AWAKE2 meeting report

On 27-30 of September I had a pleasure to take part in the workshop which was held in the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences in Sopot. It was the mid-term meeting of the Polish - Norwegian project AWAKE2 which states a continuation of AWAKE project and is focused on understanding the interactions between key components of climate system, considering ocean, cryosphere and atmosphere. Among the participants were representatives from Norway: the University Centre in Svalbard, Norwegian Meteorological Institute, Norwegian Polar Institute and Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center, as well as representatives of Polish scientific institutions: University of Silesia, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Institute of Geophysics PAS and Institute of Oceanology PAS. The 4-day workshop was concentrated on summary of results obtained during project activity.

The two first days of the meeting was focused on working group in particular workpackages. The main plenary session took place on 30 of September and was opened by the Director of the Institute of Oceanology PAS with words of welcoming participants and speech about importance of research and activity of the Institute in the region of Arctic. The workshop began with presentation of project management and dissemination. Afterwards leaders and collaborators in particular workpackages presented their results of fieldwork campaign performed in 2014. Data collected during AWAKE and AWAKE2 projects were summarized as well.

The workshop was closed by the summary and discussion of what has been achieved so far. The meeting showed that the great amount of good quality data has been collected. One time series for oceanographic, meteorological, hydrological data as well as for sea ice data has been established which further allow to concentrate on links and interactions between particular components of climate system. Plans for next year fieldwork and scientific meeting has been discussed, as well.

More information on the activities of the AWAKE2 can be found on the project website or facebook profile.