

Dear all,

Summer is gone, and an intensive Autumn has started. The Arctic is hotter than ever (!) and Arcum is involved in a number of activities. More and more people find their way to us, for example have researchers from Rhode Island School of Design, Hokaido University and Scott Polar Institute in Cambridge visited us recently. Public presentations and radio interviews have been a frequent item on the agenda. Other activities include:

ALMEDALEN

Peter Sköld, Birgitta Evengård and Gabriella Nordin participated at Almedalsveckan in Visby 29 June – 2 July. At two occasions Arcum arranged public meetings to promote the Arctic, and research activities.



VISITING PROFESSOR FROM AUSTRALIA

Professor Dean Carson, Charles Darwin University/Flinders University, is affiliated visiting professor at Arcum from August 2014. He is an expert in remote areas studies and was interviewed about Storuman in Västerbottensnytt 3 September.



VISIT FROM FRANCE

23 April Lena Maria Nilsson presented Arcum and Arctic research for a group of French senators. Arctic Ambassador Gustaf Lind and Mikael Anzén the Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated during the meeting..



GROWTH FROM THE NORTH

The director participates in the expert group linked to the Governmental investigation Growth from the North where the committee is constituted by county governor of Västerbotten, Magdalena Andersson, vice-chancellor of the Arctic University of Norway (Tromsø), and executive director of the Central Chamber of Finland, Risto E. J. Penttinen. A meeting was arranged at Arlanda 25 June, and a counsel is arranged 25 September at the county governor's residence.

NARYAN-MAR

Peter Sköld and Gabriella Nordin were invited by the Northern Arctic Federal University (NArFU) in Arkhangelsk to participate at the IV Annual International Meeting of High-Level Representatives of the Arctic Council Member States, Naryan-Mar 5–7 August. They gave the presentation *Indigenous challenges in the North: Health, rights and identity*.



NEON NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING

Lena Nilsson is a member of the organizing committee for the annual meeting of the Neon Network. It is nutrition and epidemiology researchers that meet in Umeå 13-14 October. Arcum co-arranges the meeting with the Department of Food and Nutrition. The theme of the meeting is "Nutrition advice and media" and "Nutrition and health in the Arctic."

ARCTIC COUNCIL

Peter Sköld has been appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Swedish delegate in the Sustainable Development Working Group - Social, Economic and Cultural Expert Group (SECEG). The first meeting will take place in Yellowknife, Canada 17-19 October.

NORDFORSK FUNDING

In their Joint Nordic Initiative on Arctic Research, “Responsible Development of the Arctic: Opportunities and Challenges - Pathways to Action” Nordforsk decided to give a 100 000 NOK planning grant to the project Extractive Industries, Local and Indigenous Peoples and Sustainable Development in the Arctic (ELISA), with Peter Sköld as main applicant. I Phase 2 new Nordic Centres of Excellence (NCoE) will be appointed. 13 of 36 applications were funded. Another Umeå University based application Climate-change effects on the prevalence and spread of infectious diseases and on societies in the Nordic region (CLINF), with Birgitta Evengård as main applicant was also successful. Peter Sköld is also a member of the project Solutions Now for Sustainable Resource- and Human Development for Transformative Change for a Viable Arctic (SNOW DIVA), with Joan Nymand Larsen at the Steffensson Arctic Institute as main applicant.

MISTRA

The Mistra project New Governance for a Sustainable Development for the European Arctic (MASD) arranged a project meeting in Storuman 26-28 August, where 28 participating researchers met for discussions and presentations. A town Hall Meeting gave intensive discussions with local representatives and resulted in a reportage in Radio Västerbotten and an article in Västerbottens Folkblad. The third day of the meeting was dedicated to stakeholders including Storuman municipality, Swedish Forest Agency, Georange, and Visit Tärnaby. A project webpage is under construction and Arcum will also continue the Twitter activities formerly run by the Mistra projects.



The project group visited Blaiken Windmill Park with 60 (soon 90) windmills.

BOOK: THE NEW ARCTIC

Birgitta Evengård is editor for the forthcoming book the New Arctic. Participating affiliated researchers from Umeå University are Dieter Müller, Heidi Hansson, Lena Maria Nilsson and Peter Sköld.

BOOK: SAMER I BYEN: OM FRAMVEKSTEN AV EN BYSAMISK KULTUR I SKANDINAVIA

Gabriella Nordin and Peter Sköld have written the chapter Methodological challenges and problems for indigenous studies in a Nordic context for the book Samer i Byen: Om Framveksten av en Bysamisk Kultur i Skandinavia edited by Paul Pedersen and Toril Nyset at UIT – Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø.

BOOK: ETHICS IN INDIGENOUS RESEARCH

Lena Maria Nilsson is a member of the editorial board for the book Ethics in indigenous research, with Anna-Lill Ledman at the Centre for Sami Research as lead editor.

ARCUM AFFILIATED POSTGRADUATE STUDENT

We would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate one of Arcum affiliated postgraduate student who defended her thesis 19 September.



Kristin Ahlm, Department of Community Medicine and Rehabilitation, publicly defended her thesis with the title: *Trafik- och drunkningshändelser med särskild tonvikt på alkohol och andra droger*. (English title: Traffic and drowning incidents with emphasis on the role of alcohol and drugs).

APECS

Arcum encourages PhD students and early-career researchers to engage in APECS (<http://apecs.is>), an international and interdisciplinary organization for undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, early faculty members, educators and others with interests in Polar Regions and the wider cryosphere. Their aims are to stimulate interdisciplinary and international research collaborations, and develop effective future leaders in polar research, education and outreach. They seek to achieve these aims by:

- Facilitating international and interdisciplinary networking to share ideas and experiences and to develop new research directions and collaborations;
- Providing opportunities for professional career development; and
- Promoting education and outreach as an integral component of polar research and to stimulate future generations of polar researchers.

We would also like to inform that there are a group called APECS Sweden who arranges meetings and seminars in Sweden. Also, check in the APECS on Facebook.

IASSA and ICASS IX

1 September Umeå University and Arcum overtook the responsibility for the IASSA Secretariat and the arrangement of the ICASS IX Conference in 2017. An important partner will be the Centre for Sami Research (CeSam) that over the last fifteen years has established a competent and dynamic environment for indigenous research. Our ambition is to give the next ICASS a strong indigenous profile. The newly elected council has many challenges and opportunities to assist in developing Arctic social sciences and humanities. Collaboration cross the disciplinary borders, collaboration with the society outside the universities, collaboration with countries outside the Arctic, collaboration with indigenous organizations, and collaboration with students are all tools to accomplish this ambition. Arcum now invites all interested partners to join us in forming a strong organization and a successful conference. Please contact Gabriella Nordin if you have ideas.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Polarforum 2014 - November 5, 2014 Swedish Polar Research Secretariat (Polarforskningssekretariatet) invites to Polarforum 2014. The yearly meeting of the Polarforum network will focus on future polar research challenges partly based on the recently launched Horizon Scan for Antarctica and Southern Ocean and corresponding work on Arctic research (<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/polarforum-2014>).

NORDIK 2015 – Mapping Uncharted Territories The 11th Triannual Nordik Committee for Art History Conference 13–16 May 2015 University of Iceland and The Nordic House Reykjavík (<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/nordik-2015>).

ASSW 2015 - The Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) is the annual gathering of the international organizations engaged in supporting and facilitating Arctic research. The purpose of the summit is to provide opportunities for coordination, collaboration and cooperation in all areas of Arctic science. The summit attracts scientists, students, policy makers and other professionals from all over the world (<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/assw-toyama-2015>).

IGU 2015 – The International Geographical Union Regional Conference will take place at the main campus of Moscow State University in Moscow, 17-21 August 2015 (<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/igu-moscow-2015>).

ICCG16 – is an international conference on health and welfare in the Arctic arranged by the Thule Institute in Oulu, Finland 8-15 June 2015 (<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/icch16-uleaborg>).

NGM 2015 – A special session at the Nordic Geographers Meeting 2015 in Tallinn and Tartu, Estonia (15-19 June) will be CFP: Critical geographies of the circumpolar North (<http://www.tlu.ee/en/NGM2015>).

ARCUM FUNDING FOR AFFILIATED RESEARCHERS

The next dead line for applications to Arcum Strategic Resources is 7 November. Maximum amounts that can be applied for are SEK 20 000 kronor for scientific arrangements, SEK 10 000 for scientific travel, SEK 10 000 for invitations of visiting researchers, and SEK 5 000 for publishing costs. The activity must have a relevance for Arctic research. Approved applications must send a final report to Arcum and attach eventual publications or other relevant materials. Attached to this Newsletter you will find the application.

DATES TO NOTE FOR FALL 2014

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| 2 October, 12.00-13.00 | Arcum Lunch Seminar – Sören Edvinsson, Demographic Data Base: Famine survivors: Long-term health effects of the 1867 harvest failure in northern Sweden. An illustration of the use of historical population data from the Demographic Data Base. For more information please see the enclosed invitation. |
| 14 October | NEON – The Network in Epidemiology and Nutrition Annual Meeting, Umeå |
| 5 November | Polarforum, Stockholm |
| 6 November | Arcum Lunch Seminar – Arctic film |
| 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 – Abisko Research Station and Umeå Institute of design. |