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CCI NEWS

NEW CCI WEBSITE <http://www.ualberta.ca/polar/> and updated Circumpolar Café <http://cci.onware.ca>

The Institute's **2005-2006 Report of Activities** is posted at the CCI website and at the Circumpolar Café. Hardcopies are available on request from the CCI Office (contact Elaine Maloney at elaine.maloney@ualberta.ca). The focus through the summer will be on updating promotional and informational materials (brochures on UofA and CCI programs), the Northern Strategy, and on program development. Check the website often for progress in these areas, and for information and updates on the 2006-07 academic year.

CONSERVATION HUNTING PROGRAM UPDATE

Conservation Hunting in the Canadian Arctic

This research project originated as follow-up to a CCI-ACCRU international conference on conservation hunting held in Edmonton in October 2004. Since its inception during summer 2005 as a two-year three-researcher undertaking. The initial three-person research team (two at CCI and one in Yellowknife) was augmented over the winter months by three additional researchers at the University of Alberta, two from McGill University, and one each from the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research-Oslo, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., University of Aberdeen, University of Calgary, Wilfrid Laurier University, and Yale University. At the end of June 2006 a CCI Research Associate and Canada Research Chair at UBC-Okanagan joined the project. This group of researchers contribute expertise from a wide range of disciplines including conservation biology, cultural/human geography, cultural, economic and ecological anthropology, environmental studies, law, policy studies, sociology and wildlife biology. Four Inuit organizations (three from Nunavut and one from the NWT Western Arctic) are now partners. Collaborating organizations and agencies include the Canadian Wildlife Service, CIC-International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, Department of Indian & Northern Affairs, IUCN and Nunavut Wildlife Management Service. A workshop was held in Yellowknife (with SSHRCC and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. funding) in March 2006, attended by 13 project researchers and representatives of northern partner organizations. This provided an excellent opportunity to exchange information and gain new insights. One concern raised during the workshop was the need to develop a more widely accepted methodology for gathering and communicating indigenous knowledge. The project will seek to address this issue (in cooperation with the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology) and is planning a workshop on the topic in October. The project website www.ualberta.ca/polar/conservationhunting was posted in February 2006 (and received over a dozen unsolicited congratulatory e-mails from individuals in Canada, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa and the U.S). A list serve has, to date, circulated over 110 information items among project members and interested UofA personnel. In addition to being a participant in the ArcticNet NCE program, the project is part of the IPY program, with its Full Proposal listed in the IPY database and formal reciprocal links established with three internationally-endorsed IPY projects (## 166, 187 and 206). An important aspect of our IPY funding application (as well as our existing ArcticNet funding) is to contribute to capacity building in northern organizations and communities. To further this goal, discussions have been held with the Nunavut land claim beneficiaries' organization (NTI) and with Aurora College (in Inuvik), Nunavut Arctic College (in Iqaluit) and Nunavut Sivuniksavut (in Ottawa) with the goal of developing stronger educational and training links between the University of Alberta and these Inuit organizations. As resources allow, we intend to start these programs later in 2006 and to begin dialogue with other Inuit organizations in the NWT/Western Arctic and with the territorial government and wildlife co-management board in Nunavut. We gratefully acknowledge the funding received from the Office of the Vice-President (Research) and to CCI for start-up funds. External funding has also been received from ArcticNet, Conservation Force, DIAND, and SSHRCC. **Contact:** Dr. Milton Freeman at milton.freeman@ualberta.ca or Dr. Kashif Sheikh at kashif.sheikh@ualberta.ca

MACKENZIE VALLEY PROJECT UPDATE

Improving Community Participation in Socio-Economic Impact Assessment in the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories

The objective of this project is to improve community participation in the practice of socio-economic impact assessment (SEIA) in the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories (NWT). To date, the Aboriginal communities of the Mackenzie Valley have had limited involvement in the practice of SEIA. These communities have identified a need for improved knowledge, including experience from prior development projects, to help them prepare for large-scale development projects. The project represents an opportunity to gather knowledge from diverse sources, including indigenous communities affected by resource development, and apply this knowledge to the practice of SEIA in advance of large-scale developments proposed for the Mackenzie Valley. Project methodology includes a synthesis of existing knowledge based on semi-structured interviews, content analysis, and participatory methods. Appropriate tools for transferring this synthesized knowledge to Mackenzie Valley communities will be developed in partnership with community practitioners. Potential knowledge transfer tools may include: an SEIA "handbook"; an on-line library; a website connecting communities with each other and with SEIA practitioners; knowledge exchange workshops; and, potentially, a video documenting Aboriginal community experiences with large-scale resource development projects. The Principal and Collaborating Investigators will work in partnership with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board to investigate and pursue

other opportunities for funding these knowledge synthesis and exchange activities. The project partners will investigate both developmental funding and implementation funding. The project may be split into different components (e.g., synthesis, knowledge exchange, knowledge transfer tools) to align with funding criteria. **Contact:** Dr. Naomi Krogman at Naomi.krogman@ualberta.ca or Dr. Robert Hudson at Robert.hudson@ualberta.ca

NETWORK NORTH PROGRAM UPDATE

Workshop on Tâichô Governance

In April, Network North concluded our SSHRC Workshop Grant with a workshop on Tâichô Governance, focused on the key theme identified in our first workshop, which included governance and traditional leadership. The workshops aimed to work with community members of the Tâichô communities to articulate two things: firstly, participants focused on elements needed at the community level for a further research piece (now submitted to the Walter Gordon Duncan Foundation), and secondly, participants learned research techniques that were applied to the analysis of the Tâichô cosmology. Our aim was to identify the key values and principles of traditional governance and to apply them directly to modern governance. The workshop included 20 people from the region, as well as three academic partners to the project. In preparation for the meeting, a short video was made which recorded the Chief Negotiator and now Tâichô Executive Officer, John B. Zoe, as he spoke of the history and cosmology of the Tâichô. A full transcription of the history was made available. A short song sung by an elder was included in the workshop materials, translated into English. These two pieces (the video and the song) served as the analytical resource material for the training workshop. As well as these materials, modern examples of Tâichô governance were prepared by community members and researchers. Cases were also prepared from the Investment Corporation and the Lands and Environment Department, two of the four arms of the Tâichô Government. The research partners met many times in advance of the workshop to create a vision. Key goals emerged: Teach and practice the skills of content analysis and qualitative analysis; Apply the skills through analysis of the Tâichô materials prepared (the video, transcript and the song); Articulate values and principles of Tâichô governance, and Apply these values to the practice of modern management issues. The aim was to find the deeper meanings behind the stories and apply these meanings and values to build institutions and practices. This fits with the Tâichô aim to "begin with our own homes, our families and our children". **Contact:** Dr. Nancy Gibson at nancy.gibson@ualberta.ca or Ginger Gibson at vgibson@interchange.ubc.ca or Karen Edwards at Karen.edwards@ualberta.ca



CIRCUMPOLAR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CSA) NEWS

2005-2006 CSA Executive is as follows: **President:** Chantel Nixon nixon@ualberta.ca , **Vice-Presidents:** Anna Pienkowski-Furze ajp3@ualberta.ca and Mark Edwards mae@ualberta.ca , **Secretary:** Kory Cooper korycooper@gmail.com , **Treasurer:** Shawn Leroux leroux@ualberta.ca , **Web designer:** Alicia Kelly, **Past-exec:** Micaela Brown and Ryan Danby.

The CSA is a registered GSA group of the University of Alberta -- an excellent interdisciplinary group of students that come together with a common interest: the North! If you are interested in joining the CSA or wish to know more about the group and its activities, you can send your enquiry to nixon@ualberta.ca and it will be forwarded to a CSA member. Visit the new CSA page at the website <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polar/csa.cfm>

NORTHERN SPEAKER SERIES AND NORTHERN STARS MENTORSHIP SERIES 2006-2007

The Northern Speakers Series will resume with the 2006-2007 academic year. Suggestions for speakers always welcome (especially if you know of a visiting scholar to the UofA who might make a presentation during their stay). To register to a discussion or to volunteer to lead a forum, **contact** Mark Edwards at mae@ualberta.ca OR CCI at 492-4512.

CSA PUBLICATION: *New Northern Lights: Graduate Research on Circumpolar Studies at the UofA*

See description in CCI Press column.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NETWORKS

Circumpolar Young Leaders Program Internships <http://www.iisd.org/interns/arctic>

The Circumpolar Young Leaders Program is an initiative of the Arctic Council. We recently received word our funding has been approved for 2006-07. We have 4 placements available this year in Norway, Finland and possibly Denmark. We are currently seeking applications until all positions have been filled from Canadian youth originally from, or living in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon, and northern Quebec and Labrador to undertake 6 month internships in other circumpolar countries. Application details can be found at: http://www.iisd.org/interns/arctic/how_to_apply.asp There is no deadline to submit applications however, interviews will commence in August. Placements will begin in September. Briefly, the Circumpolar Young Leaders Program provides Northern youth under the age of 30 with training and work experience at leading organizations in Arctic countries. **If you have any questions about the program, please contact:** Carolee Buckler, Project Manager, International Institute for Sustainable Development, 161 Portage Avenue East, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0Y4; Tel (204) 958-7748 Email cbuckler@iisd.ca

TWO NEW RELEASES SUMMER 2006!

Scientific Uncertainty and the Politics of Whaling by Michael Heazle

This intriguing study examines how International Whaling Commission (IWC) policy has dramatically shifted from furthering the interests of whaling nations to eventually banning all commercial whaling. Focusing on the internal workings of the IWC, the author explores the impact of political and economic imperatives on the production and interpretation of scientific research and advice. Central to this work are the epistemological problems encountered in the production of 'truth'. Science does not produce incontestable facts, and the problematic nature of scientific knowledge has made uncertainty a tool in the service of political objectives. When scientific advice to whaling nations could not with absolute certainty declare whaling practices a threat to stocks, those IWC members with substantial investments of political and economic capital in whaling, used this uncertainty to reject a reduction in quotas. Later, as perceptions and the economic importance of whaling changed, and with public opinion turned against commercial whaling, uncertainty switched sides. Non-whaling members in the IWC, a majority by the late 1970s, claimed that because scientific data could not prove that commercial whaling was sustainable, hunting should stop, with the result that uncertainty was now used to protect the resource rather than the industry.

Co-published with the University of Washington Press

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Knowing Places: The Inuinait, Landscapes, and the Environment by Beatrice Collignon

This volume deals with the geographic knowledge of Inuit of the central Canadian Arctic, and explores the importance of the land in the construction of identity. Inuinait geographic knowledge is organized around three central concepts: relativity, connectivity, and subjectivity that also organize the social structure, and the Inuinait language. It is a knowledge in action, best described as a holistic 'wisdom of the land'. It involves a mix of practical skills such as orientation and meteorology, and of oral tradition. Learning is accomplished through observation and experience, and by careful attention to stories. Place names describe features as seen and understood by specific people, in specific contexts and experiences related to life and travels on the land. Along with the stories of Inuit epics and family tales, they transform the expanses of the physical landscapes into 'memoryscapes,' inhabited by human beings, animals, and spirits of all kinds.

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New Northern Lights: Graduate Studies in Circumpolar Research from the University of Alberta

Edited by Heather Castleden, Ryan Danby, Audrey Giles, and Jean-Paul Pinard in consultation with the CCI Press Academic Editorial Committee

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Conservation-Hunting: People and Wildlife in Canada's North by Milton Freeman, Lee Foote, and Robert Hudson

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Mihkwākamiwi sipisis: Stories and Pictures from Metis elders in Fort McKay

Presented by Craig Campbell, Alice Boucher, Mike Evans, Emma Faichney, Howard La Corde, and Zachary Powder

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Inuit Qaujimaningit (IQ) nanuirnut [Inuit knowledge of Polar Bears]

Prepared by Darren Keith with Jerry Arqviq, Louie Kamookak, Jackie Ameralik and the Gjoa Haven Hunters' and Trappers' Organization

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by Olive Patricia Dickason, Professor Emeritus, Department of History (adapted by Moira Calder, IIQM, UofA)

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CANADIAN CIRCUMPOLAR COLLECTION of the UA Library System

Visit the Canadian Circumpolar Collection of the University of Alberta Libraries on the 4th Floor, Science and Technology Division (Cameron) Library.

The Canadian Circumpolar Collection (CCC) is catalogued in The NEOS Libraries' Catalogue at: <http://www.library.ualberta.ca/>

CLASSROOM OR ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS ON USING THE CIRCUMPOLAR POLAR COLLECTION

Teaching a course with Polar content? Writing a paper for a Northern Studies course? Need to do research on Arctic or Antarctic subjects?

Contact: Sandy Campbell, Canadian Circumpolar Collection, Science and Technology Library, 1-26 Cameron Library; call 492-7915; e-mail sandy.campbell@ualberta.ca to book a classroom sessions on using the polar literature, or to meet one-on-one.

POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUY 2008 TO BE HOSTED by CCL and CCI at the UofA!

The **Polar Libraries Colloquy**, formerly the Northern Libraries Colloquy, was founded in 1971 for the purpose of providing a forum through which librarians and others concerned with the collection, preservation, and dissemination of polar information discuss issues of mutual interest and promote initiatives leading to improved collections and services. From its origin, the fostering of greater international collaboration has been a central objective. For example, the Colloquy has a membership in the [University of the Arctic](#). The Colloquy [meets biennially](#) at venues by tradition alternating between Europe and North America. For background information, please see "[A Brief History of the Polar Libraries Colloquy/Northern Libraries Colloquy](#)". The Colloquy publishes a newsletter, [Polar Libraries Bulletin](#) (usually two issues per year) and [Polar and Cold Regions Library Resources: a directory](#). Members of the Colloquy help maintain [Polar Web](#), a collaborative project of the Polar Libraries Colloquy and the [Arctic Centre](#) at the University of Lapland, which offers a guide to Internet resources dealing with the lands and waters surrounding the North and South Poles, as well as other cold regions of the Earth. All subject disciplines are covered from the physical and life sciences, through the social sciences and native peoples, to engineering and technology. The Colloquy's email discussion group, [pollib-L](#), is a moderated mailing list and discussion group intended primarily, though not exclusively, for Colloquy members. The [Polar Libraries Colloquy Weblog](#) provides a forum for discussion of issues of interest to Colloquy members, as well as others concerned with the collection, preservation, and dissemination of polar information. Items will be posted regularly and commentary is encouraged. You do not have to be a member of the Colloquy to post a comment, but all comments will be moderated before they are posted to this weblog. An RSS feed is available.

The next meeting (2008) will be held from 2-8 June 2008 at the University of Alberta. Watch for further details and the website!

AROUND TOWN / THE PROVINCE

Four Seasons Speakers' Series

The Centre for World Indigenous Knowledge and Research is pleased to welcome Kim Anderson as the guest speaker for the Four Seasons Speaker's Series. Kim will be doing two presentations. Kim Anderson is the author of *A Recognition of Being: Reconstructing Native Womanhood*, and co-editor of *Strong Women Stories: Native Vision and Community Survival*. Kim Anderson is a Cree/Metis writer, educator, researcher and doctoral candidate at the University of Guelph. There is no fee to attend, all are welcome.

Old Lady Raised: Reflections on Research and Aboriginal Women

July 6th, 2006, Room 1112, Edmonton Learning Centre 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

AND July 7th, 2006, Room 106, Governing Council, Athabasca University, Athabasca, Alberta 12:00 pm 1:30 pm

INFO: indigenous_events@athabascau.ca Extension: 2064

ACA Seeks Three Public-At-Large Directors

The deadline is fast approaching for applications to fill the 3 vacancies that the **Alberta Conservation Association** has on its Board for **public-at-large directors**. If you have an interest in conservation and the outdoors, this may be something you'd like to do. The ACA board meets quarterly and consists of a number of directors, including representatives appointed from member groups, one provincial government representative, and various public-at-large directors. These are appointments for 3 year terms. Member organizations of the ACA include Alberta Fish and Game Association, Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association, Alberta Professional Outfitters Society, Alberta Trappers Association, Federation of Alberta Naturalists, Pheasants Forever Alberta Council, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta and Trout Unlimited Canada. For information about criteria and submitting an application, please contact **Jasmin Dale** at (780) 427-7832, by email at jdale@ab-conservation.com or toll free at 1-877-969-9091. Deadline is midnight, **June 15th**. [More info on Public-At-Large Directors positions](#)

SNAME Arctic Luncheon Talk

The **Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Arctic Section** will hold its final luncheon of the season on **June 21st** at the Westin Calgary Hotel on 4th Avenue. Presenters are from **ASRC Tri-Ocean Engineers** and will talk about *Module size optimization for remote oil & gas production facilities in the Arctic*. *Doors open at 11:30. RSVP by phone to 403-228-0962. Cost is \$30 for SNAME and CHA members and \$35 for guests.*

NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL NEWS

(Except where otherwise noted, all news briefs are excerpt from Press Releases received at CCI)

Technology Developed by NunaSoft Inc. Provide Important Internet Toolst

Nunasoft Inc. offers services related to the Internet, computers and software and their skillset covers most of the technologies that are currently available. They have developed a popular collection of technologies dedicated to Inuktitut (**language integration services** include – hardware and onscreen Inuktitut keyboards, transliteration, and conversion technologies; **Community tools** include NunaMail, NunaWeb, NunaForum and NunaPix), and the collection will soon expand to other Native languages (keyboards of Cree, Cherokee and Blackfoot are currently under development). The solutions they deliver are ready-to-use, comprehensive and reliable. In 2005, NunaSoft reinvested 74.7% of its net profit into R&D. We consider ourselves technological explorers, we dare to engage on paths that nobody has even considered looking at, and yes, we're planning a little revolution. Their development strategy revolves around three axes: bringing human communities together; integration of native languages into computers; and, preservation of cultures. **NunaSoft Inc.** <http://www.nunasoft.com/index.php?language=en>

ITK Calls on Canada to Support United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Ottawa - Wednesday June 28, 2006 - The President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), Mr. Jose Kusugak, has written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper to express fundamental disagreement with comments made by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) regarding the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Rights, and to urge Canadian support of its passage in Geneva. In the letter to the Prime Minister, ITK President notes that ITK has reviewed the United Nations draft on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It is the culmination of 10 years of work involving over 488 individuals and 69 nations, 8 UN and intergovernmental organizations, and 49 indigenous and non-governmental organizations. ITK disputes a Canadian position made public in media comments by Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Jim Prentice on June 20, 2006 in which he is quoted as saying the draft declaration, "contains provisions that are inconsistent with the Canadian Charter (of Rights and Freedoms). It contains provisions that are inconsistent with the Constitution Act of 1982. It's quite inconsistent with land-claims policies under which Canada negotiates claims." ITK disputes the legal basis for the comments, suggesting it's the first time in Canadian history that a UN developed text on human rights would be contrary to Canadian domestic law.

Source: *Stephen Hendrie Director, Communications Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; Tel: 613.277.3178* hendrie@itk.ca

NATIONAL (CANADIAN) SECRETARIAT: INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

The **Canadian IPY Secretariat** in collaboration with the **Canadian Polar Commission** have created a new website portal for IPY information in Canada www.ipycanada.ca Canadian IPY News Online: This newsletter is a 'short' version since we are still testing the formatting and software. If you experience any troubles please contact the Secretariat at ipy@ualberta.ca.

Canada's 2007 stamp program announced

The Canadian stamp program for 2007 will begin on January 5 with stamps celebrating the Year of the Pig -- the 11th year the post office has issued a stamp for the Lunar New Year. A second celebration stamp, following last year's ballooning birthday design, will be issued mid-January. Recognizing Canadian hardiness, Canada Post will issue a stamp commemorating the international polar research community's 125th anniversary of the first International Polar Year in February. ... Canada Post receives thousands of stamp suggestions every year. The Stamp Advisory Committee, consisting of people from across Canada with an expertise in Canadian culture, history and/or philately, examine all suggestions and then settle on the annual stamp program. The program is then approved by Canada Post's Board of Directors. Further details of the 2007 Stamp Program, along with any changes or additions to the program, will be available in separate announcements for each issue. Additional information about Canadian stamps can be found in the Newsroom section of Canada Post's website. **Media requiring further information should contact:** Cindy Daoust cindy.daoust@canadapost.ca; (613) 734-4258

For further information, contact: Canadian IPY Secretariat; Fax: (780) 492-9234; E-mail: ipy@ualberta.ca Dr. David Hik, Executive Director; E-mail: david.hik@ualberta.ca Tel: (780) 492-9878

IPY Forum: <http://www.ipy-api.ca>

IPY Canada Newsletter www.ipy-api.ca and www.ualberta.ca/~ipy.

NEW webpage and link for the CANIPY IMS Server. <http://www.ualberta.ca/~ipy/CANIPY/>.

All IPY Canada Pre-proposals and full proposals, as well as international full proposal submissions from the June and September deadlines have been mapped. CANIPY IMS can be used to see where research is being planned for 2007-2008 and to access links to associated project information. If you have any trouble using the map server or if you have any new information / locations for your own work please contact us at ipy@ualberta.ca

NSF Launches New Web Portal International Polar Year 2007-2008 <http://www.us-ipy.gov>

World Conference on Science & Education Technology (WorldSTE2007)

8-12 July 2007, Perth, Western Australia Web: www.acecrc.org.au

WorldSTE2007 is a combined conference of the International Council of Associations for Science Education (ICASE) and the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA). The Australasian Science Education Research Association (ASERA) is also holding their annual conference in Perth from July 11 – 14 so that delegates can attend both the WorldSTE2007 and the ASERA conferences. Given the timing and the international focus, it seems like a good opportunity to promote IPY education efforts. There are a number of things we could do including having a booth in the exhibit hall, conducting workshops and/or presentations, or possibly running a satellite series of workshops. The ACE CRC was already planning to get involved but, rather than having individual organisations do their own small thing, I thought it would be better (and more cost-effective) if we coordinated efforts and showcased the international focus of polar education and outreach. It would also be a good way for those who are unable to get to Australia for the conference to get information about their programs out to an international education community. If other groups are interested, I would be happy to take the lead in coordinating and arranging this. Please let me know what you think. **Contact:** Dr Sandra Zicus, *Communications Manager*, Antarctic Climate & Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre, Centenary Building, Grosvenor Crescent, Sandy Bay, Tasmania 7005, Private Bag 80, Hobart, Tasmania 7001 AUSTRALIA; Telephone: +61 3 6226 2265; Mobile: 0419 315 381; Fax: +61 3 6226 2440; Email: sandra.zicus@acecrc.org.au

From the SCAR (Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research) Newsletter, Issue 7, June 2006:

"SCAR Awards its first Medals for Achievement"

"On July 12, 2006, as part of the opening ceremony for the SCAR Open Science Conference, in Hobart, Tasmania, the President, Professor Jörn Thiede will award the following three SCAR medals: ... (iii) to Dr. David Walton (UK) the SCAR Medal for International Scientific Coordination. The full citations will be made available at the meeting. SCAR Secretariat team congratulates the Awardees and wishes them all the best in the future."

UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC



GoNorth! – UArctic's newest addition in the mobility area - has entered a new stage in its development.

This mobility program is a supplement to the well established UArctic North2North mobility program and in contrast to North2North its purpose is to attract students from outside the circumpolar region to go north for a study period or for a whole degree. The Council meeting was GoNorth!'s first opportunity to attract major attention amongst the UArctic member institutions and the number of participants in the breakout session on GoNorth! indicates an interest in the program. GoNorth! is still very much in the making and the first program meeting, which was held during the Council days in Bodø, was used to discuss and prioritize issues for a period until the next program meeting in Roskilde in November. The program needs more concretisation. A major issue is funding for program activities. As a start, a grant from the Norwegian ministry has secured funding to cover travel costs for participation

in two program meetings, one this autumn and another in 2007. In retrospect, GoNorth! as an idea was brought forward by one of the UArctic members, Scandinavian Seminar Group and endorsed by UArctic one and a half years ago. The working title of the program was then South2North. By the time the issue was ready for voting in last year's UArctic Council meeting, the name had been changed to GoNorth! in order to underline the one-way aspect of the mobility program.

PUBLICATION / PUBLISHER NEWS

BOOKSHELF

Reindeer Management in Northernmost Europe: Linking Practical and Scientific Knowledge in Social-Ecological Systems

Edited By: B.C. Forbes, M. Bolter, L. Muller-Wille, J. Hukkinen, F. Muller, N. Gunslay, and Y. Konstantinov

The management of reindeer herds in northernmost Europe has been dramatically altered by changes in the environment, largely the result of human activities. This volume investigates the conditions upon which human-reindeer relations have been based, as well as those necessary for future reindeer management. It consists of three parts: I: Herders and Reindeer: The Cultural and Socioeconomic Dynamics of Human-Animal Relations; II: Reindeer Herding: Effects on Soils, Soil Biota, and Vegetation; III: Integrative Models for Reindeer Management: The Interface Between Social and Natural Sciences. The results of process-oriented field and laboratory studies by scientists are efficaciously supported by those from research involving herders and their experience-based knowledge. In Northern Fennoscandia and Northwest Russia the issue is not just the conservation of the natural environment of reindeer, but also the survival of the Sami, the northern indigenous people who herd them. This book is written for researchers and environmental managers.

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Courage, Sacrifice, Devotion: The History of the Famous US Navy's Antarctic Air Squadron-VX-6 1955-99

By Noele Gillespie 74a Norwood Street, Christchurch .New Zealand, noel.design@xtra.co.nz

Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Natural Resource Management

Edited by Charles R. Menzies 2006, 288 pp. Illus.. 0-8032-8319-9 \$19.95 paper 0-8032-3246-2 \$45.00 cloth <http://unp.unl.edu/bookinfo/5089.html>

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ANNUAL ARCTIC ICE ATLAS - WINTER 2006 <http://ice-glaces.ec.gc.ca/App/WsvPageDsp.cfm?ID=204&Lang=eng>

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IceTongue <http://www.icetongue.org/>

NEWSLETTERS / MAGAZINES

NEWS from the editors of the *Russian Regional Report*

Starting on 6 June, subscribers to the *Russian Regional Report* will instead begin to receive a new publication, the *Russian Analytical Digest*. The RRR correspondents will continue to contribute to the new publication. The new *Russian Analytical Digest* will deliver regular analyses of key topics in current Russian affairs, featuring Russian and Western authors as well as illustrative data in the form of tables and graphs. The *Russian Analytical Digest* covers political, economic, and social developments in Russia and its regions, and looks at Russia's role in international relations. Topics addressed in the first several issues include: Russia's natural gas monopoly Gazprom, liberal politics, the Russian version of the fight against terrorism, the new NGO law, and relations with Belarus. The *Russian Analytical Digest* is a bi-weekly internet publication jointly produced by the Research Centre for East European Studies [Forschungsstelle Osteuropa] at the University of Bremen (www.forschungsstelle-osteuropa.de) and the Center for Security Studies (CSS) at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich). It is supported by the Otto Wolff Foundation and the German Association for East European Studies (DGO). The Digest draws on contributions to the German-language Russlandanalysen (www.russlandanalysen.de) and the CSS analytical network on Russia and Eurasia (www.res.ethz.ch). To download the first issue of *Russian Analytical Digest* (Vol. 1, No. 1, 6 June 2006) or subscribe to the Russian Analytical Digest newsletter, please visit our web page at www.res.ethz.ch/analysis/rad (available from 6th of June 2006).

ArcticNet Newsletter <http://www.arcticnetulaval.ca/index.php?fa=Medias.show>

Canadian Antarctic Research Network – *CARN Newsletter* vol. 20 http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/english/pdf/carn_vol20_eng.pdf

Canadian IPY News Online ipy@ualberta.ca.

The *Canadian Northern Studies Trust Newsletter* of ACUNS www.acuns.ca

Caribou News in Brief. Beverly & Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB) http://www.arctic-caribou.com/news_dec05.html#collars

C-CIARN Coastal Zone Newsletter <http://c-ciarn.bio.ns.ca>.

Gallon Environmental Newsletter Honoured Reader (free) [ggallon@ecolog.com](mailto:gallon@ecolog.com) Paid -- more complete edition www.cialgroup.com/subscription.

INNOVATION ALBERTA ONLINE contains information and news on projects in northern research and development <http://www.innovationalberta.com/>

International Network for Whaling Research-- *INWR DIGEST* www.ualberta.ca/~inwr/inwr.html

IUCN-Commission for Ecosystem Management's newsletter <http://www.iucn.org/ecosystems>.

Kluane Lake Research Station (KLRS) Newsletter <http://pubs.aina.ucalgary.ca/aina/KLRSNews02.pdf>

Northern News -- IASSA (International Arctic Social Sciences Association) Newsletter www.iassa.q

Pembina News (monthly email edition): <http://www.pembina.org/default.asp>

Russian Regional Report on-line (with archives) - <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/news/rrr/> and Russian Analytical Report www.russlandanalysen.de

Shared Voices -- The University of the Arctic Newsletter (monthly) : <http://news.uarctic.org/>

Sustainable Use Specialists Group *SUSG newsletter* www.iucn.org/susg.

OTHER MEDIA

Polar Bears: a Guide to Safety – New Video Production

The Safety in Bear Country Society (SIBCS) is pleased to announce the release of their fourth program in the Safety in Bear Country video series: "**Polar Bears: a Guide to Safety**". This program contains important information on how people can reduce their chance of encountering a polar bear and how to best respond if they do meet a bear. Inuktitut and French language versions will soon be available. **Polar Bears: a Guide to Safety** was a collaborative effort lead by the SIBCS. Many people contributed their knowledge about polar bears and safety: Inuit elders, polar bear hunters, other northern residents, research scientists, wildlife managers, and bear viewing operators. Corporate and government sources provided funding for the video. The major financial sponsors were, Government of Nunavut - Department of Environment, Parks Canada, Government of Canada Habitat Stewardship Program, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and Devon Canada Corporation. Other corporate and government contributors provided important financial contributions, services in kind, or valuable video footage. **Polar Bears: a Guide to Safety** and other SIBC safety videos (Staying Safe in Bear Country, Working in Bear Country, and Living in Bear Country) are available in DVD or VHF formats from Distribution Access: www.distributionaccess.com or sales@distributionaccess.com or call Toll-free 1-888-440-4640. For more information on Safety in Bear Country Society programs, please see the Distribution Access website or contact Grant MacHutchon, SIBCS, 250-339-5260, machutch@mars.ark.com

RESEARCH NEWS, NETWORKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Available for Public Comment

Draft Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Guidelines Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

A copy of the draft document and associated comment form can be downloaded from: <http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/news.php>

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board has released its first draft of "Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Guidelines" for environmental impact assessments in the Mackenzie Valley, Northwest Territories, Canada. A copy of the draft document and associated comment form can be downloaded from: <http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/news.php> The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is an aboriginal co-management board set up to handle environmental assessments in the Mackenzie Valley. These guidelines are intended to provide guidance on the Review Board's processes and expectations for the conduct of effective socio-economic impact assessment grounded in the unique legal, social, economic, and cultural context of the Mackenzie Valley. **For further information, please contact:** Alistair MacDonald, Environmental Assessment Officer; Phone: 867-766-7052; Fax: 867-766-7074 E-mail: amacdonald@mveirb.nt.ca

Advice on a Long-term Strategy on Energy and Climate Change from CPC

The document addresses opportunities and challenges facing Canada in relation to its long-term energy and climate change future. Specifically, it deals with how to, by 2050: Meet the energy needs of a growing economy; Achieve substantial reductions in carbon emissions; Improve the quality of Canada's air. The following key findings are derived from an examination of a 2050 scenario developed by energy consultants ICF International. National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) members approved all recommendations http://www.nrtee-trnee.ca/eng/programs/Current_Programs/Energy-Climate-Change/EEC-Wedge-Advisory-Note/ECC-Wedge-advisory-note_e.htm

EMAIL LISTS OF INTEREST

AnthroAlaska unmoderated email list <http://lists.uaa.alaska.edu/mailman/listinfo/AnthroAlaska>.

Canadian Oral History Association (COHA) Moderated ListServ Launched <https://mta.uwinnipeg.ca/mailman/listinfo/coha>

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

2006 Field Program on board the CCGS Amundsen is fast approaching!

Join the team of 2 program leaders, 8 students, and 2 teachers as we board the CCGS Amundsen in Iqaluit (October 2006) to rendezvous with ArcticNet scientist as they travel through Frobisher Bay, across the Hudson Strait and proceed to the fjords of northern Labrador to conduct an intensive ecological study. Following the last sampling stop, the ship will continue along the Labrador Shelf and into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, ending in Quebec City. Preliminary schedule, costs, and application information are all available on the website <http://www.arcticnet.ulaval.ca> (click on Schools on Board banner).

What's going on North of 60? FALL 2006 v RSOC500 / BIOL601

Dr. David Schindler; Dr. Naomi Krogman; Dr. Brenda Parlee

Philosophy, Sociology and Politics of Science, Department of Biological Sciences; Department of Rural Economy

Contact Margaret Foxcroft (m.foxcroft@ualberta.ca) Department of Biological Sciences Or Judy Boucher (judy.boucher@ualberta.ca)

Applications now open for the Graduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

Deadline for applications: 1st August 2006

GCAS course begins November 2006. Download an application form at: <http://www.anta.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/gcas/application.shtml> or email gateway-antarctica@canterbury.ac.nz for more details.

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

INAC's Northern Programs Under New Directorship

Organizational changes at INAC (effective 1 April 2006) will see all science related work for the North housed together. The Northern Science Award program will be moving under new directorship. Russel Shearer who manages the Northern Contaminants Program is taking over responsibilities for the NSA, as well as the Northern Scientific Training Program, ACUNS and the CPC.

RESEARCH GUIDELINES, POLICIES, STATEMENTS

Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS) – Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics [Consultation Documents](#)

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

(see IPY section on page 4 of this newsletter). Details are available at the www.ipy-api.gc.ca. National Secretariat Website: www.ualberta.ca/~ipy

"The European Space Agency (ESA) is pleased to announce the opportunity to conduct scientific research and application development in support to the International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008, exploiting ESA Earth Observation missions and ESA Third Party Mission (TPM) data. The opportunity is open worldwide; the research geographic area is restricted to Antarctic and Arctic regions (North of the Polar circle) and including Greenland. ESA will provide a limited and agreed amount of ESA and TPM data free of charge to the selected Principal Investigators (PI). The deadline for submission of proposals is 15 September 2006; more information and proposal submission at <http://eopi.esa.int/esa/esa?e=XDXuWvAzQhf1mrTn3WnPR6oukyGODMxQDDVjU0kVzmi8UINt>

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council: Upcoming funding opportunity http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/ciam_opp_e.htm
NSERC Strategic Project Grants Information: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=b1
SSHRC Knowledge Impact in Society (KIS) Initiative http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/knowledge_impact_e.asp
CIHR-IAPH ACADRE national networks Registration deadline February 1, 2007. <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/31174.html>

SCHOLARSHIPS

2005 CPC Scholarship winner awarded Trudeau Scholarship

Kate Hennessy, winner of the 2005 Polar Commission Scholarship, has been awarded a prestigious Trudeau Foundation Scholarship. A PhD student in Anthropology at the University of British Columbia, Ms Hennessy is researching culture and language revitalization through collaborative digital media projects in northern Athapaskan communities. Kate describes her work in an article in the Spring/Summer 2006 edition of *Meridian*. http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/english/pdf/meri_06_spring_en.pdf

NSERC Northern Research Internship Program: http://www.nserc.gc.ca/sf_e.asp?nav=sfnv&lbi=nri. Contact: Pierre Bilodeau, Director, Scholarships and Fellowships Division, Research Grants and Scholarships Directorate, NSERC, 350 Albert St., Ottawa ON K1A 1H5 schol@nserc.ca

LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, WEBSITES

Arctic Exhibit Seeks Input

Survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=472251831792> Contact: Ms. Tammy Adkin, Executive Director, London Regional Children's Museum, 21 Wharnclyffe Road South, London, ON N6J 4G5; Phone 519-434-5725; Fax 519-434-1443 www.londonchildrensmuseum.ca email: tammy@londonchildrensmuseum.ca

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Departmental Library Portal Virtua: <http://virtua.ainc-inac.gc.ca>

DATABASES

Database on Arctic Documentary Films <http://arcticcentre.ulapland.fi/afbare/index.asp>
Nunavik Bibliography <http://136.159.147.171/nunavik>
Nunavut Environmental Database (NED) <http://ned.nunavut.ca>

EMPLOYMENT / PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS PROVIDED. USE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FULL DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Are you looking for a new job as lecturer, professor, postdoc, Canada Research Chair, or administrator at a college or university in Canada, the US, or somewhere else in the world? Review all current job openings on www.AcademicCareers-CA.com. There is no charge for applicants. You can search jobs, post a resume and request email alerts when matching jobs are posted.

INTERNSHIPS

The Aboriginal Summer Student Employment Program is a locally coordinated approach offering career focused work experiences for urban aboriginal youth. The intent is to offer bright young students exposure to the potential of careers in a wide range of organizations. This initiative offers the University Community the opportunity to continue to support the President's commitment to Aboriginal Engagement. Contact: Cyndi Killingsworth, Human Resources, University of Alberta, 2-40 Assiniboia Hall, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6G 2E7; Tel: 780 492-6072, Fax: 780 492-7777; E-mail: cyndi.killingsworth@hrs.ualberta.ca

GRADUATE OR POST-DOCTORAL

Ph.D. Opportunity-- Middle Holocene Hunter-gatherers of Cis-Baikal, Siberia

Department of Biological Sciences and Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta

Application Deadline: The position is open until filled. Ideally, the successful candidate would begin by fall 2006.

For further information, please see: <http://baikal.arts.ualberta.ca/>

The Departments of Biological Sciences and Anthropology at the University of Alberta invite applications for a four-year Ph.D. program, beginning September 2006 or soon thereafter, as part of the interdisciplinary project, Middle Holocene Hunter-gatherers of Cis-Baikal, Siberia, within the Baikal Archaeology Project. The Ph.D. student will work as a member of the Baikal Archaeology Project team and focus on an examination of prehistoric hunter-gatherer behavior from the ecological perspective. The Baikal Archaeology Project has accumulated a large database of archaeological, geochemical, and osteological indicators of hunter-gatherer behaviour in middle Holocene Cis-Baikal and participating researchers have conducted extensive paleoenvironmental fieldwork in the region. Prospective candidates should have completed a degree in Biological Sciences or Anthropology, ideally with course work or experience in both disciplines. He/she should be able to demonstrate a solid working knowledge of evolutionary ecology and Holocene environmental history of the northern hemisphere (Eurasia), adequate background in hunter-gatherer archaeology, and an understanding of quantitative analysis methods (including statistical and GIS approaches). The candidate should be prepared to travel to the Baikal region. A functional knowledge of the Russian language would be an asset. Applications may be written in English and should include a full CV and verified copies of relevant degree, employment, and language proficiency certificates. It should also include a 1-2 page review explaining the interest that the candidate has in this topic and the skills and experience that he/she will bring to the research group. In addition, please provide the name and telephone number of two people who may, if necessary, be contacted to provide a reference. Applications should be sent to: Dr. David Hik, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada T6G 2E9 E-mail: dhik@ualberta.ca Applications will be considered on an ongoing basis until a suitable candidate is identified. Funding for this program, including research assistantship, fieldwork travel, supplies etc., will be provided by the Baikal Archaeology Project. For further information, please go to: <http://baikal.arts.ualberta.ca/>

Postdoctoral Position -- Sea Ice Physics, Norwegian Polar Institute

Application Deadline: Monday, 31 July 2006

Information: Sebastian Gerland; Phone: +47 77 75 05 54; E-Mail: gerland@npolar.no

or: Edmond Hansen; Phone: +47 77 75 05 36; E-mail: edmond.hansen@npolar.no

PROFESSIONAL

Online Listing of Paleoscience Jobs-- Past Global Changes (PAGES)

All of the paleoscience jobs announced through the ArcticInfo, CRYOLIST, PALEOCLIMATE, and PALEOLIM listservers can now be found on the Past Global Changes (PAGES) website: <http://www.pages-igbp.org/services/jobs/index.html>

Research Associate -- Department of Geography and Environmental Studies

Cold Regions Research Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University Information: Bill Quinton, wquinton@wlu.ca

Managing Director(CEO) -- UNEP/GRID-Arendal

Arendal, Norway Application deadline: July 1, 2006

Applications should be directed to: GRID-Arendal Board of Directors Secretary Karen Folgen, karen@grida.no (phone +47 370 35 710)

For complete information, please see: <http://www.grida.no/about.cfm?pageID=18>

Limited-Term Position in Sociology, Department of Sociology, St. Thomas University

Nine-month appointment at the rank of assistant professor for the 2006-2007 academic year. The successful candidate must be qualified to teach Introduction to Sociology, and Inequality in Society. Course options in addition to the above required courses might include Social Control and Social Justice, Sociology of Gender, or Deviance. A PhD or imminent completion is required. **Applicants are to submit a curriculum vitae, samples of scholarly work, evidence of teaching effectiveness (teaching portfolio preferred), and arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to Dr. Colm Kelly, Chair, Department of Sociology, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G3.** The closing date is June 30, 2006, or when position is filled. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their files, including letters of reference, are complete by this date.

Sociology, Unit 6 (History, Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology) of the

Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences at UBC Okanagan

Deadline for Applications: June 22, 2006

Part-time instructor in Sociology for the 2006-2007 academic year. The successful applicant will teach 2 sections per term. The teaching load may be upgraded to full-time (3 sections per term) depending, in part, on student enrollment. Applicants should have a Ph.D. (ABD considered) in Sociology and be willing to teach undergraduate courses at the second and third year level. The required areas of expertise and/or competence are Sociology of Gender and Criminology. Preference will be given to applicants with university teaching experience. Interested applicants should forward a curriculum vita, teaching evaluations, and the names and email addresses of three referees to the Unit Head: Dr. Piotr Wrzesniewski, Associate Professor and Head, Unit #6, Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences, University of British Columbia Okanagan, 3333 University Way, Kelowna, B.C., Canada V1V 1V7 Or e-mail your application to piotr.wrzesniewski@ubc.ca

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS/PAPERS/FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS

A full Conference Schedule (updated monthly) is posted to the Circumpolar Café at the CCI Website at <http://cci.onware.ca>

AAAS Arctic Division 2006 Annual Meeting "The State of the Arctic"

2-4 October 2006, Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks, Alaska

Abstract Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 1 August 2006

Further information and online registration is available at: <http://arctic.aaas.org>

The Arctic Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will hold its annual conference on 2-4 October 2006 in Fairbanks, Alaska. The theme of this year's meeting is "The State of the Arctic." Various sessions will cover the current state and issues of current interest in the Arctic, including the changing physical environment, social and economic changes, and natural resources. Recent discoveries, their interpretation, and impacts on policy will be discussed from different perspectives ranging from economics to geophysics. Plenary topics and symposia include physical, social, and cultural conditions, including a special session on the International Polar Year. The sessions planned as of June 2006 are: Persistence of Climate Change in Northern High-Latitudes; Art and Science: Inspiration and Collaboration; International Polar Year; The Contribution of Human Dimensions Research to Observing and Understanding the Current State of the Arctic; Go North! Education and Research through Adventure Learning; High-Latitude Marine Ecology; Africa and Alaska: Similarities and Differences in Human Dimensions; International, Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Arctic Policies; Managing Resources for Resilience in Conditions for Rapid Change; Socioeconomic Issues in the Arctic; and, Terrestrial Ecosystems in a Changing Arctic. The conference sessions will be held at the Westmark Hotel in downtown Fairbanks, Alaska. A block of rooms at a special conference rate is being held for attendees. The conference will include an evening reception and art exhibit on Monday, 2 October, at the newly expanded Museum of the North on the campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Anyone interested in submitting an abstract for the conference can do so online at the conference website. The abstract submission deadline is Tuesday, 1 August 2006. Both oral and poster presentations are welcome. A schedule of the sessions and presentations will be available by Thursday, 31 August 2006. Further information and online registration is available at: <http://arctic.aaas.org>

Remote Regions/Northern Development Sessions Western Regional Science Association 46th Annual Meeting

21-24 February 2007, Newport Beach, California Submission Deadline: Wednesday, 1 November 2006

Further meeting information is available online at: <http://www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/wrsa.html>

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Western Regional Science Association (WRSA) will be held in Newport Beach, California, beginning on Wednesday, 21 February 2007 with a special opening session and reception. Paper sessions are scheduled for 22-24 February. The WRSA meeting includes a series of remote regions/northern development sessions to accommodate social scientists who have a special interest in research on economic, social, political, and cultural issues in remote, sparsely settled regions in the circumpolar north and elsewhere. In the past, researchers from Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand, Micronesia, Israel, Russia, and the coterminous United States have presented papers. The remote regions/northern development sessions are in their twenty-fourth year. Organizers are again issuing a general call for papers from economists, political scientists, anthropologists, sociologists, historians, planners, and others involved in research in northern and other remote regions. General topics include the analysis and discussion of economic, political, and social-cultural change in remote and sparsely settled regions. Examples of specific topics include: the consequences of new technology; the effects of government expenditures; the conditions for success or failure of development projects; relations between the subsistence and market economies; regional benefits and costs of development; economic integration and cultural preservation; community development; changing social patterns; and Native sovereignty and federalism. While papers on any topic consistent with the general theme are welcomed, organizers encourage papers addressing two particular topics: - migration in northern and remote regions, and - institutional change and resource governance in northern and remote regions. Organizers also welcome special sessions and are particularly interested in sessions which address a particular theme from the perspective of a number of countries or regions. Please contact Lee Huskey if you are interested in organizing such a session. **Send or e-mail a copy of your paper to:** Professor Lee Huskey, Department of Economics, College of Business and Public Policy, University of Alaska Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, USA 99508 E-mail: alfh@uaa.alaska.edu

OCEAN Industries BC Conference on Offshore Energy in

12-13 October 2006, Sheraton Vancouver, Wall Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on October 12 and 13, 2006.

Follow for details on the website www.oceanindustriesbc.ca

Contact: OIBC Conference Coordinator: Ian Smart, Muse Communications, 25 - 850 Parklands Drive, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V9A 7L9 E-mail: MuseComm@shaw.ca; Tel: (250) 384-7386; Fax: (250) 853-3348 See you at the Conference!

Inside Knowledge: (Un)doing Methodologies, Imagining Alternatives

28-30 March 2007, Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA), Netherlands

Confirmed keynote speakers: Derek Attridge (University of York), Leo Bersani (University of California, Berkeley), Steven Connor (Birkbeck College, London), Saurabh Dube (El Colegio de Mexico), Bruce Holsinger (University of Virginia)

Scholars think of themselves as having "inside knowledge" or being "inside" knowledge. The state of being inside can be interpreted as a comfort zone or privileged position, or on the other hand, a trap excluding other ways of knowing. Is being inside knowledge a kind of all-compassing frame forming our subjectivity or are scholars active agents in this process? Do we discover or invent knowledge? While the myth of knowledge as objective and neutral appears to have been debunked, a question remains unresolved: If not objectivity, then what? In search for an answer to this question, academic disciplines today often find themselves trapped between relativist and essentialist tendencies. Faced with the new multiple and complex realities of globalization, cross-cultural encounters and conflicts, the inadequacy of old approaches to knowledge underscores the need for either radical revisions of traditional modes of knowledge production, or alternative ways of doing and thinking knowledge. Disciplines therefore appear to be in need of specific methodologies, which could function across disciplinary borders and provide (tentative) grounds for inter- or transdisciplinary communication. The previous ASCA workshop focused on specific

issues of commitment and complicity for self-reflexive, engaged and responsible scholarship. This year, we have decided to make knowledge itself an issue. In dedicating a whole workshop to the admittedly vast issue of knowledge, we intend to bring practices and theories of knowledge to the foreground, thereby making knowledge a starting point for critical discussion and interrogation, rather than a pre-given fundament of our academic, scientific and everyday practices. By revisiting the theme of knowledge, we wish to challenge, question and resist existing methodologies; revise traditional modes of knowledge production; revisit the histories of knowledge and epistemologies of the past and the present; culturally contextualize and situate knowledge; discuss new emerging regimes of knowledge and the power relations that they (re)inscribe; imagine different ways of experiencing and doing knowledge; and, finally, dare to envision the future of our various disciplines through different ways of knowing. In light of the above, we encourage workshop participants to explore the issue of knowledge through the following panel themes: 1. Knowledge production: conversation or conservation?; 2. Configurations and practices of knowledge; 3. Resisting knowledge; 4. Alternative sites for knowledge; 5. Corporeality and the senses as sites for knowledge; 6. Technologies and methodologies of knowledge We welcome proposals from a range of disciplines, including (but not limited to) art history and theory, literary studies, cultural studies, film and media studies, theatre, dance and performance studies, philosophy, history, gender studies, queer theory, art and design, musicology, anthropology, sociology, political science, geography, religion studies, and linguistics. **Please send your one-page proposal (500 words maximum) and a short biographical note by 1st October 2006** to the ASCA office: asca-fgw@uva.nl | Dr. Eløe Kingma (managing Director ASCA), Oude Turfmarkt 147, 1012 GC, Amsterdam., tel: +31 20 525 3874.

World Conference on Science & Education Technology (WorldSTE2007)

8-12 July 2007, Perth, Western Australia Web: www.acecrc.org.au

WorldSTE2007 is a combined conference of the **International Council of Associations for Science Education (ICASE)** and the **Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA)**. The **Australasian Science Education Research Association (ASERA)** is also holding their annual conference in Perth from July 11 – 14 so that delegates can attend both the WorldSTE2007 and the ASERA conferences. Given the timing and the international focus, it seems like a good opportunity to promote IPY education efforts. There are a number of things we could do including having a booth in the exhibit hall, conducting workshops and/or presentations, or possibly running a satellite series of workshops. The ACE CRC was already planning to get involved but, rather than having individual organisations do their own small thing, I thought it would be better (and more cost-effective) if we coordinated efforts and showcased the international focus of polar education and outreach. It would also be a good way for those who are unable to get to Australia for the conference to get information about their programs out to an international education community. If other groups are interested, I would be happy to take the lead in coordinating and arranging this. Please let me know what you think. **Contact:** Dr Sandra Zicus, *Communications Manager*, Antarctic Climate & Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre, Centenary Building, Grosvenor Crescent, Sandy Bay, Tasmania 7005, Private Bag 80, Hobart, Tasmania 7001 AUSTRALIA; Telephone: +61 3 6226 2265; Mobile: 0419 315 381; Fax: +61 3 6226 2440; Email: sandra.zicus@acecrc.org.au;

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

IMAGeNation 8th Annual Aboriginal Film & Video Festival

22-25 June 2006 Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C.

After 7 successful years, IMAGeNation Aboriginal Film & Video Festival will be celebrating the best in Aboriginal film and video production. Join the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Warren Arcan and Skeena Reece at the Opening Night Gala, as they honour interdisciplinary, award winning director and media artist Dana Claxton. Featured films included: Jidwah'Doh "Lets Become Again" directed by Dawn Martin Hill and The 5th World Directed by Blackhorse Lowe. Witness opening night with The World Tea Party from 5:00-7:00pm and enjoy Traditional Coast Salish teas and Hors D'oeuvres provided by the Lil'get Feast House. IMAGeNation is Vancouver's only Native Film Festival that will screen works in film and video: shorts, experimental, documentaries, video art, animation, feature length films, documentaries and a NEW Youth Media Installation Directed by Os12. Awards will be given in the following categories: Outstanding Documentary, Best Experimental Short, and Outstanding Youth Film/Video and more. This year's "Shared Vision" component of cultural inclusion, will feature a Special Presentation presented by Moikgantsi Kgama of the - Imagination: A New York City based Black Film Festival, founded in 1997 (www.imagenationfilmfestival.org).

Submissions to Polar-Access and enquiries on CCI's programs can be sent to:

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