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On behalf of the Editorial Board, the Editorial Advisory Panel and the Norwegian Polar Institute, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the journal's new website. From my vantage point at the headquarters of the Norwegian Polar Institute—370 km north of the Arctic Circle—I look forward to seeing how this bold step will help *Polar Research* better serve the polar scientific community and others with a stake in Arctic and Antarctic research.

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