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ARCTIC RESEARCH Newsletter

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Dear all,

Summer is here, and an intensive Spring is behind us. 2014 has started in the best way possible for Arcum, and we are so proud to repeat that we are now more than 200 affiliated researchers. WE WISH YOU ALL A NICE SUMMER!

ARCUM participated at ICASS VIII

The eighth International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VIII) was held 22-26 May 2014 on the main campus of the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in Prince George, B.C., which is traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh in Canada.



UNBC Campus



The International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) organizes the International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS) every three years, bringing together scholars and others interested in the Arctic and sub-Arctic to share social science and humanities research. Almost 500 participants from 26 different countries and at least 15 indigenous nations attended. ICASS VIII featured keynote speakers, plenary sessions, cultural activities, and over 100 thematic sessions covering the social sciences, humanities, and multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary topics.

IASSA Council appointed Peter Sköld, director of Arcum as its next president and the forthcoming three years Arcum will host IASSA secretary and together with the Centre for Sami Research and affiliated researchers and students organize ICASS IX in Umeå 2017.

Arctic Health Seminar

On Wednesday June 4 Arcum invited to a seminar on Arctic Health. Professor Arja Rautio from the Centre for Arctic Medicine, University of Oulu, gave a key-note lecture, followed by presentations from Anders Sjöstedt, Molecular infection medicine, Birgitta Evengård, Clinical microbiology, Lars Weinehall, Public Health, Mikael Elofsson, Chemistry, and Lena Nilsson, Arcum. Furthermore, Tony Scully from Grants Office informed on the forthcoming Horizon 2020 calls. Umeå University.



Birgitta Evengård, Chair of Arcum Board

Arcum affiliated postgraduate students

We would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate two of Arcum affiliated postgraduate students who defended their thesis during the spring.

Annette Löf, Department of Political Sciences, publicly defending her thesis with the title: *Challenging Adaptability - Analysing the Governance of Reindeer Husbandry in Sweden*, 16th of May, 2014.



Hanne Krage Carlsen, Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine (Occupational Medicine), defended her thesis titled: *Health effects of air pollution in Iceland: respiratory health in volcanic environments* 13th of June, 2014.

UArctic

Arcum hosted the **University of the Arctic Board of Governors Meeting** 22-24 April. Research seminars are arranged where Sweden's Arctic Ambassador Gustaf Lind and Mikael Anzén from the Ministry of Foreign affairs, together with Arcum board participates. The themes are Arctic Research and Barents Regional Collaboration.

ARCUM AFFILIATED RESERCHERS FUNDED

Arcum co-funds a number of Artic related activities. The following affiliated researchers have received support for the arrangement of workshops and conferences, printing costs, networks, conferences and invited visiting researchers.

Jenny Ask (EMG)

Sören Edvinsson (DDB/CBS)

Dagmar Egelkraut (EMG)

Magnus Evander (Klinisk mikrobiologi)

Heidi Hansson (Språkstudier)

Elina Kaarlejärvi (EMG)

Elena Kotyrlo (ALC/DDB)

Maria Lindgren Leavenworth (Språkstudier)

Elena Lindholm (Språkstudier)

Erik Lundin (CIRC)

Carola Nordbäck (Idé- och samhällsstudier)

Johan Olofsson (EMG)

Mona Olofsson & Kurt Boman (Folkhälsa och klinisk medicin)

Kristina Sehlin MacNeil (Kultur och medievvetenskaper/CeSam)

Krister Stoor (CeSam/Språkstudier)

Lotta Vikström (Idé- och samhällsstudier/CBS)

Jens Wahlström (Folkhälsa och klinisk medicin)

Brazil

Peter Sköld participated in the Bilateral workshop Brazil-Sweden on Climate Change Challenges – Adaptation and Strategic Initiatives, arranged by Capes (Research council of Brazil) arranged in Brasilia 7-9 April. He addressed issues around Indigenous Health and Climate Change.

Northern and Indigenous Research

Together with the Centre for Sami Research (CeSam) Arcum co-arranged the workshop Northern and indigenous research 5 May. Three of Arcum's collaborative postdocs; Terese Bjärstig (Statsvetenskap), Mariska Te Beest (EMG) and Lars Larsson (Geografi och ekonomisk historia). Researchers from CeSam illustrated the broad and prosperous activities in the field of indigenous research; presenters were Per Axelsson, Anna-Lill Ledman and Moa Sandström.

NordForsk

Arcum arranged a researcher's seminar for a discussion on NordForsk's call for Arctic research. We are happy to notice that several researchers from Umeå University are parts of different applications. Arcum takes the lead in Extractive Industries, Local and Indigenous People and Sustainable Development in The Arctic (ELISA) involving researchers from Université de Laval, University of Lapland, Tromsø – Arctic University of Norway, Sykkylve State University and Aalborg University.

Growth in the North

Peter Sköld participates as an academic expert in the commission that the county Governor of Västerbotten, Magdalena Andersson, has been appointed by the Government to lead together with the vice-chancellor of Tromsø – Arctic University of Norway Anne Husebekk, and the general manager of Central Chamber of Commerce Risto E. J. Penttilä on Growth in the North. Sköld will participate in the continued discussions on Arlanda 25 June.

Petrozavodsk

Peter Sköld participated as part of a delegation from Västerbotten with representatives the county board administration, the municipality of Umeå, Region Västerbotten, entrepreneurs, and Umeå University. With pro-vice chancellor Anders Fällström and vice governor Lars Lustig he visited Petrozavodsk State University, and discussed a renewed students mobility programme and possible areas of research collaboration.



Jan Borm Seminar

Jan Borm gave a seminar at Arcum 14 May.



He is Full Professor in British Literature and Director of the research laboratory CEARC (Culture, Environment, Arctic, Representation, Climate) at the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. He lectured on "Contemporary British travel writing about the Arctic: Sara Wheeler and Gavin Francis in Lapland".

DATES TO NOTE FOR FALL 2014

29 June-1 July	Arcum participates at Almedalen
5-7 August	Arcum participates at IV International Meeting of High-Level Representatives of the Arctic Council Member States in Naryan-Mar, Russia
26-28 August	Mistra New Governance Workshop in Storuman
4 September	Arcum Arctic Film Seminar
16-19 September	International Association for the Study of the Commons Conference 2014, Umeå
22 September	Opening of the exhibition Sami Traditional Health Care at Västerbotten Museum of Medical History
2 October	Arcum Lunch Seminar
14 October	NEON – The Network in Epidemiology and Nutrition Annual Meeting, Umeå
5 November	Polarforum, Stockholm
6 November	Arcum Lunch Seminar
24-26 November	Barents Occupational Health Conference, Umeå
26-27 November	IASC Workshop - Extractive Industries, Local and Indigenous People and Sustainable Development in the Arctic, Umeå
4 December	Arcum Lunch Seminar