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SPI News



SPI in 2025: continuity and novelties

- Open calls for projects: Exploratory grants, Technogrants, Mertz fellowships, PolARTS
- Calls for projects to open this autumn: Polar Access Fund
- Services enhanced: Health and safety courses, glacier training, polar bear safety, course on «safe and effective fieldwork», field pharmacies, etc...
- More international networks and opportunities (more later...)
- SPI as a UN «Ocean Decade Implementing Partner»
- Swiss Polar Class is budding! Partnership with Schulverlag plus, online events, ...



SPI in 2026: towards a new phase of polar activities

- Projecting towards the future: New vision document towards 2035, White paper for a Swiss Antarctic research programme (CH-ARP)
- Increased political visibility for polar and high-altitude regions

And concretely

- The launch of new SPI Flagships
- CASCADES – a joint SPI-INQ-IPEV scientific expedition in August and November 2026
- ... and an anniversary!



