

POLAR RESEARCH IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES – A PUBLICATION-BASED APPROACH

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Polar research is a field of growing interest to the scientific community and the public alike. There is a broadening awareness of the importance of the polar regions in relation to climate change, natural resources and geopolitical issues. The Nordic countries have long traditions of doing research in the Arctic and the Antarctic. The presentation explores the structure of and recent developments in the polar research activities in the Nordic countries. Based on a bibliographic study of published papers indexed in the *ISI Web of Science* during the period 1981-2007, we have analyzed trends in publication, scientific disciplines and subdisciplines, coauthorship, and international collaboration within the field of polar research.