

Northern Notes

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From the President

I am glad to announce that—as of this spring—IASSA will have continuous representation at the Arctic Council (AC). IASSA Council member Gérard Duhaime agreed to play this important role for the next two years to come. As I am writing these lines, Gérard is attending the Arctic Council meeting in Oulu, Finland. Below is a short information piece about AC which Gérard contributed and we hope to print regular updates on the subject from him. Starting with the next AC meeting in October of 2002, IASSA will cover the travel costs to AC meetings by Gérard (or whoever will take on his duties eventually). Travel funding for AC meetings became possible through an increase in IASSA membership fees instituted recently. This is the first raise in membership dues since the founding of IASSA and it will also help offset the rising costs of administering the association.

The other important news to report is that a local organizing committee for the next International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences

(ICASS V) has been selected and that the dates, location, and theme of the congress have been determined. ICASS V will be held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus from May 19 through 23, 2004. The local organizing committee of the conference consists of IASSA members Richard Caulfield, Molly Lee, Amy Lovecraft, and Phyllis Morrow; in addition, IASSA Council member Gordon Pullar, IASSA Coordinator Anne Sudkamp, and myself are serving on the committee. One of the first activities of the organizing committee was to select the conference theme *Connections: Local and Global Aspects of Arctic Social Systems*. A first call for papers will be issued in the fall of this year. For the time being, I encourage all members to block out the above-mentioned dates and to start thinking about potential sessions, workshops, and papers. 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.

We will try to assist in finding outside funding sources.

In recent months, several events relevant for Arctic social scientists were conducted at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. It seems to me that the question of what the particular role of social scientists within the “Arctic research triangle” (courtesy of Igor Krupnik)—northern residents, natural scientists, and social scientists—is or can be has been triggering the most debate. In other words, what is the nature of collaboration among these three groups and what are its benefits and costs? Several preliminary conclusions seem to be relevant. One is that social scientists can no longer (if they ever could) claim a role as middle (wo)men between indigenous communities and natural scientists: both groups are doing perfectly fine collaborating without us. Another point is that the practice of serving as the “token social

From the Coordinator

As I look back over this first year as the IASSA Coordinator, I'd like to thank you the members for all your help on IASSA activities, from renewing your memberships, to submitting material for *Northern Notes* and *IASSA.Net*, to providing ideas for ICASS V and the IASSA website, and everything in-between.

A Few Organizational Notes

- ~The secretariat will be closed for summer break from June 8 to September 16.
- ~*IASSA.Net*, the IASSA listserv, has undergone some major changes in the past few months. It is now restricted and non-public and subscribers now post messages to iassa.net@www.uaf.edu. While the secretariat is closed for the summer, members needing any help with *IASSA.Net* may contact University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) computer guru Daniel LaRoe at fxdjl@fxdjl.dcc.uaf.edu. Daniel is also the person we may thank for reviving *IASSA.Net* when UAF's server died in early April. For more information about *IASSA.Net*, see the article in this issue.
- ~The IASSA website has moved from Laval University to UAF: www.uaf.edu/anthro/iassa
- ~As Peter notes above, planning for ICASS V has begun. IASSA members may begin thinking about sessions they'd like to see organized and

scientist” on large natural science projects does not necessarily enhance interdisciplinarity nor the advance of social science research. My personal conclusion from these discussions (resembling a “social science identity crisis”) is that Arctic social scientists need to be more self-confident in developing a specific social science agenda in the Arctic. If we continue to present ourselves merely as brokers and interpreters, we should not be surprised if we encounter little demand for our services. If we can convince ourselves and others that social scientists address issues of high relevance for the Arctic, natural scientists and indigenous communities will gladly cooperate with us.

I wish all IASSA members a pleasant and successful summer.

Peter Schweitzer

letting me know. For reference, the list of ICASS IV sessions and roundtables follows:

ICASS IV

Session and roundtable titles and chairs included:

Circumpolar Mobility Program. Fae L. Korsmo (National Science Foundation).

Memory and History in the Arctic. François Trudel (Université Laval) and Ole Marquardt (Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland).

Issues of Identity in the North. Louis-Jacques Dorais (Université Laval).

Justice in the Circumpolar North. David Koester (University of Alaska Fairbanks) and Caroline Brown (University of Chicago).

Sustainable Development and Food Security in the Arctic. Nick Bernard (Université Laval).

Governance and Aboriginal Peoples in the North. Oran Young (Dartmouth College).

Social Science Research in Northern Russia. Victoria Churikova (Novosibirsk State University).

Archaeological Research in Northern Europe. Noel Broadbent (University of Umeå).

Northern Research Forum as an Academic Concept and Political Process (part 1). Lassi Heininen (University of Lapland).

Archaeological Research in Northern Russia. Vladimir Pitulko (Institute for the History of Material Culture, Russian Academy of Sciences).

Transformation of Health Status and Medical Practices in the Arctic. Michael J. Kral (University of Windsor).

Teaching of Aboriginal Languages. Irene Mazurkewich (Memorial University of Newfoundland).

Narrative that Heals (part 1). Wendy Arundale (University of Alaska Fairbanks).

Living Conditions Research among Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic. Birger Poppel and Thomas Andersen (Statistics Greenland).

Films/videos on Indigenous Peoples of the North. Andrei Golovnev (Institute of History and Archaeology, Russian Academy of Sciences) and Gail Osherenko (Dartmouth College).

European-Aboriginal Interactions. Ludger Müller-Wille (McGill University).

Preserving the Record: Electronic Databases in the North. William Schneider (University of Alaska Fairbanks).

Northern Research Forum: Roundtable (part 2). Lassi Heininen (University of Lapland).

Navigation and Travel in the Arctic: the Power of Tradition. Joseph Sonnenfeld (Texas A&M University).

Museum Representations and Archives of Northern Peoples. Nancy Wachowich (University of British Columbia).

Arctic Economy. Jens Kaalhaug Nielsen (Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland).

Challenges of Higher Education in the Arctic. Heather Myers (University of Northern British Columbia), Rasmus Ole Rasmussen (Roskilde University), Richard Langlais (University of Tromsø).

Trends in Arctic Social Science Research. Jens Dahl (International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs).

Narrative that Heals (part 2). Wendy Arundale (University of Alaska Fairbanks).

Seal Hunting: A Multimillenary Activity. Paul Charest (Université Laval).

Toward a Social Archaeology of Paleoeskimo Peoples. Bryan Hood (University of Tromsø).

Languages and Oral Traditions in the Arctic. André Bourcier (Université Laval).

Arts and Artists in the Arctic. Céline Saucier.

Dictionary-Making in Inuit Languages. Lawrence Kaplan (University of Alaska Fairbanks).

Media and Northern Identities. Annette Watson (University of Minnesota).

Rock Art in the North. Daniel Arsenault (Université Laval).

Communicating Scientific Knowledge about Peoples in the Arctic. Louis-Jacques Dorais (Université Laval).

I wish you all a happy and productive summer!

Anne Sudkamp

Toward an Arctic Human Development Report

The Arctic Council, a policy forum where IASSA has observer status, is working toward the creation of an Arctic Human Development Report. Several steps have been made since the creation of a task force in November 2001, under the AC Sustainable Development Working Group.

At the occasion of the last meeting of the AC Sustainable Development Working Group, on May 14th 2002 in Finland, the task force delivered a report. The task force, led by Iceland representatives and particularly Niels Einarsson of the Stephansson Arctic Institute, presented a 15-chapter plan of the report, covering topics of

demography, economies, environment, governance, globalization, laws, cultures, social change, human health, social capital, community viability, gender issues, international cooperation.

The task force approach is to base the report to a considerable extent on existing social science research in the circumpolar world, rather than accumulating new data. It mentioned disciplines such as anthropology, political science, economy, political economy, human geography, human ecology, psychology and sociology.

Following this approach, the initiative would build upon the experience of Arctic Monitoring

and Assessment Program (AMAP) and Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF), and will be inspired by the methodological framework of the United Nations Human Development Report (UNHDR). The project would require a budget of \$250,000 USD for a report to be released by 2004.

IASSA members interested in participating in this initiative can communicate with Niels Einarsson at ne@unak.is

Guidelines for endorsement of research initiatives

Since its creation, the Arctic Council has been asked to endorse social science research initiatives. Some of them received such an endorsement, like *Sustainable Development in Northern Timberline Forests* (led by Finland) and *Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic* (led by Denmark and Greenland). However, the procedures will be different in the future, since AC work is getting more complex.

The Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) is in the process of adopting guidelines for future endorsements. These guidelines would include minimal requirements as for the number of Arctic countries to be involved in research initiatives, and conformity to a code of ethics.

Discussions on this issue, that could have an impact on initiatives by IASSA members, will continue in the months to come. In the meantime however, it seems that AC-SDWG won't add new research projects on its list of supported projects. At its last meeting, AC-SDWG has decided to postpone discussion of that nature, while some initiatives applied for such support.

Endorsement by the Arctic Council is a political matter more than other things. It can help to build credibility of a research program and increase its chances to get funds from national

Who Owns Siberian Ethnography?

An International Workshop on Methods and Approaches to Ethnography in the Russian North

On March 7-9, 2002, the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany, hosted a workshop designed to commemorate and critically assess the first decade of a revival of international cooperation in the ethnography of the Russian North. The participants in the workshop were scholars from Europe, North

governments. This could have some importance especially for large-scope research programs that cannot be adequately funded through the limited budgets of national research councils and that are in need of several sources of funding.

Projects supported by AC

Children and Youth (led by Canada), *Co-management of Marine Resources in Arctic Areas* (led by Sami Council), *Ecological and Cultural Tourism* (led by US and Finland), *Sustainable Reindeer Husbandry* (led by Norway), *Sustainable Development in Northern Timberline Forests* (led by Finland), *Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic* (led by Denmark and Greenland), *Telemedicine* (led by USA), *Emerging Infectious Diseases* (led by USA).

Facts about AC

AC is a policy forum that puts together representatives of Arctic member states, permanent participants, working groups and observers. They convene on a regular basis to take common action.

Member States - Canada, Denmark, Greenland & Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, The Russian Federation, Sweden, United States of America

Permanent Participants - Arctic Athabaskan Council, Gwich'in Council International, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Saami Council, Arctic Council Indigenous People's Secretariat

For more information, go to: www.arctic-council.org

G rard Duhaime attended the AC Sustainable Development Working Group in Finland on May 14, 2002 as a representative of IASSA. Contact: Gerard.Duhaime@fss.ulaval.ca

America, and Russia who have been actively conducting extensive fieldwork in the Russian North over the last ten years, as well as promising young scholars who are just now entering the field.

It has only been since the late 1980s that Western scholars have gained renewed access to field sites that were closed to them during the

Soviet period. In the 1990s, there was an exponential growth in the number and scope of projects carried out in Russia by foreign researchers, often in collaboration with Russian researchers. The number of young scholars entering the field rose dramatically as well. Some barriers to mutual understanding, however, surfaced in the process of this renewed Russian-Western cooperation. These barriers resulted partly from prolonged mutual isolation, diverging research traditions, and limited knowledge of each other's perspectives and goals. The situation was only exacerbated by the logistical difficulties that Russian researchers faced in obtaining support for their research in the hostile economic climate of the 1990s, forcing interruptions in what had been long careers dedicated to field studies in Russia, while Western social scientists began to take up field studies in the very areas where these Russian ethnographers had long held sway. It is to the credit of researchers from both sides that relations have generally remained so cordial and cooperative. Nevertheless, even as the number of collaborative projects grows, there remains a need for increased communication among all concerned.

It was in the interest of fostering that communication that the workshop organizers planned this unprecedented meeting in March. The workshop was mainly oriented toward issues that are rarely discussed at larger, more content-oriented conferences: fieldwork methodologies and ethical guidelines, new research agendas, and mechanisms for increasing mutually beneficial collaborative activities between regional specialists within and beyond Russia. Using a roundtable format for plenaries and then breaking into working groups, the workshop sought to encourage discussions of both academic issues as well as personal experiences of doing fieldwork in Russia.

The workshop hosted a total of 39 participants from 11 countries. Nineteen of them were selected from among an expanding field of working

professionals who have extensive experience in ethnographic studies in Russia and were invited to make presentations at the roundtable. Roughly half of these were from Russia and the other half were from Europe and North America. The remaining 20 participants were students and recent Ph.D.s who represent the coming generation of Siberianists.

The workshop extended over three days, with each day devoted to a selected theme. Each morning, participants made individual 20-minute presentations in plenary session on topics distributed in advance, using their own field experiences as a basis. Rather than attempting to present the final word on that topic, presenters were asked to provide raw material to stimulate discussion and to generate ideas for comparison of our different approaches. Each afternoon, workshop participants broke into five small groups to discuss the morning's presentations. Each day concluded with a second plenary session to discuss the findings of each small group, and to summarize the day's theme. Discussions continued in the evenings over small-group dinners in restaurants scattered throughout the city.

The atmosphere at the workshop was one of increasingly relaxed familiarity even as participants engaged in vigorous discussion of sometimes touchy issues. Many expressed satisfaction over the fact that the discussions were open and a wide variety of views could be aired. In the end, all were in agreement that this community of Northern scholars, in spite of our divergent backgrounds, has much in common, and is indeed a "community". Participants agreed to develop and maintain a communication network, and to prepare a published version of the workshop's results.

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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 1992-1995, 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 GETIC (Groupe d'études 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;

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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Galina Diatchkova

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~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 consisting of all members who have paid their membership. 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.

Contact the IASSA Secretariat for further information on joining IASSA: email: fyiassa@uaf.edu; tel.: (907)474-6367.

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 Fairbanks, Alaska, USA in May 2004.

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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 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

To subscribe to this list, send an email message to Anne Sudkamp (fyiassa@uaf.edu) or, if the date is between June 8 and September 16, 2002 when the secretariat is closed, contact Daniel LaRoe (fxdjl@fxdjl.dcc.uaf.edu) and she or he will provide directions. In your email requesting to subscribe, please note who you are and why you would like to subscribe to *IASSA.Net*.

Posting Messages

To post a message to *IASSA.Net*, send your email message to 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

Call for Articles, Book Reviews, etc.

See also *Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops* and *Bookshelf*

Cultural Survival

Cultural Survival, based in Cambridge, MA, is collecting material for an anthology of articles by or about Innu and is also collecting material for a website on the Innu to be included in a new project called Ethnosphere, that *Cultural Survival* is creating in cooperation with *National Geographic*. Contact: Lucia Clark, Ethnosphere Research Coordinator, Europe and Canada, *Cultural Survival*; tel.: (617)441-5414; fax:

meetings or conferences, news about upcoming 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) or, if the date is between June 8 and September 16, 2002 when the secretariat is closed, they should be sent to Daniel LaRoe (fxdjl@fxdjl.dcc.uaf.edu).

Special thanks to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA, for supporting this server list.

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Encyclopedia of the Arctic

Fitzroy Dearborn's *Encyclopedia of the Arctic*, edited by Mark Nuttall, is scheduled for publication in Spring 2003.

Scientists, writers, academics, or residents of the Arctic who are interested in contributing some of the few remaining unassigned entries should look at the project web site at:

www.fitzroydearborn.com/london/arctic.htm

where they will find the list of unassigned entries

grouped by topic as well as other useful information about the project. Contributors will receive a fee and be fully credited in the *Encyclopedia*.

Deadlines will be from 1 April or by arrangement. Offers to write entries should be emailed to the publishers, at arctic@fitzroydearborn.co.uk or faxed to: +44-20/7636-6982, giving brief background details of academic position and research.

Additional contact information: *Encyclopedia of the Arctic*; Fitzroy Dearborn; 310 Regent

Conferences, Meetings, and Workshops

June 16-18, 2002

Athabaskan Languages Conference. Fairbanks, Alaska, USA. The theme is *Beyond Revitalization: Toward a sustainable future for Athabaskan languages*. Contact: Gary Holton, Alaska Native Language Center, Box 757680, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7680 USA; tel.: (907)474-6585; fax: (907)474-6586; email: fyanlc@uaf.edu; web: www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc

June 16-20, 2002

The Fifth International Conference on Environmental Radioactivity in the Arctic and Antarctic. St. Petersburg, Russia. Contact: NRPA – Arctic Radioactivity Conference 2002, P.O. Box 55, NO-1332 Østerås, Norway; fax: +47-67-14-54-44; email: arctic@nrpa.no; web: www.amap.no (see News and Announcements).

June 17-21, 2002

The 19th Polar Libraries Colloquy, *Poles Apart - Poles On-Line*. Copenhagen, Denmark. The theme refers to the many library and archive collections becoming accessible on-line. Contact: Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen, Danish Polar Center Library, Strandgade 100H, DK-1401 Copenhagen K, Denmark; tel.: +45/3288-0100, +45/3288-0106; fax: +45/3288-0101; email: vsj@dpc.dk; web: www.dpc.dk/plc

August 1-3, 2002

The 13th Inuit Studies Conference. Anchorage, Alaska, USA. The theme is *Voices from Indigenous Communities: Research, Reality & Reconciliation*. Contact: Gordon L. Pullar, Department of Alaska Native and Rural Development, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 2221 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Suite 213,

Street; London W1B 3AX; tel.: +44-20/7467-1424 (direct line and voicemail); fax: +44-20/7636-6982.

Indigenous Nations Studies Journal

This journal is now accepting articles and book reviews for Volume 3, Numbers 1 and 2. Contact: Elyse L. Towey, Associate Editor, *The Indigenous Nations Studies Journal*, The University of Kansas, 1410 Jayhawk Boulevard, 105 Lippincott Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045; tel.: (785)864-2660; email: insjournal@ku.edu

Anchorage, AK 99508, USA; tel.: (907)279-2706; fax: (907)279-2716; email: g.pullar@uaf.edu; web: www.uaf.edu/uafural/ISC

August 4-6, 2002

Taking Wing - Conference on Gender Equality and Women in the Arctic. Saariselka, Inari, Finland. Organized by the Arctic Council, Nordic Council of Ministers, and Finland as the host country, the conference themes are *Women and work in the Arctic* and *Human rights in the Arctic from a gender perspective*. Contact: Laura Tohka, Conference Coordinator, Department of Women's Studies, FIN-33014 University of Tampere, Finland; tel.: +358-3-215 8982; fax: +358-3-215 6562; email: laura.tohka@uta.fi; web: www.arctic-council.org

August 8-11, 2002

American Quaternary Association (AMQUA) 17th Biennial Meeting. Anchorage, Alaska, USA. The theme is the peopling of the Americas in its paleoenvironmental setting, *Climate Change and Human Migration in the North Pacific Basin*. The AMQUA meetings will be preceded by the Inuit Studies Conference and a special Beringia Working Group symposium on Archaeology of the Russian Far East. Contact: David R. Yesner, email: afdry@uaa.alaska.edu, or c/o the Department of Anthropology, University of Alaska, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508 USA; tel.: (907)786-6845; fax: (907)786-6850; web: www.uaa.alaska.edu/anthropology

September 9-14, 2002

Northern Archaeological Congress. Khanty-Mansiisk, Russia. The congress will share and highlight recent significant results, ideas and

future research projects on archaeology of the Northern Hemisphere (Arctic and sub-Arctic areas) in the three major themes of *Origin and Prehistory of the Northern Cultures, Methods and Technologies in Interdisciplinary Studies* and *Archaeological Legacy in the 21st Century Socio-Cultural Context*. Contact: NAC Secretariat, Institute of History and Archaeology Ural - Branch RAS, 56, Luxemburg street, Ekaterinburg 620026, Russia; tel./fax: 7-3432-223456; email: northcongress@ural.ru; web: www.northcongress.ural.ru

September 19-22, 2002

Second Northern Research Forum (NRF). Veliky Novgorod, Russia. NRF's mission is to promote dialogue among members of the research community and a wide range of other northern stakeholders that addresses the critical issues, problems, and opportunities facing circumpolar peoples in the context of social and environmental changes and economic globalization. Contact: Northern Research Forum Secretariat, University of Akureyri & Stefansson Arctic Institute, Nordurslod, IS-600 Akureyri, Iceland; tel.: +354-463-0900; fax: +354-463-0589; email: nrf@unak.is; web: www.nrf.is

September 22-27, 2002

Inter-Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan. The theme is *The Human Body in Anthropological Perspectives*. Contact: Eisaku Kanazawa, tel.: +81-47-360-9317 or 9318; fax: +81-47-364-6295; email: kanazawa@mascap.nihon-u.ac.jp; web: www.the-convention.co.jp/inter2002/index.htm

October 1-4, 2002

The Second AMAP International Symposium on Environmental Pollution in the Arctic. Rovaniemi, Finland. This second international scientific symposium dealing with pollution of the Arctic in an integrated circumpolar context will showcase results of recent research and monitoring into the sources and pathways, levels, trends, and effects of persistent organic pollutants (POPs), heavy metals, and radioactivity in the Arctic, including the implications for human health of arctic residents. The symposium is arranged as a prelude to the Third Arctic Council Ministerial Conference, which will be held in Inari, Finland immediately following the symposium. Contact:

web: www.amap.no (see News and Announcements).

October 23-27, 2002

Oral History Association Annual Conference 2002, *Global Linkages: The Internationalization of Everyday Life*. San Diego, CA, USA. Contact: Teresa Barnett, tel.: (310)206-2454; email: tbarnett@library.ucla.edu, or Jane Collings, tel.: (310)267-4754; email: jcolling@library.ucla.edu

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 and often direct conflicts between whalers, sealers, and fishermen on the one hand and scientists on the other. The goal of the conference 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 Tromso, Norway; tel.: +47/7775-0180; fax: +47/7775-0181; email: 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; fax: +47 7775 0501; web: www.npolar.no/ArcticAlpine2003

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; arctic environmental issues; arctic mining 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; web: www.nunanet.com/~cngo/isma.html

Career Opportunities

**Assistant or Associate Professor,
Psychology**

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Closing date: until filled.

Doctoral degree in psychology or related field is required. Applicants should have strong cross-cultural/multicultural, community and rural experience and/or interests. Experience with

American Indians or Alaska Natives is preferred. The department places a high priority on the creation of an environment supportive of diversity and the promotion of ethnic minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. For more information, see:

www.uaf.edu/uafhr/jobs/Faculty.html

For Students

**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 network also focuses on how local perceptions about the resources have been affected and how cumulative development impacts have altered local systems of social control, land and sea tenure, conventional configurations of rights and resources in general. The congruencies and disjunctions between local accounts and social and biophysical scientific accounts are studied.

One of the primary goals of the network is that 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.

Last fall a course was held at the Kola Science Center in Apatity on the Kola Peninsula, Russia, with visits to major industrial sites in the region such as Nikel, Monchegorsk and Murmansk. Part of the course also took place in Lovozero—the center of Sami culture on the Kola Peninsula—and in Archangelsk.

The course in 2002 is planned to take place in Iceland and East Greenland in the second part of

August. Focus of the course is on the management of resources, both natural and human, in renewable resources-dependent communities.

Contact: Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Professor, Roskilde University, Denmark; email: rasmus@ruc.dk; web: www.nors.info

**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 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.

A coordinating role in the network is given to senior researchers (core group and advisory board of the network), although contribution from PhD students and postdocs is of greatest importance. The main activity of the network is to conduct a series of interdisciplinary research education courses covering some important topics related to arctic environment, such as reindeer herding, industrial impacts, climate change, forestry, etc. The courses are conducted annually in various regions of the northern circumpolar countries and are intended to be linked to each other.

Complementary activities of the network are an electronic network, research workshops and mobility of young researchers. The CAES Network co-operates with the Circumpolar Social Science PhD Network (CASS) and is involved in the development of the University of the Arctic.

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

Contact: Dr. Ekaterina (Katja) Ruth, CAES, Coordinator, Lulea University of Technology, SE-97187 Lulea, Sweden, tel.: +46-702087807; fax: +46-920-491030; email: caes@adm.luth.se; or 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; CAES website: www.caesnetwork.cjb.net

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 partner institutions of IPSSAS pledge themselves to give credits to those of their graduate students who have participated in an IPSSAS seminar.

The first seminar will take 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* with an estimated maximum of 15 students.

Money Line: Requests for Proposals

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council RFP

This council administers the restoration fund established following the Exxon Valdez oil spill to restore the resources injured by the spill and the reduced or lost services (human uses) the

Subsequent seminars will take place at other locations.

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ITASCA Field Biology Program

Arctic Field Ecology: *Integrating research, teaching, and Inuit ecological knowledge*. One section of Arctic Field Ecology (University of Minnesota, EEB 4842, 4 semester credits) is being offered this summer (25 June - 21 July 2002).

This is a field ecology course that involves a multidisciplinary team of ecologists and Inuit collaborators. The course will explore a transect from treeline south of the Brooks Range to the Arctic Ocean in Alaska, passing along the western edge of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Participants will meet in Fairbanks, Alaska, and travel by van over the Brooks Range and by kayak along the Sagavanirktok River to Alaska's north coast. They will integrate course work with a major field study looking at the interaction of vegetation, climate, and soils along this transect. They will camp along the way, interact with scientists at the research sites, and meet with native 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 from around the world. Course cost is \$3100.

Contact one of the instructors: Bill Gould, USDA Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00928-2500; tel.: 787/766-5335 ext 114; email: wgould@fs.fed.us; web: <http://muskox.com>; or Andrew Borner, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; tel.: 907/474-1844; email: ftapb@uaf.edu

resources provide. Each year the council invites individuals, private industry, government agencies, and other interested parties to submit proposals for restoration projects.

At the end of July or early August, the council will solicit proposals under the Phase 2 Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Invitation. Contact the council restoration office in Anchorage: email:

brenda_hall@oilspill.state.ak.us; tel.: 907/278-8012 (toll free 1-800/478-7745 within Alaska or 1-800/283-7745 outside Alaska); web: www.oilspill.state.ak.us

Bookshelf: New Books, CDs, Journal Issues, Reports, etc.

See also *On the Web*

Books

Deering - a Men's house from Seward Peninsula, Alaska

Helge Larsen (edited by Martin Appelt)
ISBN 87-89384-84-9; 145 pages; 33 B&W illustrations; 32 artifact plates; US\$19.95. Order from the David Brown Book Company: tel.: 800/791-9354; email:

david.brown.bk.co@snet.net; web:

www.oxbowbooks.com

Helge Larsen (1905-1983) is still one of the most renowned Arctic prehistorians, with published works covering the full span of the Arctic, from Greenland to Alaska. This volume, describing the excavation of an Ipiutak Men's house from about 1300 BP, is the only manuscript he never saw completed.

In Order to Live Untroubled: Inuit of the Central Arctic, 1550-1940

Renée Fossett

ISBN: 0-88735-171-8; 0-88755-647-7; Cloth \$55.00 Ca.; Paperback \$24.95 Ca.; 356 pp; 6x9; 22 b&w illus; 7 maps; 2001. Order from University of Manitoba Press: tel.: 1-800-565-9523; email: carr@cc.umanitoba.ca; web:

www.umanitoba.ca/publications/uofmpress

This work is the first comprehensive history of the Canadian Inuit. Drawing on a wide array of eyewitness accounts, journals, oral sources, and findings from material culture and other disciplines, historian Renée Fossett explains how different Inuit societies developed strategies and adaptations for survival to deal with the challenges of their physical and social environments over the centuries.

Muskox Land: Ellesmere Island in the Age of Contact

Lyle Dick

ISBN: 1-55238-050-5; 6x9 in.; 640 pp.; 9 colour illustrations; 52 b/w illustrations; 19 maps; 5

graphs; \$34.95 Ca; Parks and Heritage series, No. 5; ISSN: 1949-0426. To order, contact: sales.gazelle@talk21.com in the UK and Europe; msupress@msu.edu in the US; or custserv@raincoast.com in Canada or anywhere else not listed here.

This book analyzes the history of Aboriginal-European relations in the Ellesmere Island region of the High Arctic in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Historian Lyle Dick examines European-Inuit contact in the High Arctic (the area of what is now Quttinirpaaq National Park of Canada), focusing on the roles of the natural environment and culture as factors in human history, as well as the charting of historical change arising from the interplay of cultures, the environment, and circumstance during the exploration era.

Our Voices: Native Stories of Alaska and the Yukon

James Ruppert & John W. Bernet, editors

Paper: 2001, xvii, 394, CIP.LC 00-069096, 0-8032-8984-7, US\$25. Order from University of Nebraska Press: tel.: 800-755-1105 (402-472-3584 outside the US.); email: pressmail@unl.edu; web: www.nebraskapress.unl.edu

Our Voices showcases twenty storytellers and writers who represent a full range of Athabaskan and related languages of Alaska and the Yukon. Both men and women recount popular tales of ancient times that describe the origins of social institutions and cultural values, as well as meaningful, sometimes intimate stories about their own lives and families or the history of their people.

Peoples of the Tundra: Northern Siberians in the Post-Communist Transition

John Ziker

Paperback: 208 pages; (April 1, 2002), ISBN: 1577662121, US\$12.95. Order from Waveland Press, Inc.: PO Box 400, Prospect Heights, IL

60070 USA; tel.: 847/634-0081; fax: 847/634-9501; web: www.waveland.com

Ziker's account of the Dolgan and Nganasan peoples of the Ust Avam community provides ethnographic detail on local economic practices, history, demographics, cosmology, land and resource management arrangements, and kinship, and relates these details to larger anthropological debates on human nature, relationships between colonizers and colonized, tradition, and sustainability.

Reaching North: A Celebration of the Subarctic

Jamie Bastedo

Natural History/Adult Nonfiction; ISBN 0-88995-170-5 paper; 256 pages; 20 B&W illustrations; \$16.95 Ca/\$14.95 US. Order from Red Deer Press: tel.: 403/220-2984; email: kgough@ucalgary.ca

Jamie Bastedo looks into the heart of one of Canada's largest yet least understood regions—the subarctic wilderness.

Shamanism and Traditional Belief

Torben A. Vestergaard, editor

ISBN 87-98342-47-9; 80 pages; illustrations (Aarhus UP, North Atlantic Studies 4, 2001); US\$13. Order from the David Brown Book Company: tel.: 800/791-9354; email: david.brown.bk.co@snet.net; web: www.oxbowbooks.com

These papers represent the latest research on religion in the North Atlantic. The relationship between human society and the other realms is explored, looking at ritual, dreams, imagery and other shamanistic practices.

Shield Country: The Life and Times of the Oldest Piece of the Planet

Jamie Bastedo

Natural History/Adult Nonfiction; ISBN 0-88995-191-8; 276 pages; 20-page full-color section; \$22.95 Ca/\$18.95 US. Order from Red Deer Press: tel.: 403/220-2984; email: kgough@ucalgary.ca

Shield Country unfolds a story of unrivaled Precambrian geology, of wild rivers and millions of pristine lakes, of an ecological junction where subarctic and arctic climates, plants, birds, and mammals weave a richly textured wilderness fabric.

Towards a New Millennium: Ten Years of the Indigenous Movement in Russia

Thomas K hler & Kathrin Wessendorf, editors
Copenhagen, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA). 2002.
ISBN: 87-90730-52-6. Approximately 250 pages, ill. Paperback. Price: US\$16. Order from email: iwgia@iwgia.org

This book is an English translation of a book the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON) produced for its ten-year anniversary in 2000. It includes articles by indigenous leaders and politicians from many parts of Russia, who outlined the history, events and conditions of the recent decade.

Tracking Triple Seven

Jamie Bastedo

Young Adult Fiction/Ages 9+; ISBN 0-88995-238-8 paper; 216 pages; \$12.95 Ca/\$9.95 US. Order from Red Deer Press: tel.: 403/220-2984; email: kgough@ucalgary.ca

Tracking Triple Seven gives a "bear's-eye view" of the arctic grizzly.

CDs

Children's Drawings from Siberia and the North Pacific Rim

Erich Kasten & Michael D rr

Ethnographic Library on CD, Vol 4; Muenster: Waxmann Verlag 2000; 49.90 DM; ISBN 3-89325-949-X. Order from Waxmann Verlag: email: order@waxmann.com; web: www.waxmann.com

Besides giving an overview on community efforts in bicultural education among indigenous groups in Siberia and from the North Pacific rim, this multimedia CD contains a great variety of children's narratives, paintings and drawings. This edition complements the book of E. Kasten, *Kinder malen ihre Welt* (Waxmann 1998).

Itelmen Language and Culture

Michael D rr, Erich Kasten, Klavdiya Khaloimova

Ethnographic Library on CD, Vol 3; Muenster: Waxmann Verlag 2001; 49.90 DM, ISBN 3-89325-948-1. Order from Waxmann Verlag: email: order@waxmann.com; web: www.waxmann.com

This trilingual CD—Itelmen, Russian, and English—is one of the outgrowths of a project in

which native and western experts collaborate to preserve Itelmen language and traditional culture.

Spirit of the North: Shamanistic Traditions of Kamchatka in Dance and Music

Erich Kasten & Michael Dürr
Ethnographic Library on CD, Vol 2; Muenster: Waxmann Verlag 1999; 49.90 DM; ISBN 3-89325-947-3. Order from Waxmann Verlag: email: order@waxmann.com; web: www.waxmann.com

Through dance and music clips, as well as photos and the written word, this CD documents ongoing oral traditions, family songs and dances.

Journal Issues

Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska (APUA)

Produced by the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Department of Anthropology since 1951, this peer-reviewed journal focuses on a variety of topics related to arctic or subarctic anthropology and is now out in a new series form. Quality submissions are accepted at any time. Vol.1(1) *Problems in North American Arctic Archaeology* is now available. Yearly subscription rates are US\$100 for institutions and US\$20 for individuals. Contact editor Maribeth Murray, UAF Department of Anthropology; tel.: (907)474-6751; email: ffmsm@uaf.edu; web: www.uaf.edu/anthro/apua.html

Etudes/Inuit/Studies

Published since 1977, *Etudes/Inuit/Studies* is a biannual scholarly journal devoted to the study of Inuit societies, either traditional or contemporary, in the general perspective of social sciences and humanities (ethnology, politics, archaeology, linguistics, history, etc.). Vol. 25(1-2) on *Inuit Identities* is now out. Yearly subscription rates are \$65 Ca. for institutions; \$40 Ca. for individuals; and \$25 Ca for students. Contact: tel.: (418)656-2353; email: etudes.inuit.studies@fss.ulaval.ca; web: www.fss.ulaval.ca/etudes-inuit-studies

Participatory Ownership and Management in Greenland and Other Arctic Regions
INUSSUK • Arctic Research Journal 1 • 2001.
Gorm Winther, editor

ISBN: 87-90948-01-7, US\$30. Order from Atuagkat A/S, Imaneq 9, DK-3900 Nuuk, Greenland; tel: +299-32-17-37; fax: +299-32-24-44; email: mail@atuagkat.gl; web: www.atuagkat.gl

This publication contains the results from a research seminar of the same name held in Ilulissat, Greenland.

Reports

New CAFF Reports

CAFF, the Arctic Council Program for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna, has published two new reports in its Technical Report Series:

~ *Seabird Harvest Regimes in the Circumpolar Nations* edited by Lynn Denlinger and Kenton Wohl; and

~ *Proceedings of the First CAFF Flora Group Workshop, Uppsala, Sweden, 27-29 March 2001* edited by Stephen S. Talbot and David F. Murray.

The reports are available online at: www.caff.is/sidur/sidur.asp?id=13&menu=docs
Hard copies can be obtained free of charge from the CAFF International Secretariat. Contact: CAFF International Secretariat, Hafnarstraeti 97, 600 Akureyri, Iceland; tel.: +354/462-3350; fax: +354/462-3390; email: caff@caff.is; web: www.caff.is

HARC workshop discussions and reports

The Human Dimensions of the Arctic System (HARC) initiative supports research that examines the ways in which humans affect and are affected by the Arctic system. HARC is a component of the Arctic System Science (ARCSS) Program at the Office of Polar Programs of the National Science Foundation.

HARC has sponsored numerous online workshops designed to help develop project-level ideas incorporating HARC research within new and emerging initiatives in the Arctic System Science (ARCSS) Program at the National Science Foundation.

Information about and reports from the workshops are available at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

On the Web

See also *Bookshelf*

Alaska Native Knowledge Network (ANKN)

ANKN is designed to serve as a resource for compiling and exchanging information related to Alaska Native knowledge systems and ways of knowing. It has been established to assist Native people, government agencies, educators and the general public in gaining access to the knowledge base that Alaska Natives have acquired through cumulative experience over millennia. Web:

www.ankn.uaf.edu

Arctic Council

A high-level intergovernmental forum, the Arctic Council provides a mechanism to address the common concerns and challenges faced by the Arctic governments and the people of the Arctic. The main activities of the Council focus on the protection of the Arctic environment and sustainable development as a means of improving the economic, social and cultural well-being of the north. See also the article, *Toward an Arctic Human Development Report*, in this issue. Web:

www.arctic-council.org

Canadian Polar Commission

The Canadian Polar Commission has responsibility for: monitoring, promoting, and disseminating knowledge of the polar regions; contributing to public awareness of the importance of polar science to Canada; enhancing Canada's international profile as a circumpolar nation; and recommending polar science policy direction to government. The website includes the *Meridian Newsletter*. Web: www.polarcom.gc.ca

Culture Greenland

In February the Sisimiut Museum, Greenland officially opened this website whose aim is to maintain a list of as many websites as possible on topics of Greenland culture. Web: www.culture.gl

EastWest Institute Russian Regional Studies Program

EastWest Institute's mission is to defuse tensions and conflicts that threaten geopolitical stability while building democracy, free enterprise and prosperity in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and other states of Eurasia. This site includes resources at no cost, including the *Russian Regional Report* in both English and Russian, conference reports, and maps, as well as information available by subscription. Web:

www.iewe.org/rrrabout.nsf

Institutional Dimensions of Global Environmental Change (IDGEC)

IDGEC is a Core Science Project of the International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP). Its research agenda centers on an examination of the role of social institutions in determining the nature of human-environment interactions and the outcomes arising from these interactions. A newsletter is available. Web:

www.dartmouth.edu/~idgcec

Looking Both Ways: Heritage and Identity of the Alutiiq People

This exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History accompanies the book of the same name edited by Aron Crowell, Amy Steffian and Gordon Pullar. This interactive website offers an introduction to the indigenous people and culture of Alaska's southcentral coast. Web:

www.mnh.si.edu/lookingbothways

National Archives of Canada

Its mission is to preserve the collective memory of the nation and the government of Canada, and to contribute to the protection of rights and the enhancement of a sense of national identity. The website includes exhibitions on indigenous peoples. Web: www.archives.ca

Remembering . . .

Yosif Sopochin

Yosif Sopochin, a leader among the Surgut region Khanty, died of cancer at the end of January 2002 in the hospital in Khanty-Mansiisk, Russia.

Yosif was a Trom-Aganski Khant whose family was from Ulti-Yagun village just north of Surgut.

His initiative, energy, experience and imagination raised him into a position of leadership in the post-Soviet period. He himself worked diligently to secure benefits for Khanty who were suffering from the adverse impacts of petroleum development and to find alternative means of economic self-sufficiency for relocated Khanty.

A former village council member, he had participated in negotiating economic agreements for Trom-Aganskii Khanty with regional oil companies to channel funds to Khanty.

As early as 1994, he was active in the obshchina (native community association) movement and became a major figure founding

Khanto, one of the two principal Khanty community associations in Surgut region. Most recently, he had been attempting to secure funds so that his community association could purchase fishing areas along the Ob' to engage in commercial fishing. In recent years, he also played a forceful role in the Khanty-Mansi native association *Spasenie Yugra*.

Enormously energetic, talented, phlegmatic, nervous, generous, keenly insightful, Yosif traveled in Europe and America, often with his wife Agrafena Pesikova, attending conferences and seminars, talking to all who would listen, trying to call attention to the plight of the eastern Khanty.

In turn, Yosif warmly welcomed visitors, even in the depths of winter, to his homes in Russkinskiye or Yubilenie.

Yosif will be missed not only by his family and Khanty community, but also by many friends around the world.

Andrew Wiget

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