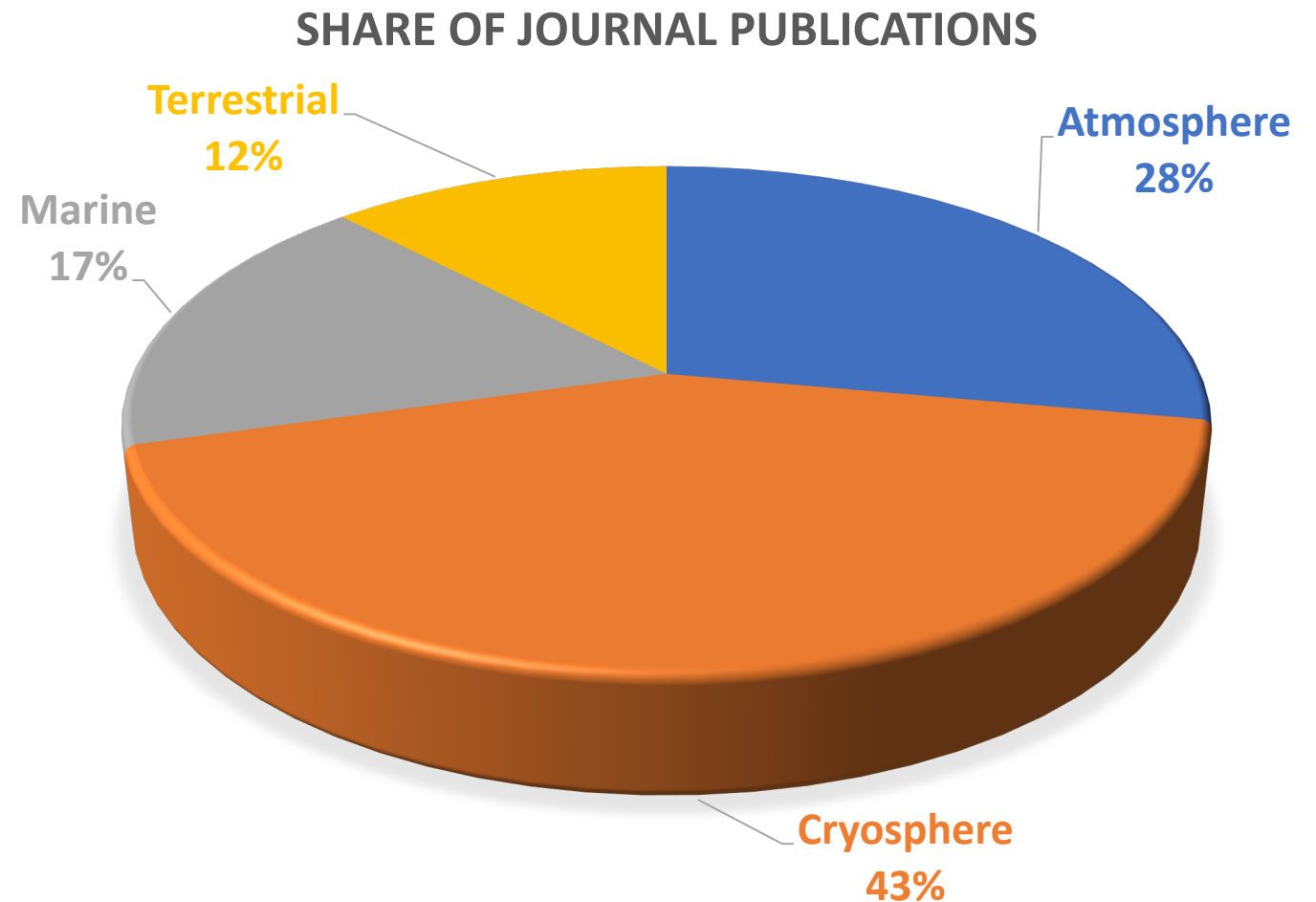


Princess Elisabeth Base in
Dronning Maud Land since 2009



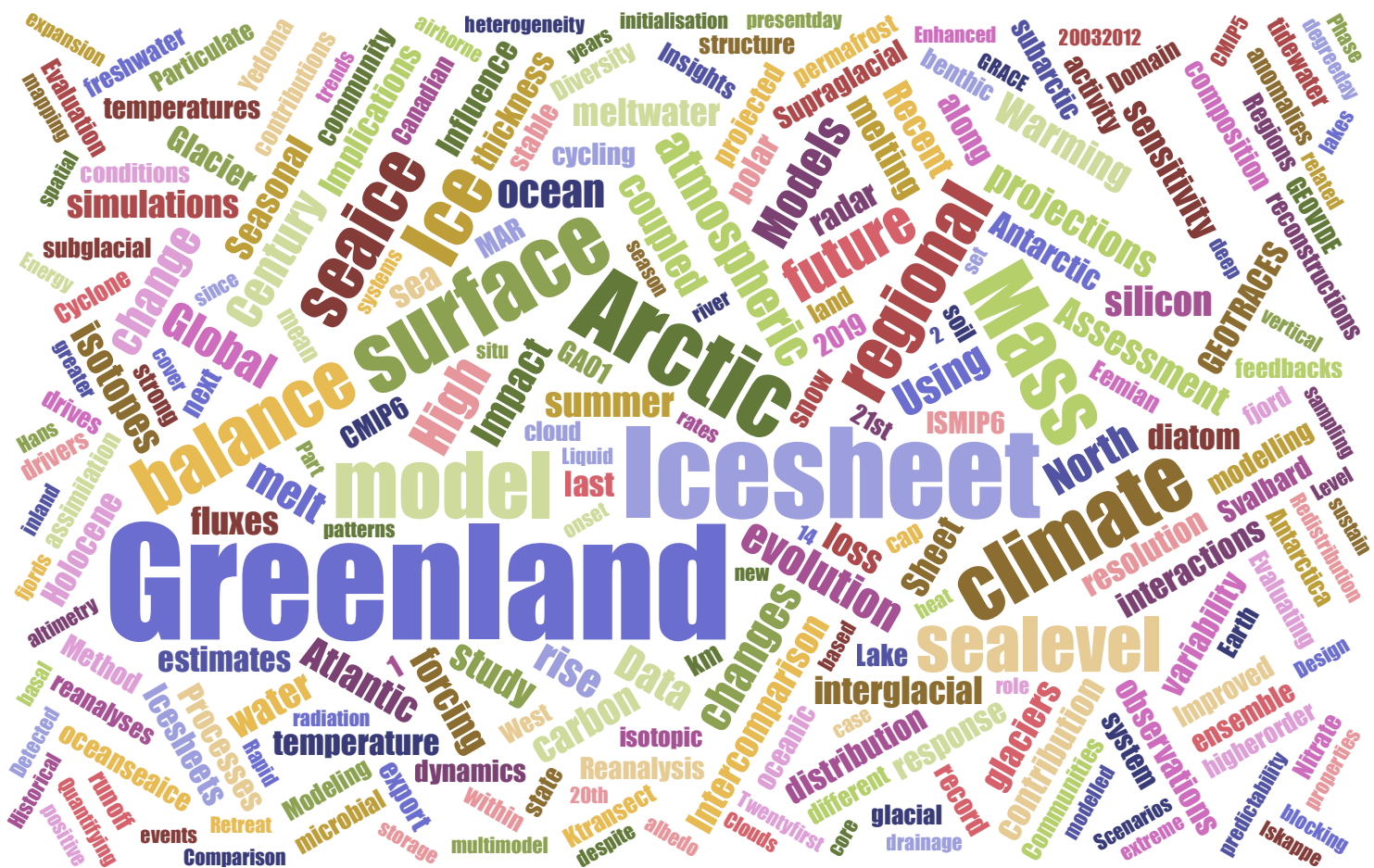
Original signatory of the Antarctic Treaty in 1959

12 research groups based at 8 Belgian universities are active in Arctic scientific research



190 journal publications on Arctic science since 2015

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on
publication
titles



Belgian research groups participate in

- Projects within the EU Polar cluster



- Polar Science groups



- Polar science coordination



The new RV
Belgica (2021)
has been
designed to also
operate in Arctic
waters





INTERNATIONAL **ARCTIC** **SCIENCE** **COMMITTEE**

Belgium was accepted as the 24th member on 30 March 2022

Main requirement was evidence of significant Arctic research over at least the last 5 years

- Access to new networks and opportunities for new collaborations
- Consolidate and further expand our research activities in the Arctic

The International Arctic Science Committee

is a non-governmental, international scientific organization.



The mission of IASC is to
encourage and facilitate cooperation in all aspects of Arctic research, in all
countries engaged in Arctic research and in all areas of the Arctic region,
by
promoting and supporting leading-edge multi-disciplinary research to foster a
greater scientific understanding of the Arctic region and its role in the Earth
system.



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IASC lends a great importance to:

- Principles of scientific freedom
- Independence of research
- Peaceful international cooperation
- Working together with Indigenous Peoples

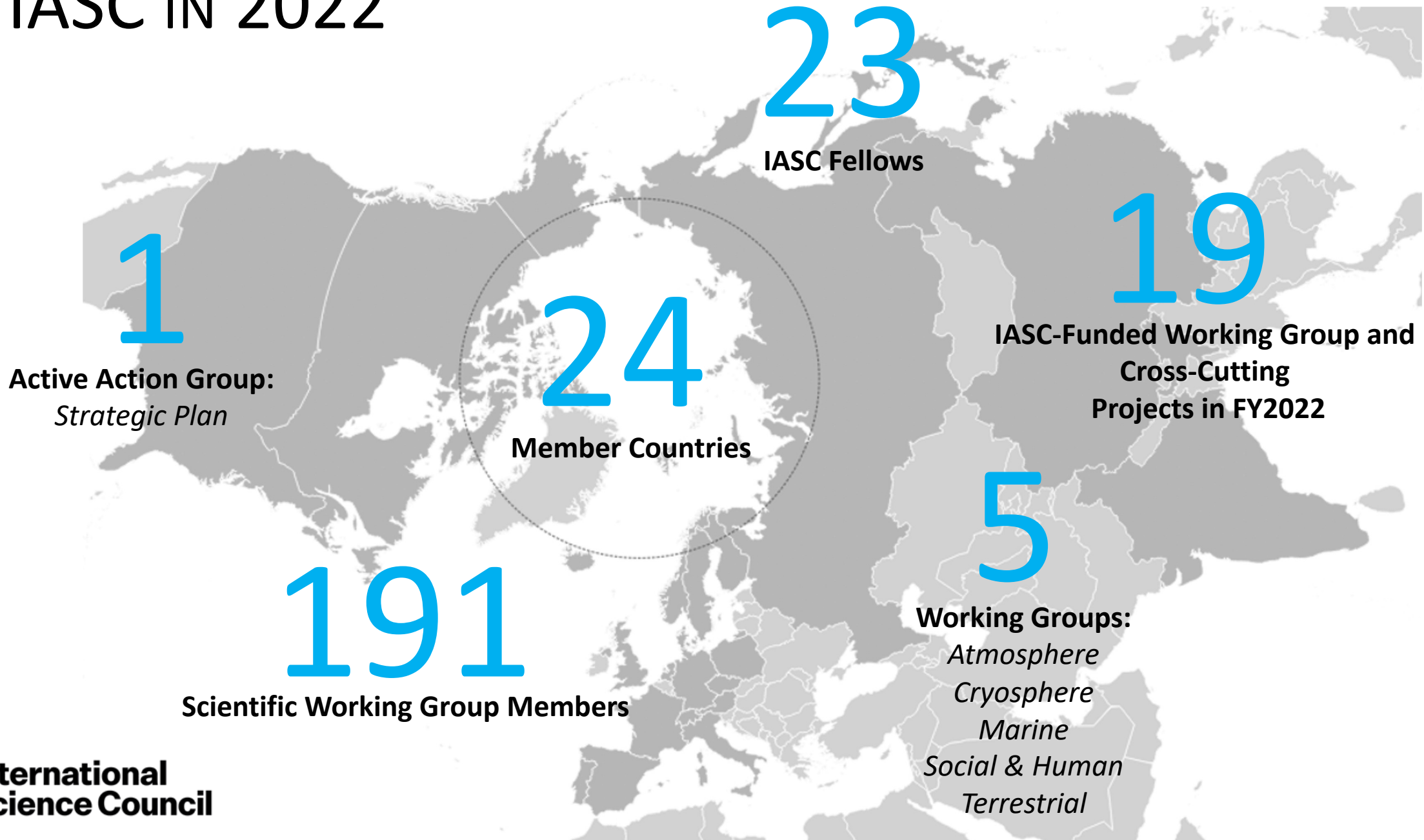


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