

# Northern Notes

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## *From the President*

IASSA continues to have a strong presence as an observer at the Arctic Council (AC). IASSA Council member Gérard Duhaime attended the Arctic Council meetings in Oulu and Inari, Finland, in May and October of 2002. Please check out his reports from these meetings inside this issue. I want to thank Gérard for contributing these important pieces of information which should be of relevance to all IASSA members. I am on my way to Reykjavik where I will represent IASSA as a member of the Steering Committee for the Arctic Human Development Report (AHDR) of AC (see Gérard's report). I will keep IASSA members updated about future developments regarding AHDR.

The IASSA Council just held its annual meeting for the first time in cyberspace. By using a UAF chatline, we were able to assemble a larger number of Council members around a (virtual) table as usual (six out of eight Council members). At the same time, this was certainly the cheapest Council meeting ever held. Among other actions

at the meeting, we changed Anne's title from Coordinator to Executive Officer.

Please take a look at the First Announcement and Call for Sessions for the next International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS V) inside this issue. For funding and organizational purposes it is important that we have a strong and comprehensive list of sessions by the deadline of April 15. Once again, if you anticipate organizing a costly session/workshop (e.g., one which requires extensive travel subsidies for participants), let Anne or myself know at the earliest possibility. While the deadline for paper abstracts is still a year away, indications of whether you plan to attend or not would help us tremendously in our planning efforts.

As winter is rapidly approaching, I would like to use the opportunity to wish all members and friends of IASSA joyous holidays and a happy new year 2003!

*Peter Schweitzer*

### ***From the Executive Officer***

I'm happy to report that progress on ICASS V is moving right along. We have a dynamic, hard-working committee that is coming up with good ideas and assisting Peter and me through the planning process.

We also welcome *your* ideas. In the following article, we announce a call for sessions. Please also consider sending me an email at <[fyiassa@uaf.edu](mailto:fyiassa@uaf.edu)> with any ideas you might have regarding the congress. They could be ideas for field trips, activities, or anything you think would enhance ICASS V.

Please also note two changes in contact information listed in the ICASS IV keynotes publication, *The Power of Traditions: Identities, Politics and Social Sciences*, which was mailed out to IASSA members this summer:

### ***ICASS V-First Announcement and Call for Sessions***

IASSA announces the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS V) to be held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus, Fairbanks, Alaska, USA from May 19-23, 2004.

These international congresses are held every three years, bringing together people from all over the world to share ideas about social science research in the Arctic. The last one, ICASS IV, was held in Quebec City, Canada from May 16-20, 2001, hosting some 300 participants from 17 different countries.

IASSA is now seeking proposals for sessions. Please submit them by April 15, 2003 to Anne Sudkamp, <[fyiassa@uaf.edu](mailto:fyiassa@uaf.edu)>, or the IASSA secretariat mailing address: PO Box 757730, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7730, USA; tel.: +1-907-474-6367; fax: +1-907-474-6370. Please include session title, name of session organizer and his or her complete contact information, and a brief description of the session. General ideas on sessions also will be gratefully accepted.

The call for papers will be announced next spring, along with a preliminary list of sessions. Abstract deadline is December 31, 2003. People already planning to attend are encouraged to notify IASSA now.

ICASS V's theme is *Connections: Local and Global Aspects of Arctic Social Systems*:

1. The correct spelling of Patrik Lantto's first name is Patrik, rather than Patrick, and his email is [Patrik.Lantto@historia.umu.se](mailto:Patrik.Lantto@historia.umu.se)
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Thank you for making these corrections. I wish you and yours a joyful holiday season.

*Anne Sudkamp*

“Today few people would question the concept that arctic social and natural systems are inextricably connected with global processes. In the past, however, scholarly interest was often driven by the presumption that arctic regions were isolated from other parts of the globe. With the recent emphasis on global connections, scholars are now challenged to maintain focus on the local and regional ties that form the backbone of northern communities. Because any research agenda highlights some aspects of the Arctic while obscuring others, a critical review of these perspectives is warranted.

We encourage conference participants to examine past, present, and future aspects of this theme. We hope that such an inquiry will encourage dialogue among different groups of stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and other northern residents, politicians and scholars, now setting research and other agendas for the Arctic.”

Conference organizing committee members include Peter Schweitzer, chair; Amy Lovecraft, Molly Lee, Richard Caulfield, Gordon Pullar, Jonathan Rosenberg, Gary Kofinas, Jordan Titus, and Anne Sudkamp.

For more information, contact IASSA executive officer Anne Sudkamp: email: [fyiassa@uaf.edu](mailto:fyiassa@uaf.edu); web: [www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa](http://www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa)

## **Reports from the Arctic Council**

*Gérard Duhaime attended the Arctic Council (AC) Sustainable Development Working Group meeting in Oulu, Finland in May, 2002 as a representative of IASSA and contributes the following four reports:*

### **Human conditions prioritized by the Arctic Council**

*IASSA involved*

The improvement of the human condition in the Arctic has been identified as a major commitment of the Arctic Council for the years to come. Signed as the main outcome of the Third Ministerial Meeting of the Arctic Council last October, the Inari Declaration states the necessity “to reinforce circumpolar cooperation to promote sustainable development in the Arctic as a basis for enhanced prosperity and welfare.”

As a concrete measure, the Arctic Council formally approved as a priority project the *Arctic Human Development Report* (AHDR). Under Iceland’s lead, this report will develop a comprehensive portrait of human aspects of the Arctic, taking advantage of social sciences and humanities body of knowledge. For years the Arctic Council has put a large emphasis on increasing knowledge concerning the status of natural environment and human health.

### **Call for social sciences collaboration**

This new priority may lead to a better balance in the information AC will use for decision-making in the future. It can be seen also as a clear signal to the social sciences community to take the place it deserves in circumpolar cooperation, by increasing its collaborative work.

As a matter of fact, representatives of the *Arctic Human Development Report* (AHDR) and IASSA took the opportunity at the AC gathering to discuss ways for thorough cooperation between them. To enhance cooperation, IASSA president Peter Schweitzer will represent IASSA on the Report Steering Committee and IASSA’s electronic network, *IASSA.Net*, should be used from now on to circulate appropriate information concerning ways and means for social scientists to be involved in AHDR.

Finally, AC renewed the observer status of IASSA until the 4<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting, to be held in Iceland in 2004.

### **Natural environment**

For the moment, the Inari Declaration adds urgency to AC’s usual priorities: actions against pollutants, biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and climate change. The Ministerial Meeting, which is the highest decision-making body of the AC, received major reports that have been prepared under its umbrella and that update scientific knowledge on the Arctic environment, such as *Arctic Pollution 2002*, (AMAP II).

### **Social scientists urge the Arctic Council to support reindeer herding**

The Arctic Council received rich and demanding reports from its Working Group on Sustainable Development. Two major pieces of knowledge have been submitted to the Council, therefore concluding major research initiatives.

### **Threats faced by reindeer herding**

The first report on the Northern Timberline Forests raises the alarm regarding various existing threats, notably the commercial exploitation of wood, hydroelectric, gas and oil development projects, and large-scale tourism development. These various activities have major impacts not only on forests, but also on the populations inhabiting these forests. The report is particularly alarming about the impact of the degradation of forests on reindeer herding. It recommends among others things: to integrate reindeer-herding communities in the decision-making process fully, to strengthen the status of reindeer herders, and to secure reindeer herding economically as a small-scale industry.

The second report raises other concerns. The report on Sustainable Reindeer Husbandry concludes that one of the major trends in this industry, despite its stability, is the reduction in the number of animals following economic problems, which in turn increase poverty among herders. Moreover, the report pinpoints other negative impacts that come to support the conclusions of the report on Northern Timberlines. The main concern is the loss of pastures, due to conflicts in land use and overgrazing.

These reports result from major international collaborative research. Their conclusions and

recommendations call for urgent actions at both local and global levels, in order to secure the future of reindeer herding. The Arctic Council is better informed now to make decisions accordingly. Social scientists, along with Arctic residents, however, should stay alerted since it may take time before their interventions have a significant impact at the political level. But, in the case of reindeer herding, taking time should not be an option.

Kankaanpaa, Sakari, Ludger Müller-Wille, Paulo Susiluoto and Marja-Liisa Sutinen, 2002.

*Northern Timberline Forests: Environmental and Socio-economic Issues and Concerns.*

Kolari, The Finnish Forest Research Institute (Research Paper 862), 289pp. ISBN-951-40-1844-3.

Jernsletten, Johnny-Leo and Konstantin Klokov, 2002. *Sustainable Reindeer Husbandry.* Arctic Council and Centre for Saami Studies. 157pp.

### **Taking Wing report: hard questions openly discussed**

The Arctic Council received with enthusiasm the report *Taking Wing* submitted by the Finland Ministry of Social Affairs and Health at the last meeting. The report referred to the communications presented at the Conference on Gender Equality and Women in the Arctic held in Finland in August 2002. This conference was an initiative of the Council. The report includes papers on the following issues: Women and Work, Gender in the Self-Determination of Indigenous Peoples, and Violence against Women.

The papers included in the report are not even in nature. While some express positions, others are based on scholarly research. Many of them are oriented towards recommendations for actions.

This report draws attention to difficult issues such as the marginalization of women's roles, domestic violence against women, incest, and trafficking in women. These issues usually tend to be discussed less than some issues, like aboriginal rights, which look more "appealing" at a higher political level.

The report *Taking Wing*, however, shows that these problems are present in every Arctic region, although they are more visible or more severe in some regions. They are of considerable importance since they constitute an element of contemporary social conditions of Arctic residents

while shaping all of the aspects of development. In this regard, the publication of *Taking Wing* takes on major significance insofar as it will become a reference that cannot be ignored in future discussions of those issues. The publication itself can trigger discussions by breaking up the silence that is quite often observed in regard to many issues.

Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, 2002.  
*Taking Wing.* Conference Report. Helsinki, 298pp. ISBN 952-00-1226-5.

### **The report AMAP II is submitted to the Arctic Council**

The summary report *AMAP II* was publicly released first during the Symposium *AMAP II* that was held in Rovaniemi, Finland in October and next during the last meeting of the Arctic Council. The report provides an update of the preceding well-known report regarding four priority issues for the Arctic Council: Persistent Organic Pollutants, Heavy Metals, Radioactivity and Human Health.

### **Main results**

The report shows that POPs and heavy metals, largely coming from outside, can still be found. It also indicates radioactivity declines everywhere, except in Europe, and that the Arctic region remains strongly vulnerable in this regard. Regarding human health, the report reasserts that the population inhabiting the Arctic remains largely exposed to radioactivity and that food constitutes the main source of contamination. In addition, the report reveals that measures taken at both national and international levels aimed at improving the environmental situation have had a noticeable impact.

### **The challenge of communication**

The second AMAP report results from an important collective effort from the natural science and health sectors. More than 200 researchers with their research teams, funded by the eight country members of the Arctic Council, were involved in the various works.

The report shows a certain effort of simplification to facilitate its diffusion and acknowledges the participation of the residents of the Arctic in the preparatory works. Still, the link between the results of the report and their practical implications is not clearly expressed, as

it should have been given the importance of such a report. Indeed, during his oral presentation to the Arctic Council, the spokesperson from AMAP affirmed that, "The Arctic remains a clean environment in comparison with most other areas," but he also admitted that, since the report is about pollution, it does not reflect it. Moreover, he stated that consumption of traditional food should continue given that benefits outweigh the risks; however, such a categorical assertion cannot be found in the report. The latter stresses the importance of conceiving public health recommendations that are well adapted to various local contexts.

At the international level, the *AMAP II* report recommends that human health should be taken into account during the elaboration of global actions against POPs and mercury; the report proposes to continue the monitoring of human exposure to contaminants in order to get a better estimation of risk. Given the relevance of such knowledge for residents of the Arctic, there is clearly a huge need for social scientists to be

involved in the next phases of AMAP works. Questions could then be posed from another perspective, and responses could be provided accordingly. There would be definite relevance for such a contribution in the perspective of the forthcoming *Arctic Human Development Report*, another initiative under the umbrella of the Arctic Council.

The detailed sector-based reports, which *AMAP II* is based upon, will be gradually released in the following months and years. The first detailed report to be released is devoted to human health.

Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, 2002. *Arctic Pollution 2002*. Oslo, AMAP, xii+112pp.

Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, 1997. *Arctic Pollution Issues: A State of Environment Report*. Oslo, AMAP, xii+188pp. ISBN-82-7971-015-9.

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## ***2002 Athabaskan Languages Conference***

The 18th Athabaskan Languages Conference was held June 16-18 in Fairbanks, Alaska, USA. The conference was sponsored by the Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Interior Athabaskan Tribal College, Tanana Chiefs Conference, with additional financial support from the U.S. National Science Foundation.

The conference was attended by nearly 200 educators, linguists, language specialists, and policy-makers from across Alaska, Canada, the Lower 48 and Europe. The three days featured 40

presentations by a total 57 presenters. Highlights included a plenary address by Michael Krauss on June 16 and a workshop on Athabaskan dictionary making on June 18. Selected papers from the conference will be published in a proceedings volume by ANLC in mid-December. The conference concluded with a banquet featuring Athabaskan fiddling and dancing.

The 2003 conference will be held in late June in Arcata, California; see: [www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc](http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc)  
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## ***About IASSA***

### **Foundation**

IASSA was founded in 1990 in Fairbanks, Alaska at a meeting held in conjunction with the Seventh Inuit Studies Conference. The creation of IASSA follows the suggestion made at the Conference on Coordination of Research in the Arctic held in Leningrad in 1988 to establish an international association to represent Arctic social scientists.

From its foundation in 1990 until 1992, IASSA's secretariat was housed at the Department of Geography, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. From 1992 to 1995, it was located at the Arctic Center, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland. From 1995 to 1998, it was at the Department of Eskimology, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. From 1998 to 2001, it was at the G TIC (Groupe d'etudes inuit et circumpolaires), Laval University, Quebec City, Canada.

## Objectives

The Arctic is defined as all arctic and sub-arctic regions of the world. The social sciences encompass disciplines relating to behavioral, psychological, cultural, anthropological, archaeological, linguistic, historical, social, legal, economic, environmental, and political subjects, as well as health, education, the arts and humanities, and related subjects.

The objectives are:

- ~to promote and stimulate international cooperation and to increase the participation of social scientists in national and international Arctic research;
- ~to promote communication and coordination with other research organizations;
- ~to promote the active collection, exchange, dissemination, and archiving of scientific information in the Arctic social sciences;
- ~to promote mutual respect, communication, and collaboration between social scientists and northern people;
- ~to facilitate culturally, developmentally, and linguistically appropriate education in the North;
- ~to follow the IASSA statement of ethical principles for the conduct of research in the Arctic.

## Administration

IASSA is governed by an elected seven-member council and a general assembly

## ***IASSA Council Members***

See also *About IASSA*

Following are the council members elected at the IASSA General Assembly held May 20, 2001 in Quebec City:

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## ***IASSA.Net***

This server list is designed for use by members and others interested in the goals of IASSA. Information, questions and communications on

consisting of all members who have paid membership dues. See also *IASSA Council Members*.

## Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in Arctic social sciences. Membership is required to participate in ICASS (International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences). Members receive *Northern Notes*, the IASSA newsletter, twice a year and may subscribe to *IASSA.Net*, an email server list. Current membership fees are in US or Canadian dollars and cover three years:

*Researchers*: \$100US or \$167Ca;

*Associate (students, retirees, etc.)*: \$50US or \$83Ca.;

*Institutions*: \$200US or \$333Ca.

For further information on joining IASSA, go to:

[www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa/membership.html](http://www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa/membership.html)

## Meetings

IASSA held its First International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS I) in Ste-Foy, Quebec, Canada in October 1992. ICASS II was held jointly in Rovaniemi, Finland and Kautokeino, Norway in the summer of 1995. ICASS III took place in Copenhagen, Denmark in May 1998. ICASS IV was held in Quebec City, Canada in May 2001. ICASS V will be held in at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska, USA from May 19-23, 2004.

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this server list will deal broadly with issues affecting Arctic social sciences and with matters of interest to IASSA members.

As of February 7, 2002, *IASSA.Net* is restricted and non-public, meaning that only subscribers may post a message and that subscribers may be added only with the approval of listowners.

### Subscribing

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### Posting Messages

To post a message to *IASSA.Net*, send your email message to <[iassa.net@www.uaf.edu](mailto:iassa.net@www.uaf.edu)>. It will be automatically distributed to all list subscribers. Please make sure to include your name and email with each message. Otherwise subscribers will not know who sent the message or how to respond to you personally.

### Guideline for Use

~Topics should be related to professional interests of Arctic social scientists. For example, contributions may include announcements of meetings or conferences, news about upcoming

### Call for Papers

See also *ICASS V-First Announcement and Call for Sessions*

#### Dynamics of Socio-economic Processes in Northern Regions

April 9-12, 2003. Apatity, Russia.  
Abstract deadline: January 15, 2003.  
See below, under *Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops*, listed by date.

#### 33rd Annual International Arctic Workshop

April 2-4, 2003. Tromsø, Norway.  
Abstract deadline: February 1, 2003.  
See below, under *Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops*, listed by date.

#### Ninth International Conference on Minority Languages, ICML-IX

June 6-7, 2003. Kiruna, Sweden.  
Abstract deadline: January 17, 2003.  
See below, under *Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops*, listed by date.

*IASSA* activities, information about new publications of interest to Arctic social scientists, job announcements, or request for contacts regarding scholar investigations of particular topics.

~Items that are strictly for personal interest should be sent through email.

~New subscribers to *IASSA.Net* are encouraged to introduce themselves to other members of the list by posting (as appropriate) a short biography, academic affiliations, research interests, language proficiencies, telephone and fax contact numbers, etc.

~All those posting items to the list should include a name and email address with their contribution.

~IMPORTANT: If you use your mailer's REPLY command to respond to a message, please remember that ALL subscribers will receive your message. If you want to reply to only one person, please use their personal email address.

~Comments or suggestions about this list should be sent to listowner Anne Sudkamp <[fyiassa@uaf.edu](mailto:fyiassa@uaf.edu)>.

#### PAT-Net 2003

June 19-21, 2003. Anchorage, Alaska, USA.  
Abstract deadline: January 15, 2003.  
See below, under *Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops*, listed by date.

#### The 7<sup>th</sup> Student Conference on Northern Studies

October 24-26, 2003. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.  
Abstract deadline: February 1, 2003.  
See below, under *For Students*.

#### Young Scientists 1st International Global Change Conference

November 16-19, 2003. Trieste, Italy.  
Abstract deadline: March 14, 2003.  
See below, under *Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops*, listed by date.

## ***Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops***

See also *ICASS V-First Announcement and Call for Sessions* and *For Students* in this issue, as well as the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)'s *Survey of Arctic Meetings (SAM)*: [www.iasc.no/SAM/samtext.htm](http://www.iasc.no/SAM/samtext.htm) and the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS)' *Arctic Calendar of Events*: [www.arcus.org/misc/fr\\_calendar.html](http://www.arcus.org/misc/fr_calendar.html)

### **January 4-7, 2003**

Conference on Users Knowledge and Scientific Knowledge In Management Decision Making, Reykjavik, Iceland. The background for this North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO) conference is the disagreements between whalers, sealers, and fishermen on the one hand and scientists on the other. The conference goal is to find ways to incorporate user knowledge into the management decision-making process in parallel with science. Contact: NAMMCO Secretariat, Polar Environmental Centre, N-9296 Tromsø, Norway; tel.: +47/7775-0180; fax: +47/7775-0181; email: [nammco-sec@nammco.no](mailto:nammco-sec@nammco.no)

### **February 24-March 1, 2003**

Arctic – Alpine Ecosystems and People in a Changing Environment. Tromsø, Norway. Organized and sponsored by the Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI), Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU), Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA), University of Tromsø, and Institute of Marine Research, the conference will address the broad field of *Environmental Change research in Northern Europe, Arctic and Alpine areas*. Contact: email: [ingrid.storhaug@npolar.no](mailto:ingrid.storhaug@npolar.no); fax: +47 7775 0501; web: [www.npolar.no/ArcticAlpine2003](http://www.npolar.no/ArcticAlpine2003)

### **February 26-March 2, 2003**

Western Regional Science Association – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting. Rio Rico Resort near Tucson, AZ, USA. The meeting includes a series of sessions on remote regions/northern development. Contact: Lee Huskey, Dept. of Economics, College of Business and Public Policy, University of Alaska Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508 USA; email: [aflh@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:aflh@uaa.alaska.edu); web: <http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa>

### **March 4-7, 2003**

Northern Contaminants Program (NCP) Symposium: Canadian Arctic Contaminants Assessment. Ottawa, Canada. The symposium will serve to launch the Canadian Arctic Contaminants Assessment Report II (CACAR II), which will summarize the five years of contaminant research that has been conducted under NCP Phase II. All platform presentations will be by invitation only. Contact: Jennifer Baizana, NCP Secretariat, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, tel.: (819)953-8109; fax: (819)953-9066; email: [baizanaj@ainc-inac.gc.ca](mailto:baizanaj@ainc-inac.gc.ca); web: [www.inac.gc.ca/ncp](http://www.inac.gc.ca/ncp)

### **March 30-April 1, 2003**

Seventh International Symposium on Mining in the Arctic. Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada. Topics will include mining industry case histories; mining under hostile conditions; arctic exploration technologies; environmental issues; regulatory issues; economics of arctic mining developments; and decommissioning of arctic mines. Contact: John E. Udd, Mining and Mineral Sciences Laboratories, Natural Resources Canada, c/o 555 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0G1; tel.: 613/947-8383; fax: 613/996-2597; email: [judd@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:judd@nrcan.gc.ca); web: [www.nunanet.com/~cngo/isma.html](http://www.nunanet.com/~cngo/isma.html)

### **March 31-April 4, 2003**

Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW). Kiruna, Sweden. The theme of the Science Day will be Space and Polar Research. Contact: Odd Rogne, Executive Secretary, International Arctic Science Committee – IASC, PB 5156 Majorstuen, 0302 Oslo, Norway; tel.: 47-22 95 99 02; fax: 47-22 95 99 01; email: [iasc@iasc.no](mailto:iasc@iasc.no); web: [www.iasc.no](http://www.iasc.no)

### **April 2-4, 2003**

33rd Annual International Arctic Workshop. Tromsø, Norway. Jointly hosted by the Norwegian Polar Institute and the University of Tromsø Dept. of Geology, this workshop is organized around themes developed from abstracts submitted. Previous Arctic Workshops have included presentations on arctic and Antarctic climate, archaeology, environmental geochemistry, geomorphology, hydrology, glaciology, soils, ecology, oceanography, and Quaternary history. Abstract deadline is February

1, 2003. Contact: Anne Kibsgaard, email: [anne.kibsgaard@npolar.no](mailto:anne.kibsgaard@npolar.no), or see the Norwegian Polar Institute website: [www.npolar.no](http://www.npolar.no)

#### **April 9-12, 2003**

Dynamics of Socio-economic Processes in Northern Regions. Apatity, Russia. The Institute of Economic Problems of the Kola Science Centre of the RAS organizes this second international conference. Over 200 researchers and specialists from 26 Russian research and education organizations as well as politicians and representatives of large industrial companies of the region took part in the first conference in April 2001. Abstract deadline is January 15, 2003. Contact: Ludmila Golubkova, Institute of Economic Problems KSC RAS, Fersman St. 24a, 184209 Apatity, Murmansk region, Russia; tel./fax: +7(815-55)74844; email: [golubkova@iep.kolasc.net.ru](mailto:golubkova@iep.kolasc.net.ru)

#### **June 6-7, 2003**

Ninth International Conference on Minority Languages, ICML-IX. Kiruna, Sweden. The main theme will be revitalization of languages, especially languages spoken by small groups of people. Abstract deadline is January 17, 2003. Contact: Birger Winsa, Chair of the Organizing Committee, Department of Finnish, University of Stockholm, S-106 91 Stockholm, Sweden; tel.: +46-8-162359; fax: +46-8-158871; email:

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#### **June 19-21, 2003**

PAT-Net 2003. Anchorage, Alaska, USA. The 2003 PAT-Net (Public Administration Theory Network) conference links important Alaskan themes to public administration theory and seeks creative responses across a broad array of interests. Abstract deadline is January 15, 2003. Contact: web: <http://PATnet2003.alaska.edu/>

#### **Late June, 2003**

19th Athabaskan Languages Conference. Arcata, California, USA. Contact: web: [www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc](http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc)

#### **October 24-26, 2003**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Student Conference on Northern Studies. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. See below, under *For Students*.

#### **November 16-19, 2003**

Young Scientists 1st International Global Change Conference. Trieste, Italy. This conference offers a prestigious platform for young scientists to present their research findings to leading scientists in the field. Papers and posters are invited from young scientists (age 35 years or less) on the physical, biological and human aspects of global change. Abstract deadline is March 14, 2003. Contact: Kristy Ross: email: [kristy@crg.bpb.wits.ac.za](mailto:kristy@crg.bpb.wits.ac.za); web: [www.start.org/Fellowships/YS\\_Conference.html](http://www.start.org/Fellowships/YS_Conference.html)

### ***Career Opportunities***

#### **Assistant Professor of Linguistics**

Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Closing date: January 10, 2003 by 4:30pm

Typical duties: research in Alaska Athabaskan languages, especially in the fields of language documentation, language revitalization, language acquisition and second language pedagogy. Compilation of grammars, dictionaries and texts. Support for Native language revitalization efforts throughout the state of Alaska, including coordination with community-based organizations. Curriculum and materials development for Alaska Native languages. Teaching in the field of Alaska Native languages and linguistics (including distance delivery).

Minimum qualifications: advanced degree in Linguistics or a related field (Ph.D. preferred).

Experience working in endangered language communities and knowledge of Athabaskan languages preferred.

For more information, contact Dr. Lawrence Kaplan: email: [fldk@uaf.edu](mailto:fldk@uaf.edu) or go to: [www.uaf.edu/uafhr/jobs/Job1102-472.html](http://www.uaf.edu/uafhr/jobs/Job1102-472.html) or [www.uaf.edu/anlc/asstprof.html](http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/asstprof.html)

#### **Assistant/Associate Professor, Aboriginal Education**

Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba  
Closing date: February 28, 2003

Applicants must have expertise in Aboriginal Education and be able to contribute to one or more of the Faculty's graduate program areas. Candidates must hold an earned doctorate at the time of appointment and must have demonstrated capacity and interest in research, successful

experience working with Aboriginal communities, and an ability to teach well at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Competency in an Aboriginal language will be considered an asset.

The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

### ***For Students***

See also *Call for Papers and Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops*

#### **Circumpolar Arctic Social Science Ph.D. Network**

The Circumpolar Arctic Social Science Ph.D. Network (CASS) is a network of Ph.D. students and researchers that focuses on the cultural, political and economic basis for community development and the resources required for local, community-based ways of life.

The group of Ph.D. students meets one or two times a year for two weeks, hosted consecutively by the participating universities. These arrangements take place in communities in the Arctic and during the two weeks the activities include a specific program developed by the arranging university, emphasizing topics that are characteristic for that specific university and region, including visits to important centers, agencies, etc. In addition to the specific program, the activities involve the presentation of papers by the Ph.D. students based on their projects.

In fall 2002 a course was held in Iceland on the management of human and natural resources, with the emphasis that both types of resources are crucial for the continuing existence of northern communities.

Contact: Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Professor, Roskilde University, Denmark; email: [rasmus@ruc.dk](mailto:rasmus@ruc.dk); web: [www.nors.info](http://www.nors.info); fall 2002 course: [www.geo.ruc.dk/nors/phd\\_net/iceland.htm](http://www.geo.ruc.dk/nors/phd_net/iceland.htm)

#### **Circumpolar PhD Network in Arctic Environmental Studies**

CAES Network is addressed to PhD students and post-doctoral scientists and acts as an institution for research education in the circumpolar northern countries. The purpose of

Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, to Dr. John Wiens, Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2; email: [jrwiens@ms.umanitoba.ca](mailto:jrwiens@ms.umanitoba.ca), web: [www.umanitoba.ca/employment/academic/2002/November%2002/aboriginal\\_education\\_nov15.htm](http://www.umanitoba.ca/employment/academic/2002/November%2002/aboriginal_education_nov15.htm)

the network is to foster interdisciplinary research and partnership between young researchers who are engaged in natural, cultural and socio-economic aspects of arctic environmental studies.

The main activity of the network is to conduct a series of interdisciplinary research education courses covering important topics related to arctic environment. The courses are conducted annually in various regions of the northern circumpolar countries and are intended to be linked to each other.

In 2002 CAES held the course *Sustainable Development and the Environmental, Political, Economic, and Legal Institutions of Society* in Lulea, Sweden from September 14-29.

In 2003 CAES plans to hold a course on *The Role of Tourism in Northern Development* in Iceland.

Contact: Dr. Päivi Soppela, CAES, Coordinator, Arctic Center, University of Lapland, P.O. Box 122, FI-96101 Rovaniemi, Finland, tel.: +358-16-3412791, fax: +358-16-3412777, email: [psoppela@urova.fi](mailto:psoppela@urova.fi); CAES website: [www.caesnetwork.cjb.net](http://www.caesnetwork.cjb.net)

#### **Graduate Program in Regional Resilience and Adaptation**

The Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

Target date for applications: February 1, 2003 (applications will continue to be considered after that date).

The goal of this program in regional resilience and adaptation (RR&A) is to educate a new generation of scholars, policy makers, and managers to integrate the perspectives of natural and social sciences in addressing both the basic understanding of regional systems and the

application of this understanding to management issues. It provides training at the PhD and Master's level to graduate students from the University of Alaska and graduate students at other universities who wish to enroll for one year of intensive course work. It provides course work and a seminar program that integrates ecology, economics, political science, and anthropology in a systems-modeling framework. It emphasizes high-latitude ecosystems, where current management issues require an application of the integrated understanding of these disciplines. This approach is, however, equally applicable to all developing and developed nations, and the program welcomes students who seek to apply this training to any region of the globe.

The RR&A program provides faculty mentorship and internships in areas outside each student's parent discipline. It is associated with numerous research programs at the University of Alaska and in state and federal agencies, providing interdisciplinary research opportunities. The program emphasizes cross-cultural communication through heavy involvement with the Alaskan Native American community and with managers, businesses, and conservation groups. It strongly encourages applications from ethnic minorities and other under-represented groups.

The RR&A program offers NSF-funded fellowships to PhD candidates entering the program. Additional funding is available to both PhD and Master's students through participating departments.

Contact: F. Stuart Chapin, III, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775; email: [terry.chapin@uaf.edu](mailto:terry.chapin@uaf.edu); web: [www.regional-resilience.uaf.edu](http://www.regional-resilience.uaf.edu)

### **Integrated Regional Impact Studies in the European North: Basic Issues, Methodologies and Regional Climate Modelling (IRISEN-II)**

An Advanced Study Course, IRISEN-II, was carried out for the second time at Abisko Research Station in northern Sweden. IRISEN-II brought together 30 graduate students from various European countries and 26 eminent scientists from around the world for two weeks in July/August 2002. The course addressed the issue of regional climate change and its impacts on the one hand and the methodologies for regional climate

modelling and integrated climate impact studies on the other. IRISEN-II is part of the University of the Arctic Field School Program. The University of the Arctic is an activity under the Arctic Council. Contact: web: [www.uni-muenster.de/Umweltforschung/irisen/index.html](http://www.uni-muenster.de/Umweltforschung/irisen/index.html)

### **International Ph.D. School for Studies of Arctic Societies (IPSSAS)**

IPSSAS is both an international Ph.D. school and an international network of researchers centered on the study of Arctic Societies. Its main objectives are:

- to promote the study of Arctic societies in the fields of history, culture and language;
- to explore new research trends in those fields and to develop coordinated and collaborative post-graduate teaching;
- to stimulate international networking and synergy between participating scientific institutions;
- to foster partnerships between Arctic societies and participating scientific institutions; and
- to encourage participation of and knowledge sharing with Arctic communities in its activities, so as to bring more students from Arctic societies to register at the Ph.D. level.

The main activity of IPSSAS is an annual seminar of two week's duration for Ph.D. students and senior M.A. students. The first seminar took place in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, from May 28 to June 8 2002, under the theme *Arctic Societies and Research Dynamics and Shifting Perspectives*.

Contact: IPSSAS, c/o Department of Eskimology, University of Copenhagen, Strandgade 100H, 1401 Copenhagen K, Denmark; tel.: +45 32 88 01 66; fax: +45 32 88 01 61; email: [ipssas@hum.ku.dk](mailto:ipssas@hum.ku.dk); web: [www.hum.ku.dk/ipssas/index.html](http://www.hum.ku.dk/ipssas/index.html)

### **Itasca Field Biology Program**

Arctic Field Ecology: *Integrating research, teaching, and traditional ecological knowledge*. One section of Arctic Field Ecology (University of Minnesota, EEB 4842, 5 semester credits) is being offered this summer (29 June - 21 July 2003).

This is a field ecology course that involves a multidisciplinary team of ecologists and Inuit collaborators. In 2003 the course will investigate ecosystem variation from treeline near the mouth

of the Mackenzie River to a research camp on Prince Patrick Island in the Canadian Arctic. Participants will visit two northern research sites on Banks and Prince Patrick Island by air charter and have a kayak trip along the Thomsen River on Banks Island. They will integrate course work with a major field study looking at the interaction of vegetation, climate, and soils in frost-boil formation (see: [www.geobotany.uaf.edu/cryoturbation](http://www.geobotany.uaf.edu/cryoturbation)) They will camp along the way, interact with scientists at the research sites, and meet with local people to learn about their knowledge of the region.

The course is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the International Institute for Tropical Forestry, and the University of Minnesota Itasca Field Biology Station. It is open to undergraduate and graduate students. Course cost is \$3300.

Contact one of the instructors: Bill Gould, International Institute of Tropical Forestry; tel.: 787/766-5335 ext 209; email: [wgould@fs.fed.us](mailto:wgould@fs.fed.us); Grizelle González, International Institute of Tropical Forestry; tel.: 787/766-5335 ext 112; email: [ggonzalez@fs.fed.us](mailto:ggonzalez@fs.fed.us); Andrew Borner,

### ***Bookshelf: New Books, Journal Issues, Reports, etc.***

#### **Books**

##### ***Alaska Native Ways: What the Elders Have Taught Us***

Photography by Roy Corral; introduction by Will Mayo; text by Natives of Alaska  
ISBN: 1-55868-500-6, Hardbound, 9 3/4" x 13 1/4", 144pp, 130 color photos, 1 full-color map, \$39.95. Order from Graphic Arts Center Publishing; tel.: 1-800-452-3032; email: [sales@gacpc.com](mailto:sales@gacpc.com); web: [www.gacpc.com/gacpc/titles/title\\_pages/AKNATI.asp](http://www.gacpc.com/gacpc/titles/title_pages/AKNATI.asp)

Roy Corral's color portraits reflect everyday life for Alaska Native people today--at work and play, in celebration and in sorrow--living out the legacy handed down by the elders.

##### ***Arctic Justice: On Trial for Murder, Pond Inlet, 1923***

Shelagh D. Grant  
ISBN: 0773523375, 2002, cloth, CA \$39.95 / US \$34.95 / UK £26.95, 368pp, illustrations.

University of Alaska Fairbanks; tel.: (907)474-1844; email: [ftapb@uaf.edu](mailto:ftapb@uaf.edu); web: <http://muskox.com/>

### **The 7<sup>th</sup> Student Conference on Northern Studies**

October 24-26, 2003. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

Abstract deadline: February 1, 2003.

This international conference, *Breaking the Ice: Transcending Borders through Collaboration and Interdisciplinary Research*, will showcase student research with a northern scope and welcomes interdisciplinary inquiries. It is hosted by the Canadian Circumpolar Institute, University of Alberta. Contact conference co-chairs Heather Castleden or Audrey Giles at Conference Headquarters: 7<sup>th</sup> Student Conference on Northern Studies, C/O: Canadian Circumpolar Institute, 8625 - 112 Street, Suite 308 Campus Tower, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 0H1; tel.: (780)492-1799; email: [heather.castleden@ualberta.ca](mailto:heather.castleden@ualberta.ca); [agiles@ualberta.ca](mailto:agiles@ualberta.ca)

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*Arctic Justice* is the story of the execution of a white fur trader by an Inuk. Shelagh Grant shows that this event was crucial in establishing law enforcement in the High Arctic and documents its tragic consequences for Inuit in the subsequent decades. This account combines archival history with Inuit oral history to shed light on the conflicting values and perceptions of two disparate cultures.

##### ***Bjørnen og de små folk i Nord - beretninger om Rusland og dets oprindelige folk [The bear and the small peoples of the North - narratives on Russia and its indigenous peoples]***

Aitalina V. Alexeeva and Mads Fægteborg  
259pp, 250,00 DKK + postage (outside of Denmark). Order from Nature and Peoples of the

North Secretariat; email: [arctic@arctic-peoples.dk](mailto:arctic@arctic-peoples.dk); web: [www.arctic-peoples.dk/](http://www.arctic-peoples.dk/)

This new book, in Danish, provides information on Russia and its indigenous peoples in a historical, cultural and political perspective.

### *Canada and the Idea of North*

Sherrill E. Grace

ISBN: 0-7735-2247-6, 365pp with 9 color plates and 30 illustrations, \$49.95. Order from McGill-Queen's University Press; fax: (514)398-4333; web: [www.mqup.mcgill.ca/](http://www.mqup.mcgill.ca/)

This work examines the ways in which Canadians have defined themselves as a northern people in their literature, art, music, history, geography, politics, film, and popular culture.

### *The Earth is Faster Now: Indigenous Observations of Arctic Environmental Change*

I. Krupnik and D. Jolly, editors

ISBN 0-9720449-0-6, paperback, 384pp, \$20.00. Order from the Arctic Research Consortium of the US (ARCUS); tel.: (907)474-1600; fax: (907)474-1604; email: [arcus@arcus.org](mailto:arcus@arcus.org); web: [www.arcus.org](http://www.arcus.org)

This work reviews major individual studies on indigenous knowledge and climate change undertaken during the past few years, primarily in North America. The volume offers a comparative survey of research practices and paradigms used in current documentation studies of indigenous knowledge, and a general assessment of the field and of the data collected. The text is accompanied by local observations, quotations from interviews, personal observations, illustrations, and photographs. Contributors include well-known academic researchers and Native people from Canada, Finland, and the United States. The publication is designed to be useful to both researchers and communities as a tool for networking and communication.

### *Environmental Impact Assessment in the Arctic: A Study of International Legal Norms*

Timo Koivurova

ISBN: 0 7546 2283 5, British Library Reference: 341.7'62'091632, LC: 2002103984, 2002, 450pp, hardback, 219 x 153 mm, \$99.95/£55.00. Order from Ashgate Publishing; web: [www.ashgate.com](http://www.ashgate.com)

*Environmental Impact Assessment in the Arctic* presents a probing examination of the norms of international law that apply to the planning stage of large-scale activities such as hydro-carbon exploitation, mineral extraction and forestry. While the norms that regulate the situation as it applies to environmentally harmful stationary activities can be categorized as, in the main, belonging to international environmental law, international human rights law and international minority rights law are also relevant. As well as outlining the establishment of the Arctic Council, involving Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, the USA, Canada and the Russian Federation, which established a strategy for the protection of the Arctic environment and examining how the cooperation process is working, the book also takes a detailed look at the influential Espoo Convention.

### *Faith, Food, and Family in a Yupik Whaling Community*

Carol Zane Jolles

ISBN: 0-295-98189-X, clothbound, 344pp, September 2002, \$50.00. Order from University of Washington Press; web: [www.washington.edu/uwpress/search/books/JOL\\_FAC.html](http://www.washington.edu/uwpress/search/books/JOL_FAC.html)

Relying on oral history blended with ethnography and ethnohistory, Carol Zane Jolles views the contemporary Yupik people in terms of the enduring beliefs and values that have contributed to the community's survival and adaptability. She draws on extensive interviews with villagers, archival records, and scholarly studies, as well as on her own ten years of fieldwork in Gambell to demonstrate the central importance of three aspects of Yupik life: religious beliefs, devotion to a subsistence life way, and family and clan ties.

### *Inuksuk: Northern Koyukon, Gwich'in and Lower Tanana, 1800–1901*

Adeline Peter Raboff

Published by Alaska Native Knowledge Network (ANKN), 2001, \$10.00. Order from: ANKN UAF, PO Box 756730, Fairbanks, AK 99775-6730, USA; email: [dixie.dayo@uaf.edu](mailto:dixie.dayo@uaf.edu)

*Inuksuk* is an ethnohistory of the Northern Koyukon, Gwich'in and Lower Tanana Indians of Interior Alaska between 1800 and 1901. This book is rich with new ethnonyms, place names

and personal names of the area and the cultures involved. It is a detailed account of pre-contact and post-contact Interior group dynamics that could only be gathered with the aide of the oral tradition of the numerous Inupiat accounts, Gwich'in, Koyukon and Lower Tanana informants and the author's intimate knowledge of her culture.

*Narrating the Arctic: A Cultural History of Nordic Scientific Practices*

Michael Bravo and Sverker Sörlin, editors  
ISBN: 0-88135-385-X, LC: 2002021211, 2002,  
384pp., illustrated, clothbound and jacketed,  
\$39.95/£25.00. Order from Science History  
Publications: P.O. Box 493, Canton, MA 02021-  
0493; tel.: (800)821-7823; fax (781)828-8915;  
web: [www.shpusa.com](http://www.shpusa.com)

This book demonstrates how two Nordic nations have to a large extent shaped their identities and legitimated their interests through narratives of northern exploration and colonization. Inuit and Saami have been prominent in these narratives. At the same time native populations and postcolonial fiction have articulated counter-narratives and alternative routes to the past and to the future. The authors--historians of science, anthropologists, postcolonial geographers, and literary scholars--examine the role of scientists, missionaries, and other arctic field workers in shaping narratives through their practices of telling stories of places and peoples.

*Northern Timberline Forests: Environmental and Socio-economic Issues and Concerns/Северная Граница Леса – Вопросы по Окружающей Среде и Социально-экономические Вопросы*

Kankaanpää, Sakari and Ludger Müller-Wille, Paulo Susiluoto, Marja-Liisa Sutinen, editors  
ISBN: 951-40-1844-3. The Finnish Forest Research Institute, Research Paper 862, 2002. Kolari Research Station. Vantaa. In English and Russian. 289pp. Contact: email: [paulo.susiluoto@metla.fi](mailto:paulo.susiluoto@metla.fi); or email: [marja-liisa.sutinen@metla.fi](mailto:marja-liisa.sutinen@metla.fi); web: [www.metla.fi/tiedotteet/2002/2002-10-09-metsanraja-en.htm](http://www.metla.fi/tiedotteet/2002/2002-10-09-metsanraja-en.htm)

This work is a result of the Arctic Council Northern Timberline Forests Workshop held in Rovaniemi, Finland in May 2002. It is a

compilation of the latest knowledge on timberline forests and it is aimed at anyone interested in the matter. Among the observations made in the book is that sustainable development needs as its support the development of a permanent circumpolar monitoring network for charting the living conditions of the region's peoples and the sustainable management of its natural resources. This network, based on inter-connecting scientific and local knowledge, would serve to complement existing monitoring programs with greater emphasis on the natural sciences, e.g., AMAP (Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme) and CAFF (Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna).

*Nunavik: Inuit Controlled Education in Arctic Quebec*

Ann Vick-Westgate  
ISBN: 1-55238-056-4, 357pp, 47 b/w photos, 17 color photos, 5 maps; \$39.95 hardcover. Order from University of Calgary Press: web: [www.uofcpress.com](http://www.uofcpress.com)

As a history of the development of self-government in education, this work provides Native perspectives on formal education in Nunavik while offering readers a unique view into contemporary Inuit society. It documents the development of education from the arrival of the first traders and missionaries in the mid-nineteenth century through the creation of the Kativik School Board and the evaluation of its operations by the Nunavik Education Task Force in the 1990s.

*People and the Land: Pathways to Reform in Post-Soviet Siberia*

Erich Kasten, editor  
ISBN: 3-496-02743-6, Dietrich Reimer Verlag, Berlin, 2002, 29.00. Distribution in North America: University of Washington Press, Seattle, \$27.50. 257pp, web: [www.washington.edu/uwpress](http://www.washington.edu/uwpress)

While much has been written on post-Soviet change in Russian urban centers, we still know very little about how these changes have affected peoples' lives in rural communities. This is nowhere more true than in Siberia and the North. This volume fills this gap with in-depth studies of how people with different cultural backgrounds, often living in extreme natural environments, are coping with dramatic and rapid political and

economic transformations. It shows how the fate of postsocialist reforms in the Russian North depends largely on striking the right balance between exploitation of the region's strategic natural resources and concern for environmental impacts and the survival of local people. The authors, among them many of the leading scholars of the Russian North, place their accounts within the context of wider, comparative enquiries into the nature of postsocialist societies. The contributors to the volume are D.G. Anderson, J.O. Habeck, N. Hancock, T. Ingold, E. Kasten, A.D. King, D. Koester, Y. Konstantinov, I. Krupnik, N. Novikova, T. Tuisku, N. Vakhtin, E. Wilson, J. Ziker.

*Raising Ourselves: A Gwich'in Coming of Age Story from the Yukon River*

Velma Wallis

ISBN: 0-9708493-0-3, Oct 2002, 216pp, Hardbound, 6" x 9", Memoir, 38 photos, 19 illustrations, 2 maps, \$19.95. Order from Epicenter Press: web: [www.epicenterpress.com](http://www.epicenterpress.com)

The author of the bestseller *Two Old Women*, shares with laughter, sadness, and wisdom her story of growing up Indian in a two-room log cabin in Fort Yukon, Alaska, one of 12 children.

*Thunder on the Tundra: Inuit*

*Qaujimajatuqangit of the Bathurst Caribou*

Natasha Thorpe, Naikak Hakongak, Sandra Eyegetok and the Kitikmeot Elders  
ISBN: 0-9689636-0-9, 2002, \$39.25. Order from Chapters: web: [www.chapters.indigo.ca](http://www.chapters.indigo.ca)

Based on more than 37 interviews, this chronicle provides a view into the world of caribou as understood by Inuit from the Kitikmeot region of Nunavut. In the words and illustrations of the people themselves, it presents Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ), traditional knowledge, for the benefit of present and future generations. Inuit elders share their insights of caribou and explore the link between Qitirmiut and caribou.

*Wilderness in the Circumpolar North: searching for compatibility in ecological, traditional, and ecotourism values*

Watson, Alan E.; Alessa, Lilian; Sproull, Janet, comps.  
2002. Proceedings RMRS-P-26. Ogden, UT: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. 143pp. Download this

publication or order a copy from: web: [www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs\\_p026.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_p026.html)

There are growing pressures on undeveloped (wild) places in the Circumpolar North, including economic development, oil and gas exploration and extraction, development of geothermal energy resources, development of heavy industry close to energy sources, and lack of appreciation for "other" orientations toward wilderness resources by interested parties from broad geographical origins. An international seminar in Anchorage, Alaska, in May of 2001, was the first step in providing basic input to an analysis of the primary set of values associated with Circumpolar North wilderness and the constraints and contributors (factors of influence) that either limit or facilitate receipt of those values to various segments of society.

### Journal Issues

*Beaufort Sea Conference 2000: Renewable Resources for our Children*

This supplementary issue of *ARCTIC* focuses on papers from this conference held in Inuvik, Northwest Territories in September 1999. The seven papers cover the environmental and social setting of the Canadian Beaufort Sea; use of the marine resources by the Inuvialuit; oceanography of the Canadian Shelf of the Beaufort Sea; current status of marine birds; population trends and ecological relationships of polar bears and seals; whales of the Inuvialuit Settlement region; and an essay by Inuvialuit elder Billy Day. Order from *ARCTIC*, Membership Services; tel.: (403)220-4035; fax: (403)282-4609; email: [kburning@ucalgary.ca](mailto:kburning@ucalgary.ca)

### Reports

*Arctic Science Education: Recommendations from the Working Group on Arctic Science Education to the National Science Foundation*

This report outlines approaches to support the development of programs in the Arctic integrating research and education and that will catalyse and improve collaborations between researchers and arctic residents. Contact Arctic Research Consortium of the US (ARCUS); tel.: (907)474-1600; email: [arcus@arcus.org](mailto:arcus@arcus.org); web: [www.arcus.org/education/Education\\_Report\\_02.html](http://www.arcus.org/education/Education_Report_02.html)

## ***On the Web***

### **Arctic Environmental Atlas**

This website, developed by UNEP/GRID-Arendal in Norway, a United Nations Environment Program information center, has been updated with new features, including an interface for desktop software to access the map, updated data on the human impact on the Arctic, and access to a database on national parks. Web: <http://maps.grida.no/arctic>

### **The Arctic Is**

This website is concerned with arctic cultures and environments, with a broad comparative focus on critical issues, problems and opportunities which face the peoples of the Circumpolar North. The aim is to increase understanding and contribute to an enlightened discourse on arctic issues across the Internet-using world. These include the topics of sustainable development and community viability, social and environmental policy and contemporary human and environmental crises. Special attention is given to

the causes and effects of environmental change and economic globalization, especially the impacts on community viability, flexibility of vulnerable ecosystems and cultural and biological diversity in the North. Web: [www.thearctic.is](http://www.thearctic.is)

### **Canadian Polar Information Network (CPIN)**

CPIN is an interactive website offering several research tools designed to simplify the exchange of information between the various polar research communities. Web: [www.polarcom.gc.ca/cpin](http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/cpin)

### **Greenland Project Planner**

The Danish Polar Center has launched a website catering to anyone planning a research project or a sport expedition in Greenland. It includes information on logistics, transport, legislation, safety, paperwork, etc. Web: [www.dpc.dk/ProjectPlanner](http://www.dpc.dk/ProjectPlanner)

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