



EuroHPC  
Joint Undertaking



## 9<sup>th</sup> Icelandic HPC Community Workshop

Gróska, Bjargargötu 1, 102 Reykjavík – Entrance A, 1st Floor, Room Fenjamýri  
27 February 2023 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. GMT

### Background

The Icelandic High-Performance Computing (IHPC) activities are increasing in academia and industry that also includes related areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Data Analytics, and Data Sciences. As a result, the IHPC community members created Icelandic Simulation and Data Labs (SDLs)<sup>1</sup>, including academic and industrial partners. They form together in a bottom-up fashion the IHPC National Competence Center for HPC & AI in Iceland partly funded by the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking EuroCC project. The IHPC community seeks more collaborations and new members. Based on our successful previous IHPC workshops, we continue with bi-monthly workshops.

### Objectives

This workshop aims to bring together a diverse group of Icelandic and international stakeholders to discuss the role of HPC and related areas within Iceland without losing sight of its international links.

The specific objectives of the workshop are to:

- **Document competencies, achievements, activities, and lessons learnt** from participating stakeholders of Icelandic HPC efforts and associated international activities.
- **Perform community building** in developing new successful joint activities between academia and industry, potentially creating new joint Simulation and Data Labs or collaborations.
- **Identify best practices and core principles with a set of recommendations** for developing the future Icelandic HPC ecosystem, including necessary skills, funding opportunities, applications, Centre of Excellences, community events, and sustainable infrastructure developments.

### Participants

Approximately 35-40 participants from Iceland, Germany, and the USA. Participants will include:

- Selected Icelandic companies and SMEs from different sectors with interest in HPC & AI
- Academic representatives from the University of Iceland and Simulation and Data Labs
- The Icelandic Center for Research (Rannís), Startup Iceland, and Icelandic Technology Clusters
- US company that forms government, industry, and academic cooperative research coalitions

### Output

The following outputs are expected:

- A short synthesis paper that documents Icelandic competencies, field experiences and achievements in using and/or offerings HPC & AI solutions and consideration of 'best practices'
- Update on a strategy paper responding to HPC & AI issues and challenges identified during the workshop, including potential options for jointly engaging in EuroHPC funding opportunities

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<sup>1</sup> Icelandic HPC (IHPC) Community Web page, Online: <https://ihpc.is/community/>



- Strengthened informal networks and transfer of experiences and lessons learnt

### Agenda (final version )

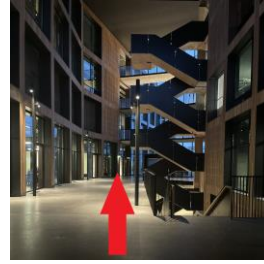
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| <b>5:00 – 5:15</b> | Informal Welcome – Participant Introduction & Discussions<br><i>(Coffee/Tea/Refreshments, Snacks, and Sandwiches available)</i> | All  |
| <b>5:15 – 5:20</b> | Welcome Address - 9th IHPC-Workshop & Report from the EuroCC IHPC National Competence Center for HPC & AI.                      | Prof. Dr. – Ing. Morris Riedel<br>(University of Iceland)                      |
| <b>5:20 – 5:25</b> | Q & A   | All  |
| <b>5:25 – 5:35</b> | Introduction to the new MSc Computer Science AI emphasis line at Reykjavik University   | Prof. Kristinn Þórisson and<br>Bridget E. Burger<br><br>(Reykjavik University) |
| <b>5:35 – 5:40</b> | Q & A   | All  |
| <b>5:40 – 5:55</b> | HPC for crustal deformation studies.  | Halldór Geirsson<br><br>(University of Iceland)                                |
| <b>5:55 – 6:00</b> | Q & A   | All  |
| <b>6:00– 6:10</b>  | From Data to Action: How Machine Learning and Clear Communication Can Help Restaurants Combat Food Waste.                       | Jillian Verbeurgt<br>(Greenbytes)  |
| <b>6:10 – 6:15</b> | Q & A   | All  |
| <b>6:15 – 6:25</b> | EDIH is up and running! Running where and with whom you might ask.  | Sverrir Geirdal<br><br>(Auðna)   |
| <b>6:25 – 6:30</b> | Q & A   | All  |
| <b>6:30 – 6:40</b> | Orb: Measuring Forests with Deep Learning   | Íris Ólafsdóttir<br>(Orb green)  |
| <b>6:40 – 7:00</b> | Workshop Closing – Concluding remarks with next steps<br><i>(Coffee/Tea/Refreshments, Snacks, and Sandwiches available)</i>     | All  |

### Workshop Location

Address: Gróska, Bjargargötu 1, 102 Reykjavik, Iceland<sup>2</sup> Entrance A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room Fenjamýri  
**Gróska Outside** **Gróska 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

<sup>2</sup> Gróska Building in the Science park, Online: <https://groska.is/en/home/>





**Online Event Information & Previous IHPC Events:**

Check out our IHPC Community Webpage, Online: <https://ihpc.is/community>

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