FRENCH EMBASSY
Wednesday 14 June 2023
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and get-together
Wilhelmstraße 69, 10117 Berlin

Entrance free / Event language: English
Please register until 12 June 2023 via:
www.reklim.de/20yearsAWIPEV

We kindly ask you to bring an ID card, which is needed for the security checks.

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To celebrate this successful collaboration, the directors of the AWI and IPEV will sign a memorandum of understanding.

The station staff will join via video connection from the Arctic to share their experiences and answer questions “live”. A get-together and photo exhibition will round out the anniversary event and give participants the chance to speak with the people who actively practise French-German cooperation on a daily basis.

Sixty years ago, the signing of the Élysée treaty sealed the friendship between France and Germany. Since then, the treaty has become a symbol of their strong partnership, and the two countries and their citizens are expected to work together in a relationship based on trust.

This event, hosted by the French Embassy, celebrates the 20-year anniversary of the joint French-German research base AWIPEV in Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard. The station at 78.9°N is operated by Germany’s Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) and the French Polar Institute Paul-Émile Victor (IPEV).

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**PROGRAM**

**OPENING**
Francois Delattre, French Ambassador

**LECTURES**
The lectures will introduce the AWIPEV research base and highlight the main research topics.

**INTRODUCTION TO AWIPEV RESEARCH BASE**
Dr Roland Neuber, formerly AWI, and Franck Delbart, formerly IPEV

**ATMOSPHERE**
Dr Marion Maturilli, AWI

**GLACIOLOGY**
Dr Eric Bernard, CNRS, Université de Franche Comté

**PERMAFROST**
Prof Julia Boike, AWI

**MARINE ECOSYSTEM**
Dr Benoit Lebreton, CNRS, Université de La Rochelle

**CEREMONY**
The successful French-German cooperation at AWIPEV is to be continued with the signing of a joint declaration by the AWI and IPEV directors.

Prof Antje Boetius, AWI Director
Dr Yan Ropert-Coudert, IPEV Director

**LIVE CONNECTION**
In a video connection with the AWIPEV Research Base, the station staff will share their experiences and interactively answer questions.

**GET-TOGETHER**

**PHOTO EXHIBITION**
Moderation: Grace Doubush