

## July Update:

Starting off the month of July I participated in the "International Sea-Ice Summer School" in Svalbard, Norway on the island of Spitsbergen in the high Arctic. The school provided a platform for interdisciplinary exchange between students and scientists and was part of the outreach program of the International Polar Year. It was held in association with the University of the Arctic at the University Centre in Svalbard from July 2–13. The program lectures covered, among others, included: growth, structure and decay of sea ice; sea-ice related biology; sea-ice dynamics; and sea-ice models. After the summer school program, I moved to Trondheim, Norway. From July 23 to August 18, I have taken part in an intensive Norwegian course at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU). I attended the 21<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds in Trondheim during August 5–10.

