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## CCI NEWS

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

### CCI DIRECTOR APPOINTED

## University of Alberta Names new Director of the Canadian Circumpolar Institute

Vice-President (Research), Dr. Gary Kachanoski, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Marianne Douglas as Director, Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI) and Professor (Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences) at the University of Alberta effective 1 September 2006. Dr. Douglas joins the University of Alberta from the University of Toronto, where she headed the Paleoenvironmental Assessment Laboratory (PAL) as Professor in the Department of Geology and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Global Change. She completed her university degrees at Queen's University with a short séjour in Paris where she studied algal taxonomy. After completion of her PhD (1993), she spent two years as a Research Associate at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) in the Department of Geosciences before joining the University of Toronto (1995).

Dr. Douglas is widely recognized as one of Canada's most experienced Arctic field scientists having completed more than 20 seasons of research across the archipelago. She has supervised a wide range of undergraduate and graduate theses and mentored 4 post doctoral fellows. Dr. Douglas has served on numerous review and funding committees for northern science and her current positions include Chair of NSERC Committee 09, membership on the Scientific Screening Committee of the Polar Continental Shelf Project (NRCan, Ottawa) as well as internal university committees focused on northern programs. She is also a member of the Canadian Committee for Antarctic Research (CCAR) and currently serves as President, Canadian Quaternary Association (CANQUA). In the past, she has served on the Northern Chairs Program, and the NSERC Northern Supplement Competition, and the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences (CFCAS). In addition to these formal commitments, Dr. Douglas has volunteered additional service by participating in summer programs mentoring young women to consider science as a career. She has also helped to promote a better understanding of northern Canada through a variety of other public outreach ranging from CBC's *Quirks and Quarks* to presentations at elementary schools.

The focus of Dr. Douglas' research concerns reconstructing environmental change in the Arctic and, more recently, in the Antarctic through the analysis of lake sediment cores (paleolimnology). One of her most widely recognized contributions is the discovery of a dramatic diversification of diatom species in circumpolar lakes that record the advent of global warming of high latitudes. This and related research has been published in *Science* and *Nature*, which brings an active and internationally recognized research program to the University of Alberta that strongly complements parallel studies concerning environmental change in numerous Departments.

Dr. Douglas has developed evident expertise in the full spectrum of scientific, economic, social and cultural issues currently impacting the North. She is particularly eager to be participating in the renewed commitment to Canadian polar science as manifested in the national northern strategy, and especially the strategic opportunities offered by the upcoming International Polar Year 2007-2008, for which the University of Alberta hosts the Canadian Secretariat. In partnership with sister institutions across the Province (notably the Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary), CCI is poised to contribute strongly to these national and international initiatives, bolstering the University of Alberta's long established reputation in northern research.

The Canadian Circumpolar Institute's mission is to establish a framework for integrated circumpolar research and teaching programs at the University of Alberta, and facilitate connections among research, policy, education and community outreach. The long-term goal will be to facilitate opportunities for both Canadian researchers and students to be increasingly involved in multi-national and bi-polar programs and to bridge these efforts with the growing aspirations of northern communities and agencies within Canada. This will include advancing First Nations, Inuit, and local educational initiatives in partnership with these groups.

The University of Alberta is delighted to welcome Dr. Douglas to her new leadership role in CCI at an exciting time of continuing growth of circumpolar research in Canada and beyond.

#### Related links:

Canadian Circumpolar Institute <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polar/>

Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences <http://easweb.eas.ualberta.ca/>

Office of the Vice-President (Research) <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/vpresearch/>

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS – 2007 COMPETITION

### Circumpolar/Boreal Alberta Research (CBAR) and Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP) Grants

The next competition for CCI-sponsored Circumpolar/Boreal Alberta Research Grants and INAC-funded Northern Scientific Training Program Grants will run September – November 2006, with results posted in mid-March 2007. **The deadline for submission of applications to the Grants Program is 1 November, 2006.** Application forms are posted at the CCI website <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polar/nav02.cfm?nav02=41414&nav01=40629>

### NEW! Endowment Fund for Northern Studies and Research

This award (\$1,200) is open to undergraduate students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing northern studies and/or research. The scholarship will provide financial support toward the cost of tuition, travel, or costs associated with research. Awarded annually at the discretion of the Director of CCI (or designate), the purpose of the award is to assist undergraduate students with satisfactory academic standing attending the UA and entered in a degree program involving northern studies and research or study leading to a northern specialization. Endowed by the International Winter Cities Committee (Edmonton Branch):

1. **A transcript**
2. **Statement of need and proposed use of funds**
3. **Letter of support from a UA faculty member**

The deadline for submission of applications to the Northern Scholarship is October 2, 2006. The application form is available from the CCI Website at <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polar/nav02.cfm?nav02=41415&nav01=40629>

## UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA and INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

University of Alberta researchers have been involved in planning for many of the 200+ IPY proposals submitted to the international program office. The **Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI)**, coordinated applications to the Government of Canada program funding. A total of 8 full proposals, and 21 contributions to other proposals were processed through the Institute, at a value of \$13,391,150 and 7,135,955, respectively. Results are expected to be announced by October 2006, along with a second call for proposals, concerned with communications, outreach and other legacy aspects of IPY.



## CIRCUMPOLAR STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CSA) NEWS

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

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

## NORTHERN SPEAKER SERIES AND NORTHERN STARS MENTORSHIP SERIES 2006-2007

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

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

See description in CCI Press column.

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NETWORKS

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

The Circumpolar Young Leaders Program, an initiative of the Arctic Council have 4 placements available this year in Norway, Finland and possibly Denmark for 6 month internships. Application details can be found at: [http://www.iisd.org/interns/arctic/how\\_to\\_apply.asp](http://www.iisd.org/interns/arctic/how_to_apply.asp) There is no deadline to submit applications however, placements will begin in September. Briefly, the Circumpolar Young Leaders Program provides Northern youth under the age of 30 with training and work experience at leading organizations in Arctic countries. **If you have any questions about the program, please contact:** Carolee Buckler, Project Manager, International Institute for Sustainable Development, 161 Portage Avenue East, Winnipeg, MB R3B OY4; Tel (204) 958-7748 Email [cbuckler@iisd.ca](mailto:cbuckler@iisd.ca)

### Arctic Youth Network Youth Leadership Conference 2006; 25-29 October 2006, University of Alaska Fairbanks

The Arctic Youth Network, an NGO based out of the Yukon, works on issues of sustainable development in the circumpolar north. If you are: a) an active leader in your community; b) interested in becoming an active leader in your community; c) a youth (between the ages of 17 and 27); d) creative, passionate, socially aware, or concerned; then conference 2006 will be of interest. The conference has the goal of gathering 30 - 40 youth leaders from the Circumpolar North for five days of leadership training and planning for the future of the Network. We will work together to build leadership skills and accumulate the tools to kick off and complete events and activities within our home communities. The week will include tonnes of fun workshops, games, and activities on leadership and the structure and work of The Arctic Council. Got an idea? Learn how to take action and make it happen to impact the future of your community and the north in a positive way. Some experience in youth leadership? Share what you've learned with others, network with other young leaders, and gather some support for your project. You will be asked to: a) work with a partner in another Northern region before, during, and after the conference' b) collect and present ideas, issues, and information from your own perspective and that of youth in your region; c) contribute to 5 days of intensive work shopping, social events, and discussion; d) commit approximately 1 week of time in October, 2006 for the workshop and involved travel; e) continue communication with the Arctic Youth Network following the conference (up to 7 Board members and 2 employees will be selected from the conference). This conference is a follow up to the inaugural Arctic Youth Network workshop that was held from August 25-27, 2005 at the Yukon College Campus in Whitehorse, Canada. Representatives from Greenland, Alaska, and the three Northern Canadian Territories worked together to draft the basic structure of the Arctic Youth Network and outline a Declaration on Climate Change. Read the Declaration on Climate Change [www.taiga.net/ayn/declaration](http://www.taiga.net/ayn/declaration), a document was designed to voice the concerns that youth living in the circumpolar north have on our changing environment and society. The final details regarding the location and timing of the conference are currently being planned and will be available soon. Conference applications forms are available now on the web site [www.taiga.net/ayn](http://www.taiga.net/ayn) . If your interested in attending please fill out the application and email it to Daniel or Jess at [arcticyouthconference@gmail.com](mailto:arcticyouthconference@gmail.com) . If you need more information you can also write to us at the email address above or call (867)633-5668. Participants that are selected for the conference will be expected to fund raise to assist in paying for travel to the conference. Bursaries for travel and conference costs will also be available for those in need of assistance to meet these travel costs. The Deadline for Conference Applications is August 15, 2006. If you are interested we encourage you to apply as soon as possible as space, and time to arrange travel is limited. We look forward to hearing from you and rocking a totally awesome conference in the near future.

## CCI PRESS NEWS

### NEW RELEASE!

#### *Scientific Uncertainty and the Politics of Whaling*

by Michael Heazle

A new book, titled *Scientific Uncertainty and the Politics of Whaling*, by Michael Heazle (see PUBLICATIONS, below), examines how International Whaling Commission (IWC) policy has dramatically shifted from furthering the interests of whaling nations to eventually banning all commercial whaling. Focusing on the internal workings of the IWC, the author explores the impact of political and economic imperatives on the production and interpretation of scientific research and advice. Central to this work are the epistemological problems encountered in the production of "truth". Science does not produce incontestable facts, and the problematic nature of knowledge itself allows for varied interpretations of data depending on the interests of those at the table. The author argues that it is precisely the nature of scientific knowledge that has made uncertainty a tool in the service of political objectives. When scientific advice to whaling nations could not with absolute certainty declare whaling practices a threat to stocks, those IWC members with substantial investments of political and economic capital in whaling, used this uncertainty to reject a reduction in quotas. Later, as perceptions and the economic importance of whaling changed, and with public opinion turning against commercial whaling, uncertainty switched sides. Non-whaling members in the IWC, a majority by the late 1970s, claimed that because scientific data could not prove that commercial whaling was sustainable, hunting should stop, with the result that uncertainty was now used to protect the resource rather than the industry. Dr. Michael Heazle is a Research Fellow at the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia.

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© 2006 xi + 260 pp., maps, tables, biblio., index. Seattle: University of Washington Press. ISBN 0-295-98605-0 US\$60 and Edmonton: CCI Press, Studies in Whaling No.8, ISBN 1-896445-37-3 Can\$60. Retail: \$60

#### *Knowing Places: The Inuinait, Landscapes, and the Environment*

by Beatrice Collignon

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© 2006 ISBN 1-896445-33-0; 7" x 10"; xiv + 304p., 31 maps, figs., & illustrations; appendices (place names; the scientific context of the research); extended table of contents; Inuinnaqtun summary Retail: \$40

## Also Distributed\* by CCI Press

### *A Concise History of Canada's First Nations*

by Olive Patricia Dickason, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, University of Alberta

(adapted by Moira Calder, International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, UofA)

2006 Oxford University Press Miscellaneous Publications

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## CANADIAN CIRCUMPOLAR COLLECTION of the UA Library System

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

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

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

Teaching a course with Polar content? Writing a paper for a Northern Studies course? Need to do research on Arctic or Antarctic subjects? **Contact:** Sandy Campbell, Canadian Circumpolar Collection, Science and Technology Library, 1-26 Cameron Library; call 492-7915; e-mail [sandy.campbell@ualberta.ca](mailto:sandy.campbell@ualberta.ca) to book a classroom sessions on using the polar literature, or to meet one-on-one.

## AROUND TOWN / THE PROVINCE

### PTAC Ecological Research Forum

PTAC will host a two day forum on **Ecological Issues Research** at the Delta Lodge in Kananskis **October 10th and 11th**. The forum offers an opportunity to hear expert presentations on the most up-to-date research on issues that are driving change in land management. Some of the topics to be covered are Species at Risk and Soils, Water and Vegetation. There will also be a live GIS based demonstration by the Foothills Model Forest Grizzly Bear Research Project. For more information about the forum or being a sponsor, contact PTAC's Tannis Such by phone at (403) 213-7703 or by email at [tsuch@ptac.org](mailto:tsuch@ptac.org)

## NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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

### Circumpolar News Service Launched source: <http://www.sikunews.com/>

Siku Circumpolar News Service is the circumpolar world's first Web-based service. Its founders, two professional journalists, Jane George and Inga Hansen, come from northern Canada and Greenland and between them speak five circumpolar languages. They decided to work towards the creation of SIKU in 2002 after meeting in Kuujuaq, Nunavik at the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. Odile Nelson, a television journalist in Iqaluit, contributes her editorial assistance. In 2004, SIKU established a partnership with EMINOL in Norway, based on common goals and strengths. Note that this site is under construction and will look very different when it is officially launched.

### CBC.CA Launces Two New Sections: Technology and Science, and Consumer Life

CBC.ca has launched two new sections in response to online users responses. Links to the new sections are included in the directory at the top of the homepage and in the left column navigation bar of the news pages. The latest headlines from the sections appear at the bottom of the news stories. **Technology & Science** looks at the latest advances in science and technology, provides the inside scoop on new gadgets and games, and makes sense of how leading-edge developments will affect your life. News stories, columns and in-depth features will help you keep abreast of developments in the fast-paced science and tech sectors, cutting through the jargon and giving you the information you need in plain language. <http://www.cbc.ca/technology/> **Consumer Life** is a guide to the news and information that savvy Canadian consumers need to know. <http://www.cbc.ca/consumer/> **Contact:** Ian Johnson, Sr. Producer, cbc.ca Technology & Science, Health, Consumer and Business <http://www.cbc.ca/news/feedback/index.html>

### Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) President Mary Simon Speech: \*Healing Our Spirit Worldwide\*, Edmonton

The speech delivered by ITK President Mary Simon at the *Fifth Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Conference* is available from the ITK website at [www.itk.ca](http://www.itk.ca). For an interview with Mary Simon contact: Stephen Hendrie, Communications Director, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; 613.277.3178

## **Makivik Corporation, Kativik Regional Government and the Quebec Government sign agreement for the Prevention of Crime and the Promotion of Safe and Healthy Communities.**

**Makivik KRG Press Release**, Kuujuaaraapik, August 9, 2006 --President Pita Aatami of Makivik Corporation, Chairperson Maggie Emudluk of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG), and Premier Jean Charest have signed an amendment to the *Sanarrutik Partnership Agreement*. Minister of Native Affairs Geoffrey Kelly and Minister of Natural Resources and Fauna Pierre Corbeil of Quebec and Vice-President Adamie Alaku, 2nd Vice-President Johnny Peters, and Treasurer Anthony Ittoshat of Makivik, and Vice-Chairperson Michael Gordon and Executive Members Aisara Kenuajuak, Jusipi Annahatak, Peter Inukpuk of KRG, as well as Mayor of Kuujuaaraapik Lucassie Inukpak were part of the delegates to witness the signing. The amendment provides for \$10M per year indexed over 22 years, totaling approximately \$315M to be used for the creation of programs for the prevention of crime and the promotion of safe and healthy communities in Nunavik. The *Sanarrutik Agreement*, the Partnership Agreement on Economic and Community Development of 2002, provided funding over 25 years for, among other things, the improvement of policing services, the creation of parks in Nunavik, economic development, and a detention center. The original agreement and amendment are signed by Makivik Corporation, the Kativik Regional Government, and the Quebec Government. Makivik Corporation is the Inuit owned economic development company created following the signing of the *James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement* (JBNQA) in 1975. It has the mandate to represent the 9,800 Inuit of Nunavik at the political level, and to administer the funds of the Agreement accorded to the Inuit (\$90-million has been received over a 20 year period). Makivik owns subsidiary companies such as Air Inuit, First Air, Nunavik Arctic Foods, Nunavik Creations, Halutik Fuels, Cruise North, and jointly owns with other Inuit regional corporations Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics (PAIL). Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978 whose jurisdiction covers nearly the entire territory of Quebec north of the 55th parallel. KRG administers the affairs of Nunavik in the areas of municipal affairs, transportation, police, employment, manpower training, income security, environment, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security, and economic development. **For more information, contact:** Lisa Koperqualuk, Communications Officer, Makivik Corporation; Tel: (514) 386-0669 or Julie Grenier, Communications Officer, Kativik Regional Government; 819-964-2961

## **Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) UPDATE**

### **RE: ACUNS Research Collaborations in the Canadian North**

*We encourage you to take the time to review the attached ACUNS' survey material and contribute a summary report to ACUNS based on your own northern research experience. James McDonald, President, ACUNS*

**Purpose:** The conduct of research in the Canadian north is changing rapidly. Progressive approaches recognize the social, political, and environmental priorities established by northern communities themselves. This publication will provide brief descriptions of a representative survey of Canadian research projects underway in the territories and Northern provinces highlighting successful interactions between academic researchers and northern communities. Building upon the collaborative ethic ACUNS' has long promoted, this project makes explicit the negotiation and collaboration aspects of the fieldwork process that are essential for the conduct of research in the north, but are not always documented as part of the research results. Focusing on the method and outcomes of how collaboration is undertaken and achieved as part of the research process, reports included will describe the nature of the community collaboration negotiated (e.g. partnership, consultation, contribution, support), and document outreach activities undertaken. Researcher and community responses to projects, photographs, and recommendations for future interactions are also included. This project will: Promote knowledge and awareness of Canada's leading role in northern science and community collaboration; Provide evidence of positive interactions worked out locally as part of research projects underway throughout the Canadian north; Create descriptive models for northern communities seeking to become involved with research projects; Demonstrate the scope of disciplines involved in northern research and the variety of community collaborations achieved; Celebrate successful collaborations and provide recommendations from both researchers and communities for alternatives and improvements; Provide models for foreign or first-time researchers on ways to work with northern communities; Initiate medium for dialogue on collaborative process; Act as planning aid for future researcher/community collaborations; and, Provide a concrete resource for universities, funding agencies, government, media, and the Canadian public. **Participants and Contributors:** Faculty and students from ACUNS' member institutions are invited to complete the Research Collaboration Survey template and submit project commentaries. ACUNS acknowledges that its membership includes individuals with a wide variety of research and professional associations ensuring involvement and participation from a broad range of academic and government stakeholders involved in research in the Canadian North. NSERC has agreed to participate in the project and Northern Research Chairs are welcome participants in this project. **Please submit your completed survey results by September 8<sup>th</sup> to Carol Howard Donati [chd@acuns.ca](mailto:chd@acuns.ca)** Results will be presented at the upcoming ACUNS Program Day: Northern Research and Community, October 20, 2006 Ottawa. Contact: Carol Howard Donati, Executive Director, Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies/Association Universitaire Canadienne d'Études Nordiques (ACUNS/AUCEN); 17 York St., Suite 405, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J6 Canada; Tel: 613 562-0515 Fax: 613 562-0533; E-mail: [office@acuns.ca](mailto:office@acuns.ca); Web Site: [www.acuns.ca](http://www.acuns.ca)

## **NATIONAL (CANADIAN) SECRETARIAT: INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR**

The Canadian IPY Secretariat in collaboration with the Canadian Polar Commission have created a new website portal for IPY information in Canada [www.ipycanada.ca](http://www.ipycanada.ca) Canadian IPY News Online: T at [ipy@ualberta.ca](mailto:ipy@ualberta.ca) .

**CALL FOR NOMINATION for the Canadian National Committee for IPY.** It is anticipated that this committee will consist of approximately 10-15 members representing a wide array of polar research interests. It will provide direction and guidance to the national secretariat. **Send your nomination by October 1, 2006 to the attention of Steven Bigras, Executive Director, Canadian Polar Commission, Suite 1710, 360 Albert Street, Ottawa, ON. K1R 7X7, by email at [bigrass@polarcom.gc.ca](mailto:bigrass@polarcom.gc.ca) or by fax to (613) 943-8607.** Please include short biographical notes about the nominee(s) 1 or 2 paragraphs along with your rationale for nominating this (these) person(s).

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

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

IPY Canada Newsletter [www.ipy-api.ca](http://www.ipy-api.ca) and [www.ualberta.ca/~ipy](http://www.ualberta.ca/~ipy).

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

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

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

Alaska university gears up for IPY [01.09.06 02:59]

The University of Alaska is getting a jump-start on the International Polar Year by hiring 13 young scientists. The University of Alaska is getting a jump-start on the International Polar Year by hiring budding scientists. UA President Mark Hamilton announced that the institution has hired 13 postdoctoral fellows at a cost of \$3 million who will spend three years at UA campuses researching northern topics, with an emphasis on change related to global warming and development in polar regions. The university received 180 applications from young scientists in 26 countries, and were selected from fields in which the university has demonstrated excellence. Each researcher will receive a \$50,000 annual salary, faculty benefits and a travel allowance of \$5,000. The money to pay for the researchers comes from the BP and Conoco Phillips charter donations to UA as part of merger agreements. The charter agreement was reached in 1999 between the State of Alaska under former Gov. Tony Knowles and BP and Arco, later Conoco Phillips. It includes a formula for charitable contributions to UA and other community organizations. Donations to the university since the state and oil companies signed the agreement total \$23 million to date. More than 300 institutions from 38 different countries are expected to participate in the next International Polar Year. Of the 208 clusters of projects endorsed by the IPY International Programme Office, 28 percent have participation from the University of Alaska system, according to the university.

#### New Appointments: Chairman and Members, US Arctic Research Commission

As the United States prepares to join other nations in the International Polar Year (IPY), President George W. Bush has designated a new Chair and appointed two new members to the US Arctic Research Commission (<http://www.arctic.gov>). Mead Treadwell of Anchorage, Alaska, has been named Chair. Originally appointed to the Commission in 2001, Treadwell is joined by new members Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf of Nome, Alaska, and Charles J. Vorosmarty, of Newburyport, Massachusetts. Treadwell, whose term continues through February 2009, is a Senior Fellow at the Institute of the North and is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Venture Ad Astra, an Anchorage-based firm developing geospatial positioning and imaging technologies. He succeeds George B. Newton, Jr. who served on the Commission since 1992, and as Chair since 1996. Metcalf is a Program Director with the Eskimo Walrus Commission, created by Kawerak, Inc. to help Alaska's coastal walrus hunting communities co-manage walrus with the federal government. She will serve as the indigenous representative through February 2009 and succeeds Mary Jane Fate of Rampart and Fairbanks, who served on the Commission since 1991. Vorosmarty, a Professor at the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space at the University of New Hampshire and the Director of the Water Systems Analysis Group, will serve through February 2008. The US Arctic Research Commission was established by the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984. Its principal duties are to develop and recommend an integrated national Arctic research policy and assist in establishing a national Arctic research program plan to implement the policy. Commissioners also facilitate cooperation between the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other nations with respect to arctic research, both basic and applied. Every two years, the Commission publishes a "Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research," and the next one will be delivered to the President and Congress in January 2007. For further information, contact: Kathy Farrow; Phone: 703-525-0111; E-mail: [k.farrow@arctic.gov](mailto:k.farrow@arctic.gov)

## PUBLICATION / PUBLISHER NEWS

#### Comic books address tough Aboriginal issues

August 27, 2006 - by Joseph Quesnel Source : [http://www.firstperspective.ca/fp\\_combo\\_template.php?path=20060827comic](http://www.firstperspective.ca/fp_combo_template.php?path=20060827comic)

Suicide within the Aboriginal community is not just a distant concept for Native comic book illustrator Tania Willard. "The story I tell is a true story told through a child's eyes. Willard is part of an initiative started by the Vancouver Coastal Health and the Healthy Aboriginal Network. Willard produced a comic book aimed at Aboriginal youth called *Standing Together*. One of the stories she wrote and illustrated was based on her personal experience with suicide. Willard says although the look is a traditional comic book, it is different. Although the stories tackle controversial issues, Willard stresses that they are 'positive' because they include healing as a central part of the storyline. The idea for *Standing Together* came when the Healthy Aboriginal Network, a non-profit group that promotes health and wellness among Aboriginals, received a grant last year to develop and print the comic book from the Vancouver Health Initiatives Program (AHIP), which funds First Nations health strategies. Willard assembled an all-Aboriginal team of writers and illustrators and embarked on the project. According to the Vancouver Coastal Health, they will be sending out 3,000 copies of the comic book to 15 First Nations communities. Although the comic books are mature in theme and generally appeal to older readers, they will also impact younger groups, even if not intentionally.

#### CALLS FOR PROPOSALS / SUBMISSIONS

International Journal of Intangible Heritage [<http://www.ijih.org>] Call for Papers for Volume 2, 2007

\* Theme for Volume 2: "Intangible Heritage and Cultural Diversity"

\* Deadline: 16th October, 2006

The International Journal of Intangible Heritage is the world's first international refereed academic and professional journal for the intangible heritage sector. First published in May 2006, the Journal embraces theory and practice in relation to the study, preservation, interpretation and promotion of the intangible heritage. Over recent years, academics, researchers and professionals in many different parts of the cultural sector have increasingly been collecting, systematising, documenting and communicating the intangible heritage and in particular supporting its traditional cultural expressions. The first volume of 101 pages was published at the end of May 2006. The printed edition is now being supplemented by an electronic edition in PDF format at <http://www.ijih.org>. The Journal welcomes contributions covering all areas of intangible heritage studies and practice, according to the definition of intangible heritage adopted internationally in the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, as follows: (a) oral

traditions and expressions, including language as a vehicle of the intangible cultural heritage: (b) performing arts; (c) social practices, rituals and festive events; (d) knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe; (e) traditional craftsmanship. The Journal will carry three categories of contributions as follows: \*Main articles (refereed), normally between 4,000 and 6,000 words, excluding notes, bibliography and illustrations. Prospective authors should consult the Editorial Board through the Editor-in-Chief <[editor@ijih.org](mailto:editor@ijih.org)> if a longer contribution is proposed.; \*Short communications (refereed), of up to 2,000 words (two to four journal pages).; \* News and reviews items of up to 1,000 words on conferences, publications or projects (which will be subject to normal editing). For Volume 2 we will particularly welcome main articles on interdisciplinary studies focusing on the aspects of 'CULTURAL DIVERSITY' in relation to intangible heritage Detailed Instructions available from the Journal website at <http://www.ijih.org/instructions.htm> Papers can be submitted to the Journal Secretariat: <[secretariat@ijih.org](mailto:secretariat@ijih.org)> Contact: Publication Secretariat, International Journal of Intangible Heritage, National Folk Museum of Korea, Sejongno 1-1, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea; \* Email: <[secretariat@ijih.org](mailto:secretariat@ijih.org)>; \* Tel: +82-(0)2-3704-3106, 3704-3109. For editorial policy etc. enquiries contact: \*Editor-in-Chief, Professor Patrick J Boylan \* Email: <[editor@ijih.org](mailto:editor@ijih.org)>

### Volume VI of the Encyclopedic History of Cartography

Volume VI of the encyclopedic *History of Cartography* is in progress. The editor is seeking someone to write a short article (ca. 750 words) about twentieth-century mapping of the North Polar Regions. **Contact:** Mark Monmonier, Maxwell School, Syracuse University [mon2ier@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:mon2ier@maxwell.syr.edu); (+1) 315.443.5641 <http://www.markmonmonier.com> <http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/geofaculty/Monmonier.htm>

## BOOKSHELF

### John Bunt's *Antarctic Memoirs*

Bunt, an Australian scientist now retired, worked on sea ice algae physiology in Antarctica and other topics, and was an early diver under the ice in Antarctica See <http://www.seaviewpress.com.au/index.php?act=viewProd&productId=786>

### *The Hollow Tree. Fighting Addiction with Traditional Native Healing* by Herb Nabigon

Before discovering native healing methods, Herb Nabigon could not imagine a life without alcohol. His powerful autobiography tells the story of his struggle to overcome addiction with the help of the spiritual teachings and brotherly love of his elders. Nabigon had spent much of his life wrestling with self-destructive impulses, feelings of inferiority and resentment, and alcohol abuse when Eddie Bellerose, an Elder, introduced him to the ancient Cree teachings. With the help of healing methods drawn from the Four Sacred Directions, the refuge and revitalization offered by the sweat lodge, and native cultural practices such as the use of the pipe Nabigon was able to find sobriety. *The Hollow Tree* is one person's testament to the power of indigenous culture to heal. Herb Nabigon's healing journey guided him to a life of kindness, honesty, courage, and humility. Herb Nabigon is associate professor, Native human services, Laurentian University, and the author of *Forging New Relationships: Aboriginal Governance in Canada* - Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples.

McGill-Queen's Native and Northern Series #49 Paper 0773531327 (9780773531321)

Release date: 2006-08-08 CA \$16.95 / US \$12.95 / UK £9.99

For more information or to order: <http://www.mqup.mcgill.ca/book.php?bookid=2022>

### *Native Athletes in Sport and Society: A Reader*

Davies on King, ed.,

Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2005. xxxiii + 264 pp.; Illustrations, index. \$26.95 (paper), ISBN 0-8032-7828-4.

## ELECTRONIC BOOKS / REPORTS

*Perspectives on Climate Change* <http://www.itk.ca/environment/climate-book/unikkaaqatigiit01.pdf>

### Environmental Studies Research Fund # 155 *Beaufort Delta Cumulative Effects Project*

Available from: Kym Hopper-Smith, ESRF Coordinator and Regulatory Development Analyst, Planning, Policy & Coordination; Tel.: 403-299-3890; 403-292-5503 | facsimile 403-292-5503 [khoppersmith@neb-one.gc.ca](mailto:khoppersmith@neb-one.gc.ca)

## JOURNALS

### NEW! The Journal of Aboriginal Health Published by the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO)

The Journal of Aboriginal Health will share traditional knowledge, success stories, issues, new information, and the latest research results. It will publish in-depth analysis of health research and issues with full citation of sources; facilitate informed discussions of new research, recent publications and projects; and explore health determinants with Aboriginal approaches. The goal of the Journal is to cultivate a dynamic community of those concerned with Aboriginal health matters through information exchange, networks and partnerships while contributing to the critical thinking and learning process. The primary audience will be Aboriginal community members including traditional healers; Aboriginal health care practitioners and practitioners in health care for Aboriginal People; and Aboriginal health organizations. Each issue will feature a theme. A Guest Editor will solicit appropriate papers from a variety of perspectives. Each Guest Editor is an expert in the subject area and has an established network of contacts in the field. The Journal will be available online on the National Aboriginal Health Organization's Web site at [www.naho.ca](http://www.naho.ca). For more information, contact [naho@naho.ca](mailto:naho@naho.ca)

**First Call for Abstracts - Aboriginal women's health** Deadline for receipt of abstracts is October 15, 2006. Direct inquiries to [dsoucy@naho.ca](mailto:dsoucy@naho.ca)

## NEWSLETTERS/MAGAZINES

*ACZISC Coastal Update* <http://aczisc.dal.ca/new.htm>

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

Canadian Antarctic Research Network – *CARN Newsletter* vol. 20 [http://www.polarcom.qc.ca/english/pdf/carn\\_vol20\\_eng.pdf](http://www.polarcom.qc.ca/english/pdf/carn_vol20_eng.pdf)

*Canadian IPY News Online* [ipy@ualberta.ca](http://ipy@ualberta.ca).

The *Canadian Northern Studies Trust Newsletter* of ACUNS [www.acuns.ca](http://www.acuns.ca)

*Caribou News in Brief*. Beverly & Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BOCMB) [http://www.arctic-caribou.com/news\\_dec05.html#collars](http://www.arctic-caribou.com/news_dec05.html#collars)

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

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

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

International Network for Whaling Research-- *INWR DIGEST* [www.ualberta.ca/~inwr/inwr.html](http://www.ualberta.ca/~inwr/inwr.html)

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

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

*Northern Notes* -- IASSA (International Arctic Social Sciences Association) Newsletter [www.iassa.gj](http://www.iassa.gj)

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

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

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

Sustainable Use Specialists Group *SUSG newsletter* [www.iucn.org/susg](http://www.iucn.org/susg).

## RESEARCH NEWS, NETWORKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Canada-France Ground Freezing Project

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Canada-France Ground Freezing Project co-ordinated by Carleton University, Geotechnical Science Laboratories under the leadership of Professor Peter Williams in co-operation with a team of French researchers led by Dr. Michel Fremond and Dr. Jean-Pierre Lautridou representing the Laboratoire Central des Ponts et Chaussées and the Centre de Géomorphologie; Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. Over a twelve-year period, six long-term buried chilled pipeline frost heave test cycles were conducted at a research laboratory operated by the CNRS in Caen, France. This international project successfully highlighted the significant challenges of the construction and performance of gas pipelines in cold regions characterized by permafrost-affected terrain. The research findings produced from this project has had a lasting impact on some of the fundamentals of engineering of pipelines in permafrost affected terrain; the success of the future Mackenzie Gas Project can to some degree be attributed to some of the fundamental findings and the visionary that led this twelve year study. Although the tests results have been described in the literature found in the public domain, complete data sets containing raw data produced from the experiments were not readily available. Five years ago, Permafrost Environmental Consulting, developed from the former research unit at the Geotechnical Science Laboratories undertook to find and preserve this legacy of research through the retrieval of all raw data produced. As a result, six databases containing raw data sets for each of the experiments and an accompanying resource library consisting of a fourteen volume set of reports are being released this year to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the inauguration of this project. World wide universities, libraries, research institutes, corporations, governments and regulatory bodies that are stakeholders in the development and operation of northern gas pipelines may now acquire these valuable databases by contacting [white@permafrost.ca](mailto:white@permafrost.ca). A portion of the sales from these databases will be used to fund an endowment for a Northern Research Scholarship at Carleton University. The legacy of our research in France will help in the development of Canada's next generation of northern geoscientists and engineers:

### Advice on a Long-term Strategy on Energy and Climate Change-

The National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) members approved all recommendations in this advisory note. [http://www.nrtee-trnee.ca/eng/programs/Current\\_Programs/Energy-Climate-Change/ECC-Wedge-Advisory-Note/ECC-Wedge-advisory-note\\_e.htm](http://www.nrtee-trnee.ca/eng/programs/Current_Programs/Energy-Climate-Change/ECC-Wedge-Advisory-Note/ECC-Wedge-advisory-note_e.htm)

## EMAIL LISTS / NETWORKS

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

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

## EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

### Techno Tools for Inuktitut Language Internet Use

Nunasoft, a techno company, has decided to market specialized keyboards developed for Inuktitut. The keyboard was developed to provide an outlet for native Inuit speakers to communicate in Inuktitut using the internet. For those less familiar with standard keyboards and with limited typing skills, Nunasoft created a graphic onscreen version of the keyboard that uses a stylus to select the characters. And Nunasoft didn't stop there: they created free online tools; language-based software for mail systems, website hosting, database storage, search engines, and online discussion forums. Cree, Cherokee, and Blackfoot keyboard prototypes are currently being developed. The company also offers various services for aboriginal companies and enterprises requiring such assistance. To learn more, visit : <http://www.nunasoft.com/index.php?language=en>

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

Join the team of 2 program leaders, 8 students, and 2 teachers as we board the CCGS Amundsen in Iqaluit (October 2006) to rendezvous with ArcticNet



scientist as they travel through Frobisher Bay, across the Hudson Strait and proceed to the fjords of northern Labrador to conduct an intensive ecological study. Following the last sampling stop, the ship will continue along the Labrador Shelf and into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, ending in Quebec City. Preliminary schedule, costs, and application information are all available on the website <http://www.arcticnet.ulaval.ca> (click on Schools on Board banner).

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

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

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

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## RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### ALBERTA STEWARDSHIP NETWORK NOW INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM FALL 2006

Deadline: Early Submission: 2 October 2006; Final: 16 October 2006.

Grants are valued at up to \$5,000. Under Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability, the Government of Alberta (GOA) and its partners recognize the tremendous grassroots effort found in communities across the province to care for our watersheds and water resources. To support this effort, the GOA has provided further funds to the Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN) to, in turn, provide support for Watershed Stewardship Groups\*. Application Forms and an accompanying ASN Grant Application Checklist, both of which need to be submitted for the application to be complete are available on the the ASN website ([www.ab.stewardshipcanada.ca](http://www.ab.stewardshipcanada.ca)) or by phoning 1-877-727-5276 (1-877-7-ASK-ASN). FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Sarah Hipkin, the ASN Grant Administrator, Land Stewardship Centre of Canada (LSCC) Current Secretariat of the Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN), 17503-45 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6M 2N3; Alberta Stewardship Network Tel: 1-877-7-ASK-ASN or 1-877-727-5276 Website: <http://www.ab.stewardshipcanada.ca>.

### INAC's Northern Programs Under New Directorship

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

### Infrastructure Planning Grant Program

The Ministry of Community Services offers grants up to \$10,000 to help local government plan, design and manage sustainable infrastructure. The second round of approvals for the 2006 Program will be based on applications received by September 15th. The Program Guide and Application Form are available online at: [http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lqd/pol\\_research/grants.html#grant](http://www.cserv.gov.bc.ca/lqd/pol_research/grants.html#grant).

### Community Health Promotion Fund

The UBCM has announced the launch of its second round of grants provided under the Community Health Promotion Fund. Preliminary proposals must be submitted to the UBCM office prior to 4:30 p.m. on September 18, 2006 in order to be considered for funding. Proposals should focus on health promotion programs and activities in communities focusing on healthy living and chronic disease prevention. For further program information and application details, go to <http://www.civicnet.bc.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?NewsID=150>.

## INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

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

The European Space Agency (ESA) scientific research and application development in support to the International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008, exploiting ESA Earth Observation missions and ESA Third Party Mission (TPM) data. The opportunity is open worldwide; the research geographic area is restricted to Antarctic and Arctic regions (North of the Polar circle) and including Greenland. ESA will provide a limited and agreed amount of ESA and TPM data free of charge to the selected Principal Investigators (PI). **The deadline for submission of proposals is 15 September 2006**; more information and proposal submission at <http://eopi.esa.int/esa/esa?e=XDXuWvAzQhf1mrTn3WnPR6oukkyGODMxQDDVjU0kVzmi8UINt>

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council: Upcoming funding opportunity [http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/ciam\\_opp\\_e.htm](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/programs/ciam_opp_e.htm)

NSERC Strategic Project Grants Information: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=b1](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=b1)

CIHR-IAPH <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/31174.html>

SSHRC Aboriginal Research: [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/aboriginal\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/aboriginal_e.asp)

This pilot program will run for 3 competitions, but may be extended. Aboriginal research, in the context of the dialogue, derives its dynamic from traditions of thought and experience developed among, and in partnership with, First Nation, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada as well as Indigenous peoples in other parts of the world. Aboriginal research encompasses all academic fields as well as domains of knowledge specific to Aboriginal cultural traditions.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Deadline for Gordon Robertson National Inuit Scholarship Extended:

The deadline for applications for the Gordon Robertson National Inuit Scholarship has been extended Tuesday September 5, in order to accommodate applicants' collection of reference letters from remote regions. **Contact:** Stephen Hendrie, Director of Communications, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, 170 Laurier West, Suite 510, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5V5; Tel: 613.238.8181 ext 230; Cell: 613.277.3178; Fax: 613.234.1991 [hendrie@itk.ca](mailto:hendrie@itk.ca) Web: [www.itk.ca](http://www.itk.ca)

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

## LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, WEBSITES

### Discovering the Poles--Historic Polar Images 1845-1960; Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge

The Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI) at the University of Cambridge has put forward a proposal to the UK Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) for funding to digitize its entire archive of photographic negatives from 1845-1960 (including daguerrotypes, lantern slides, glass plate negatives, and more modern cellulose nitrate and acetate formats), along with related documentary records selected for educational and research value. The Discovering the Poles project aims to provide remote access for all to photographic negatives and selections from related archival collections held at SPRI, which are amongst the richest in the world for the study of polar environments, exploration, and science. Images from the digital negatives will be made freely available for public use via an educational licence. JISC is now seeking feedback from potential users. More information: [http://jiscdigitisation.typepad.com/jisc\\_digitisation\\_program/2006/07/bid\\_12\\_scott\\_po\\_1.html](http://jiscdigitisation.typepad.com/jisc_digitisation_program/2006/07/bid_12_scott_po_1.html) **Contact:** Heather Lane, Acting Keeper of Collections, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER. E-mail: [librarian@spri.cam.ac.uk](mailto:librarian@spri.cam.ac.uk) Consultation form: (<http://survey.bris.ac.uk/jisc/digiconsultphase2>) Comment Deadline: Friday, 1 September 2006

### Sami research database, RÁDJU

The Arctic Indigenous Peoples and Sami Research Office and the Information Service of the Arctic Centre have together collected the Sami research database, RÁDJU. RÁDJU includes data from over 200 projects concerning the Sami-related topics in various areas such as culture, education, environment, land management, politics and reindeer husbandry. The projects are carried out by different institutions and researchers in Finland as well as in other countries. RÁDJU database is meant especially for researchers and students. RÁDJU will later be developed so that information concerning the Sami research will further be collected and the database will also include notes about research on other Indigenous peoples in the Arctic. Comments regarding this database are highly welcome. Information regarding research and developmental projects that are not yet included is also appreciated. Thanks for your attention and help. Rádjú is northern saami and means store or collection. The Database is at the address: [http://arcticcentre.ulapland.fi/radju/radju\\_eng.aspx](http://arcticcentre.ulapland.fi/radju/radju_eng.aspx) Contact: Arto Vitikka, System Analyst, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, P.O. Box 122 FIN-96101 Rovaniemi, Finland [arto.vitikka@ulapland.fi](mailto:arto.vitikka@ulapland.fi) [www.arcticcentre.org](http://www.arcticcentre.org) / [www.barentsinfo.org](http://www.barentsinfo.org)

### Aboriginal museum in Washington features Igloolik exhibit; Community involvement makes U.S. museum successful

**JANE GEORGE--WASHINGTON, D.C.** August 25, 2006 — Washington D.C. is a long way from Canada's Arctic, more than 3,000 km to the South and in another country, but you'll find a bit of Nunavut inside the National Museum of the American Indian there. About 8,000 objects from the Smithsonian Museum are on display at the museum, in exhibits, which don't differentiate between Inuit or First Nations. And the exhibits aren't arranged by dates or location, either, but by themes. Each nook of the various thematic exhibits, called "Our Universes," "Our Peoples" and "Our Lives," focuses on a different native group. Yet, somehow, the National Museum of the American Indian works. It's in "Our Lives" that you will find familiar faces and voices as well as a qamutik, caribou skin garments and an inuksuk. This section on Inuit from Igloolik focuses on change and more precisely, the change Inuit in this community have undergone. Igloolik's exhibit was the work of John Macdonald of the Nunavut Research Institute and Igluungmiut including Thoretta Iyerak, Zipporak Inuksuk, Theo Ikummaq, Madeline Auksaq, Leah Otak and Arsene Ivalu who talk about hunting, country foods, sewing, the return of the sun and living on the land. People in Igloolik provided the direction for the exhibit's content. Inuit culture is presented throughout the museum: a huge carving of a drum dancer by Karoo Ashevak is displayed outside a circular theatre where a 13-minute multimedia video called "Who we are" includes a segment on Inupiat whale hunters near Barrow, Alaska. If you're hungry while taking in the exhibits at the National Museum of the American Indian, you can go to the Mitsitam native foods café where foods from four native geographic regions are presented. Some displays in the museum are overwhelming: a collection of Bibles in native languages, including Inuktitut, and the "wall of gold" featuring dazzling objects made before and after the arrival of Europeans to the Americas. Mixed into all the exhibits is a powerful message. The message of native peoples' resilience and strength is emphasized over and over. And history is presented as a kind of battleground — "the path to determination is an uphill battle" — reads one featured quote from a native leader. Overall, the museum communicates a feeling of strength. If even one room in a Canadian Arctic museum can achieve this, it'll be great.

### Arctic Exhibit Seeks Input

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

## WEBSITES/PORTALS

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

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada --- GeoPortal [http://geoportail-geoportal.ainc-inac.gc.ca/main\\_e.html](http://geoportail-geoportal.ainc-inac.gc.ca/main_e.html)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is launching an intra/internet geographic portal. This new Web site is making location-based data and geographic map visualization available to Canadians and First Nations community with an interest in geomatics. The INAC GeoPortal project, initiated by Corporate Services Information Management Branch (IMB) and developed in partnership with the INAC Geomatics community of practice and the GeoConnections Program, enables users to quickly view maps on-line within a First Nations context. The GeoBrowser quickly enable users to do mapping, analysis and geographic visualization over the Web. Users of the GeoBrowser can print the map images and save them for use in document and presentation materials. Some common uses for digital map based information includes emergency response, monitoring of the environment, natural resources and land management, claims, transportation planning and asset management.

## EMPLOYMENT / PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Call for nominations - Mentors Trudeau 2007

We would like to draw your attention to our current call for nominations for the **Trudeau Mentors selection process 2007** and we would very much like to invite you to participate in the Trudeau Foundation nomination process. The same request was sent to Canadian University Presidents and some 100 leading figures in the arts, business, government, the professions, and the voluntary sector. Your **letter of nomination** expressing why you believe a person would be an outstanding Trudeau Mentor will be **critical** to the selection process. To that end, I enclose a copy of our current Nomination Guidelines. We realize how busy you are, and we thank you for any advice you may offer. We keep the names of nominees and nominators strictly confidential. **We ask that confidential nominators, in turn, not reveal their role in our process to anyone.** Nominators should not contact their nominees regarding the nomination. We look forward to receiving by **September 15th** your recommendations for outstanding Trudeau Mentors. As we enter a new fall and school year, please accept my best wishes for your work and once again thank you for your active participation in our nomination process.

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

## INTERNSHIPS

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

The Circumpolar Young Leaders Program is an initiative of the Arctic Council. We recently received word our funding has been approved for 2006-07. We have 4 placements available this year in Norway, Finland and possibly Denmark. We are currently seeking applications until all positions have been filled from Canadian youth originally from, or living in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon, and northern Quebec and Labrador to undertake 6 month internships in other circumpolar countries. Application details can be found at: [http://www.iisd.org/interns/arctic/how\\_to\\_apply.asp](http://www.iisd.org/interns/arctic/how_to_apply.asp) Briefly, the Circumpolar Young Leaders Program provides Northern youth under the age of 30 with training and work experience at leading organizations in Arctic countries. **Contact:** Carolee Buckler, Project Manager, International Institute for Sustainable Development, 161 Portage Avenue East, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0Y4; Tel (204) 958-7748 Email [cbuckler@iisd.ca](mailto:cbuckler@iisd.ca)

## PROFESSIONAL

### McGill University. Sociology.

Applications are invited for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position, commencing August 2007. We are looking to expand our strength in one or more of the following areas, broadly defined: political sociology, international development, inequality, and ethnicity. Ability to teach advanced qualitative or quantitative methods is expected. Interested persons should write to: Chair, Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, McGill University, Room 712 Leacock, 855 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3A 2T7, enclosing a curriculum vitae and a sample of work. Candidates should ask three referees to send confidential letters on their behalf. Applications should be received by October 15, 2006. McGill University is committed to equity in employment. For more information on the Department, visit our website at [www.mcgill.ca/sociology](http://www.mcgill.ca/sociology). In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Salary is negotiable. The language of instruction at McGill is English but a working knowledge of French is an asset.

**School of the Environment and Society University of Swansea -- Chair and Reader, Senior Lecturer, or Lecturer**

Application Deadline: 22 September 2006 Information: <http://www.swan.ac.uk/personnel/Vacancies>

## CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

### CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS/PAPERS/FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*The View From Here: History and Ecology of the North Atlantic Region - NABO 2006*

Quebec City, September 20-24, 2006 Preliminary program available on <http://www.celat.ulaval.ca/theviewfromhere/>

Final Announcement: Seminar on Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Their Relevance to the Arctic  
21-22 September 2006, Arendal, Norway Registration Deadline: Sunday, 10 Sept. 2006

For further information, go to: <http://polar.grida.no>.

Sacred Web Conference: "Tradition in the Modern World"

23-24 September 2006, Myer Horowitz Theatre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Web: [www.sacredweb.com](http://www.sacredweb.com)

The 7th World Indigenous Women & Wellness Conference *Warriors Against Violence*

25-27 September 2006, The Westin Bayshore Resort & Marina, Vancouver

Website: [http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/News\\_Releases/UBCICEvent09250601.htm](http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/News_Releases/UBCICEvent09250601.htm)

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Chacmool Conference: *Decolonizing Archaeology: Archaeology and the Post-Colonial Critique*

11-14 November 2006, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

The posted abstracts and session titles available at: <http://www.arky.ucalgary.ca/arky1/Chacmool2006/index.htm>

2006 Ecological Monitoring & Assessment Network (EMAN) National Science Meeting

20-25 November 2006, The Fairmont Winnipeg, MB

Abstract submission deadline: 15 September 2006

[http://www.eman-rese.ca/eman/reports/meetings/national2006/call\\_for\\_papers.html](http://www.eman-rese.ca/eman/reports/meetings/national2006/call_for_papers.html)

EMAN National Science Meetings offer an occasion for the ecological monitoring community across Canada to meet, present their program and findings, learn mechanisms to enhance the effectiveness of their monitoring programs, and identify collaboration opportunities. Network partners increasingly note the challenge of turning monitoring data into meaningful knowledge to influence decision-making. This year's conference will emphasize the synthesis and delivery of monitoring information under the theme "Data to Outcomes: What have we learned? Who did we tell? What difference did it make?" Papers and posters are sought in a variety of related areas including, but not limited to: Long-term ecological monitoring; Monitoring of ecological functions, services and biodiversity; Landscape level ecological indicators, thresholds and protocols; Multi-party community-based monitoring; and, Invasive species monitoring. Participants are encouraged to address the results of their monitoring initiative, interpretation of those results, and lessons learned of value to the broader ecological monitoring community in their presentations. Send a 250 word abstract to [eman@ec.gc.ca](mailto:eman@ec.gc.ca)

**Polar Bears and Penguins are the Tip of the Iceberg: Education, Outreach, and Communication Strategies for the International Polar Year and Beyond -- ICE Participants**

11-15 December 2006, San Francisco

For those unfamiliar with the Fall AGU, it is a large (+10,000 attendees) annual conference at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, this year 11-15 of December. If you are not an AGU member, considering joining: it's not expensive and worth every penny. We anticipate having a good mix of oral presentations and poster presentations. Please join us this December in San Francisco to continue our discussions around education, outreach and communication efforts relating to polar science, global impacts and IPY. Even if you are uncertain now about funding of your projects, we can all benefit from your insights and experience.

**Talking and Walking Sustainability; 2nd International conference on Sustainability Engineering and Science**

20-23 February 2007, University of Auckland

You are invited to submit a paper for peer review to be presented at the 2007 Conference on Talking and Walking Sustainability. Academic paper sessions that have been identified include: Sustainable Business and Governance Philosophy and Science of Sustainability Liveable Communities Education for Sustainability Tools for Sustainability These topics are neither exhaustive nor exclusive. Further information on the expectations under each topic heading is available from <http://www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz/Conference/abstracts.cfm> Abstracts received to date will be peer reviewed and responded to as per the timetable outlined on the website. The second wave of abstracts will receive a contracted set of dates. Thank you to those who have submitted abstracts so far, you will be contacted shortly with a decision on acceptance of your paper. For those thinking they had missed the deadline, here's a second change for you to contribute to this conference. Don't miss out. The feedback from the last conference told us that the focus on sustainability as being inter-disciplinary was a highlight and very informative. **Contact:** Vicky Adin, Conference Manager, NZ Society for Sustainability Engineering and Science, PO Box 272 -1460, Papakura, Auckland, NEW ZEALAND; Ph: +64.9.444.8881; Mbl: +64 27.230.5365 [www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz)

## Northern Identities"

29-31 March 2007, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)

Website: [http://www.culture.gouv.fr/culture/nllefce/fr/rep\\_ress/ce\\_76134.htm](http://www.culture.gouv.fr/culture/nllefce/fr/rep_ress/ce_76134.htm)

## Trails to Sustainability: A national environmental education conference

24-27 May 2007, Delta Lodge at Kananaskis, Alberta

Proposal Deadline: 2 October 2006

Webpage: [www.trailstosustainability.ca](http://www.trailstosustainability.ca)

This event will help you learn more about the many 'trails' to environmental stewardship and a vibrant society and economy. Our keynote speakers reflect these three pillars of sustainability: Environment: Dr. David Schindler will help us examine our environmental impacts and responsibilities through a lens of water, while Karsten Heuer will show our connections to wildlife and wilderness Society: Stephen Lewis will remind us what we can do to improve the human condition, in Canada and abroad Economy: Hunter Lovins will show how schools, business, and people profit and thrive when we 'green' our practice. The first 150 conference registrants can register for just \$99, plus a mandatory fee of \$35 that gives you membership in three organizations. We are currently accepting proposals for Saturday workshops; you can download our 'Request for Proposals' form. **Contact:** Gareth Thomson, Conference Co-Chair, Trails to Sustainability and Executive Director, Alberta Council for Environmental Education, 911 Larch Place, Canmore, AB T1W 1S5 ph/fax: 403-678-0079

## 22nd International Conference on the History of Cartography

8-13 July 2007, Conference Centre, UNIS Building, University of Berne

The Conference is the major international scholarly conference dedicated to advancing knowledge of the history of cartography, of maps and mapmaking, broadly defined. The conference promotes global cooperation and collaboration among scholars (from any academic discipline), curators, collectors, dealers and institutions through illustrated talks, poster presentations, exhibitions, and a social programme. The first aim of the conference is to foster discussion on the history of cartography in general, not necessarily the history of single maps. The presentations should be focused on the history of cartography and only deal with historical geography or the history of discoveries on the margins. Contributions on a topic from specialists in disciplines such as geodesy, tourism studies, linguistics, history of science, art history, etc., are very welcome. Conference themes will be: Mapping Relief, Maps and Tourism, Language and Maps; Time as the Cartographic Fourth Dimension Any other aspect of the history of cartography. **Contact:** Christoph Graber (Conference Secretary), ICHC2007 c/o swisstopo, Postfach CH-3084 Wabern, Switzerland; Fax: ++41 31 963 24 59; Email: [ok@ichc2007.ch](mailto:ok@ichc2007.ch) Visit the website at <http://www.ichc2007.ch/>

## Change Brings Opportunity Conference

The CFDC of the Pacific North West is hosting a transportation and container conference November 8 and 9 in Prince Rupert. By the fall of 2007, Prince Rupert will be home to a new container port facility which will create a host of new opportunities for northern BC and Alberta businesses. This conference brings together a distinguished line-up of speakers from across North America, who will brief participants on latest developments related to the expansion of the container port and identify opportunities and propose strategies for expanded employment, entrepreneurship and exports. <http://www.cfdc-pnw.com/home.htm>

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## International Arctic Social Sciences Association (ICASS) VI Conference

2008, Nuuk, Greenland, Web: [www.iassa.gl](http://www.iassa.gl)

1<sup>st</sup> Call for Sessions Deadline: 15 September 2006

Please send the following in an email message to the Conference Convener: the planned activity and expected title of the session; the expected number of participants; whether you have secured, or will apply for funding for such a meeting; how many participants does this funding cover? whether you foresee problems obtaining travel funding for all participants of your group. Contact: Birger Poppel, Convener of ICASS VI or Inge Seiding, IASSA Secretary, IASSA (International Arctic Social Sciences Association), Ilisimatusarfik, University of Greenland, PO Box 279, 3900 Nuuk, Greenland; Phone +299 324566; Fax +299 324711; email: [iassa@ilisimatusarfik.gl](mailto:iassa@ilisimatusarfik.gl)

## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

### *Canada In the Rough* (Global TV) Trapping Episode

October 29th, 2006 Rural Routes and Runways

Journey back into history as host Thomas Pigeon joins Mark Downy and Jim Gibb of the [Fur Harvesters Auction](http://www.furharvesters.com) on an historic trap line adventure in Northern Ontario and get an inside look at the heritage of trapping and its economic impact on rural Canada. [www.canadaintherough.com](http://www.canadaintherough.com) and [http://www.canadaintherough.com/about\\_season2.htm](http://www.canadaintherough.com/about_season2.htm)

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