International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) Advisory Group, the International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic (ISIRA) Workshop took place on 7-8 November in Moscow at the Russian Academy of Science. The workshops gathered the national representatives of ISIRA to discuss the research priorities in the Russian Arctic. It was also addressed that the follow up of the implementation of the agreement on “Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation”, signed on 11 May 2017 by foreign ministers of the eight Arctic States, including the U.S. and Russia, as well as Greenland and the Faroe Islands, could be one of the future tasks of ISIRA. Read more on the Arctic Science Agreement and science diplomacy from Berkman et al. Science vol. 358, issue 6363, 2017.

Fig. The national representatives of ISIRA and the Russian colleagues representing RAS institutes. Dr. Hanna Lappalainen from the University of Helsinki represented Finland and promoted the metadata overview of the Russian in situ stations of the PEEX program.