The International Permafrost Association (IPA) fosters the dissemination of knowledge concerning permafrost and promotes cooperation among persons and national or international organizations engaged in scientific investigation and engineering work on permafrost. The Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost (GTN-P) is the primary programme concerned with monitoring permafrost thermal state and active layer thickness. The GTN‐P was developed by the IPA under the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and the Global Terrestrial Observing Network (GTOS). Given the significant amount of Arctic permafrost data already in the GTN-P Database, it is natural for SAON to support GTN-P as a major Arctic observing network. Since SAON seeks to facilitate partnerships and synergies among existing data networks, SAON could promote the use of GTN-P beyond the permafrost research community, for example, with local stakeholders, educators, Arctic system modelers, and those working in tangential scientific fields. In addition, other SAON networks working with permafrost-related parameters should be encouraged to utilize GTN‑P and identify common field sites as areas of potential collaboration. The IPA promotes cooperation between permafrost scientists and engineers, but is also supportive of more interdisciplinary projects (e.g. involving biology, geochemistry, ecology, etc.). In this regard, SAON may be able to identify additional partner networks that the IPA can utilize and/or collaborate with. The IPA is valuable to SAON, as the organization’s leadership has the best overview on current Arctic permafrost research and future ambitions in this field.