



Dear all,

soon into November and trees empty of leaves the Arctic activities at Umeå University are blooming (!). Arcum is in the first internal evaluation process, and we are confident that the extensive activities and results we have produced will open up for a continuation over the next three years, when the next, and more detailed, evaluation will take part. As the newly elected IASSA president I have had the opportunity to participate as observer in Arctic Council Special Task Force for Scientific Collaboration (Tromsø) and Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group (Yellowknife). I have said it before, and I say it again: the Arctic is hot, not least in respect to the research funding councils and agencies. **Mistra** and **Belmont Forum** have launched major calls, and now **NordForsk** has followed with a call for Nordic Centres of Excellence in Arctic Research (<http://www.nordforsk.org/en/news/funding-available-for-nordic-centres-of-excellence-in-arctic-research>). Next in line is the **Fulbright Program** that announces:

Building on the strong existing network of Arctic Studies scholars and policy experts in the Fulbright Program, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is launching an interdisciplinary collaborative research initiative focused on the Arctic region. The Fulbright Arctic Initiative will support a team of scholars and researchers from the Arctic Council member countries to research and assess the impact of change in the Arctic and engage in collaborative thinking, analysis and problem solving. The Scholars will come from different countries and different fields but will share a commitment to working together to understand and address Arctic issues. Areas of research focus may include climate change, water, energy, health, and infrastructure, among others.

The Fulbright Arctic Initiative will create a network to stimulate international scientific collaboration on Arctic issues while increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Using a collaborative model to translate theory into practice, program participants will address public-policy research questions relevant to Arctic nations' shared challenges.

See more at: <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs/program-summaries/fulbright-arctic#sthash.CHGlfqxZ.dpuf>

To this I can only add that I have great expectations that the Arctic will appear more distinctly in the EU Horizon 2020, since the Union has been given observer status at the Arctic Council. The Arcum seminar 6 November is dedicated to discuss present research calls and conferences (see below).

Sincerely yours, Peter Sköld, director Arcum

# IASC WG HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP at Arcum

**The workshop EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES & INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE ARCTIC: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE will take place at Umeå University 26-27 November 2014.**



Extractive industries have had an extensive impact on indigenous communities in the Arctic. This workshop includes presentations by Indigenous representatives, students, and scholars from ten countries. Aspects of governance, economy, legal systems, demography, health, and environment, as well as indigenous comparisons to Australia are on the agenda. While resource exploitation and megaprojects may offer a critical source of income for advancing economic development and innovation, it also raises critical questions on best practices forward to achieving sustainability, reduce risks, and to further local human and not just economic development and quality of life, especially for the indigenous peoples of the north.

**Thierry Rodon**, University of Laval, Canada  
**Marie Persson**, Sami representative and expert extractive industries, Sweden  
**Adamie Alaku Delisle**, Inuit representative and expert extractive industries, Canada  
**Andy Baribeau**, Cree representative and expert extractive industries, Canada  
**Peter Bjerregaard**, University of Southern Denmark  
**Chris Southcott**, Lakehead University, Canada  
**Martin Hultman**, Umeå University, Sweden  
**Dean Carson**, Charles Darwin University, Australia  
**Emma Wilson**, International Institute for Environment and Development, U.K  
**Lee Huskey**, University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA  
**Frank Sejersen**, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Ulrik Jørgensen**, Aalborg University, Denmark  
**Rasmus Gjerdssø Bertelsen**, Aalborg University, Denmark  
**Piotr Graczyk**, University of Tromsø, Norway  
**Sharon Harwood**, James Cook University, Australia

You are most welcome to attend the workshop and participate in its activities and discussions, but there are no remaining slots for presentations.

<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/iasc-workshop-in-umea>

For more information, please contact **Peter Sköld**, director of Arcum [peter.skold@umu.se](mailto:peter.skold@umu.se)

# Thriving Northern Communities

## What do we need to know and what do we need to do?

### International Symposium, Storuman - 9 December 2014

The Centre for Rural Medicine (GMC) Storuman, Akademi Norr, and The Arctic Research Centre at Umeå University (ARCUM) are hosting a symposium at the Folketshuset, Storuman on 9 December, bringing together academics and practitioners interested in 'northern' communities and their futures. The symposium includes presentations from Australia, Alaska, Canada, Russia, and, of course, Sweden. The symposium is an opportunity to learn about approaches to 'northern development' in these parts of the world, and to be inspired to think differently about what we can do here in the north of Sweden. Key themes include : economic development, health and social services, taking advantage of new technologies, and the role of government in regional development.

Please register your interest in attending with Gudrun Viklund (Gudrun.viklund@akademinorr.se or +46 (0) 951 140 17. You can follow updates at [www.facebook.com/glesbygdsmedicin](http://www.facebook.com/glesbygdsmedicin) (under 'upcoming events'). We recommend Hotel Luspen ([www.hotelluspen.se](http://www.hotelluspen.se)) or Hotell Toppen ([www.hotelltoppen.se](http://www.hotelltoppen.se)) for accommodation. The symposium will include fika (twice!), lunch (at the Folketshuset) and dinner (details to be announced). When registering, please advise of any dietary requirements.

For program and further information see <http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/aktuella-konferenser-och-workshops/thriving-northern-communities/>

There is a large number of relevant conferences, workshops and symposia for Arctic researchers. Arcum has the ambition to display many of them at our webpage. Here we would especially like to mention:

### Uarctic Summer School St Petersburg 2015

<http://www.uarctic.org/news/2014/10/summer-school-northwest-russia/>

and

### New Narratives of the Postcolonial Arctic conference in Roskilde 2015

<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/encarc-conference-roskilde-2015/>

## ARCUM AFFILIATED POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

We would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate two of the Arcum affiliated postgraduate students.



### **Elisabet Sonntag-Öström**

Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine

defended her thesis Skog för vila - återhämtning vid utmattningssyndrom (English title: Forest for rest - recovery from exhaustion disorder) 30 September 2014.

<http://www.umu.se/sok/nyheter-och-pessmeddelanden/nyhetsvisning/stressade-far-aterhamtning-i-skogen.cid240227>



### **Christina Storm Mienna**

Department of Odontology

defended her thesis Käkfunktionsstörningar bland samiska kvinnor. Perspektiv från en epidemiologisk undersökning med kvantitativ och kvalitativ metod (English title: Temporomandibular disorders among Sami women. Perspectives based on an epidemiological survey with mixed methods).

<http://www.umu.se/sok/nyheter-och-pessmeddelanden/nyhetsvisning/smarta-och-funktionsstoringar-i-kaksystemet-paverkar-livskvalitet-hos-samiska-kvinnor.cid240580>

## Arcum Lunch Seminar 6 November 2014

Thursday 6 November, 12.00-13.00 in Triple Helix, Samverkanshuset Arcum invites to the third seminar in the Arcum Lunch Seminar Series during autumn 2014.

This seminar is dedicated to information about forthcoming international conferences and workshops with Arctic or northern themes, such as Arctic Frontiers, Arctic Circle and upcoming Umeå workshops.

The director of Arcum Peter Sköld will also inform about IASSA (International Arctic Social Sciences Association) and the up-coming conference ICASS IX which will be held in Umeå 2017. Do you want to participate in ICASS IX? Or do you have any ideas on session proposals? Don't miss this opportunity to get involved.

Since we offer a simple lunch during the seminar, sandwiches and drinks, we kindly ask you to register for the seminar, no later than **Monday, November 3**, by sending an e-mail to [gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se).

<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/arcums-seminarieserie/arcum-lunchseminarium-november/>

## Arcum Seminar 4 December 2014

The last seminar in the Arcum Seminar Series during Fall 2014 will take place Thursday 4 December, 12.00-15.30 at Universitetsklubben.

Welcome to the last seminar in the Arcum Seminar Series during autumn 2014:

***Outreach in Arctic environments - "How to communicate science to a broader public utilizing an Arctic environment and its facilities."***

In 2014 students from Umeå Institute of Design (UID) conducted an outreach project in the Arctic Abisko. The project was a unique collaboration between the Climate Impacts Research Centre (CIRC) in Abisko and UID and involved the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat and a number of local stakeholders. On Thursday 4 December students, teachers and scientists involved in the project will present the results from the project, the ideas behind and the design process and how we think that the approach can help us in better communicating science to a broader public.



For more information on the seminar please contact Reiner Giesler, Climate Impacts Research Centre, Inst. f ekologi, miljö och geovetenskap ([reiner.giesler@emg.umu.se](mailto:reiner.giesler@emg.umu.se)) or Niklas Andersson at UID ([niklas.g.andersson@dh.umu.se](mailto:niklas.g.andersson@dh.umu.se)).

Since we offer a simple lunch during the seminar we kindly ask you to register for the seminar, no later than **Monday, December 1**, by sending an e-mail to [gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se).

<http://www.arcum.umu.se/aktuellt/arcums-seminarieserie/arcum-lunchseminarium-dec-2014/>

## Arcum Seminar 11 December 2014

### **A Northern Development Agenda for Australia: dreams or visions?**

ARCUM welcomes Professor **Ruth Wallace**, Director of the Northern Institute at Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory of Australia. Professor Wallace is interested in research that helps improve social and economic outcomes for rural and remote communities in northern Australia. She has particular experience looking at issues around education and the development of 'learning communities'.



Australia is currently going through a process of re-thinking strategies to develop the north. Professor Wallace is leading a consortium of Universities helping to inform the new agenda. Many of the issues facing the north of Australia – sparse populated, harsh climate, distance from major economic and political centres, large Indigenous populations, traditional reliance on natural resource industries – also face the north of Sweden and our Arctic neighbours. Professor Wallace's seminar promises to provoke lively discussion about what 'development' means in northern contexts, and what the appropriate processes should be for deciding on a 'development agenda'.