

No, no reason at all to be blue. All is nice and tidy at Andøya.

Today was the day of many arrivals. The boss himself, Jón Egill, has come. Luckily his casted leg makes so much noise in the corridor that he will not be able to surprise us when we take a nap at the operation room.

Arriving was also Christian, Øystein and Emma. Gunnar from met.no/Tromsø flew in, and late in the evening Thomas S came. Welcome to all.

However, the most exciting thing was the arrival of the Falcon, the heavenly figure that all campaign members are mentioning in their evening prayers. We had hourly messages about its exciting trip from Pfaffenoberhofen. We waited, and we waited. Snow showers were supposed to be out somewhere else, not at our nice airport. But at last - around seven some time we had a touchdown. Read more about it at the project web page:

http://www.ipy-thorpex.no/Thorpex/Feltarbeid/Andoya_2008/?module=Articles;action=Article.publicShow;ID=428

Our friendly (so far) film crew started the day at the air station with an interesting lecture on air force history. Later on they went on a location safari, just to realize that with two runways there are four different ends where the best shooting angle might be. How can one know which one to choose? Perhaps ask a meteorologist. Are there anyone around? Even later they heroically awaited the arrival of the Falcon out in the wind and snow. Darkness came before the plane. The result remains to be seen.

Tomorrow will be our first flight day. Hopefully you will be informed about that in a more scientifically correct way by others. Arriving Tuesday will be Ivan, Mel and Vanda.

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Enclosed a few shots from today.
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The Andøya weather radar



The Alomar Observatory



Awaiting the Falcon



Taking away some snow



Even the drop sondes were waiting



Planning the Tuesday



Gunnar the briefer



I had to pick up Jón Egill,
so I have no picture of the Falcon
– but there is one on Christian's screen

