Conclusions from previous sessions

1. Research Infrastructures also depend on processes, procedures and agreements most importantly an **efficient governance structure**

2. Science is increasingly **data driven** – Research Data Alliance principles: discoverable, accessible, understandable, manageable, skills and culture

3. In addition to a multi-lateral (global) approach a **multi-disciplinary** approach combining heterogeneous technologies and sectors is needed

4. Research Infrastructures facilitate **innovation**

5. Need for a **shared vision and strategy for the long-term sustainability** e.g. Earth system observations, marine and arctic Research Infrastructures

Open Issues

1. What are the challenges ahead of us and what are the important themes that need addressing most urgently?

2. How can Research Infrastructures be encouraged to link and interact with each other globally?

3. Does a suitable legal framework for global Research Infrastructures exist?

4. How can Research Infrastructures best demonstrate that they are vital for society at large?

5. How can Research Infrastructures best be encouraged to foster innovation and knowledge transfer?