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**YOPP Endorsement for *Polar Ocean Reanalysis Intercomparison Project – PORA-IP***

Dear Prof Uotila,

Following your application for YOPP endorsement, the PPP steering group has reviewed your request taking into account the following criteria:

- The project addresses or contributes to the general YOPP objectives as outlined in the YOPP Implementation Plan.
- The project acknowledges the importance of close coordination of all planned YOPP activities.
- There is agreement that a summary of the planned activities of the endorsed projects/programmes/initiatives (including their logos, if applicable) will be made public through the website of the International Coordination Office (ICO) and other appropriate means.
- Open data sharing is an important element of the project and the project data relevant to YOPP will be made available in alignment with the YOPP data strategy as outlined in the YOPP Summit report (see <http://www.polarprediction.net/yopp/yopp-summit.html>).
- There is agreement that points of contact have the obligation to inform the ICO about possible changes to the project.

It is my pleasure to let you know that the PPP steering group unanimously agreed to endorse *PORA-IP*. The activities make substantial contributions to YOPP.

Please note that the endorsement will be made public through the website of the International Coordination Office (<http://www.polarprediction.net>).

Yours sincerely,

(Thomas Jung, Chair of the Polar Prediction Project)

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