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### ***(1) Short-term organization until April 2009***

- ◆ Main tasks: Outreach and initial work on inventories (data/metadata bases, data center etc.)
- ◆ SAON-IG Members should stay involved (outreach within and outside their organization)

### ***(2) Need for a secretariat (until April 2009)?***

- ◆ We do not recommend to create something new but rather use existing structures
- ◆ Swedish and Canadian IPY Committees offered support
- ◆ WMO is supportive



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### ***(3) Proposed tentative plans until April 2009 (as discussed with Sweden and Canada in a side meeting)***

- ◆ Sweden to maintain and update the website and start the development of an inventory of existing relevant data/metadatabases, data centers etc.
- ◆ Canada to produce SAON outreach material, including a printed version of the SAON report and recommendations
- ◆ AMAP/IASC and SAON IG Members to actively communicate SAON to the relevant people and agencies in the arctic and non-arctic countries, it would be desirable to have one SAON point of contact for each country



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### *(4) Comments on recommendations*

- ◆ there is a need to provide SAON „selling points“ arguments for the „value added“ etc. Why is SAON important?
- ◆ we need a short description of what SAON is / will be
- ◆ BG briefly discussed the recommendations and agreed that
  - ➔ # 1-5 are pretty general and straightforward (need some wordsmithing)
  - ➔ # 6 and 7 need some more thinking



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