FROM THE DIRECTOR

Umeå University is certainly a stronghold for Arctic research. As our knowledge about research activities in Umeå increases, so does our pride of being part of the broadest Arctic research arena in Sweden. I have twice this year had the opportunity to present Arcum and our ambitions to the Swedish Minister of Research and Education, Helene Hellmark Knutsson, and the response has been most positive.

It is an expanded Arcum that proceeds into Fall 2015. We have two new project assistants who are presented in this Newsletter. This makes a big difference for us, and our ambitions can now be extended to include projects previously unrealizable due to resources. One such project is an inventory of research activities among you that are affiliated (UmARI). This will promote you, and it will promote Umeå University. Read more about this initiative below. We have also an intern from University of Madison, Wisconsin, USA – Kenneth Lull – who will stay in Umeå until May 2016.

This semester started with the arrangement of the University of the Arctic Rector’s Forum and the parallel Student’s Forum. 35 university leaders and 11 students from Arctic universities gathered in Umeå for discussions on Arctic research. The trust and request to arrange events like this is a proof of the quality status we have achieved. There are other very interesting seminars and workshops that take place this autumn: the Arcum Lunch Seminars, and additional workshops aimed to present the book The Barents Region - a Transnational History of Subarctic Northern Europe and another focusing on The future of small villages in sparsely populated areas – international comparisons.

You can also note that this Newsletter has an improved design. This is part of an ambition that also includes the website and the outreach strategy. The international activities have also expanded, and it is worth telling that Arcum is now part of the steering committee for the International Conference on Arctic Research Planning III (ICARP III), partner in the Chinese-Nordic Arctic Research Cooperation (CNARC), and standing participant in the Arctic research initiatives coordinated by the Russian Federation Security Council. As host of the International Arctic Social Science Association (IASSA) we have observer status at the Arctic Council meetings, and a true challenge that is already being planned is the forthcoming ICASS IX conference in early June 2017. You are all welcome to participate there!
In December, Arcum concludes its third year of promoting Arctic research at Umeå University. We are very proud of the achievements of the Arcum affiliated researchers. Arcum has gathered and communicated information about the research they have conducted. However, our efforts at Arcum do not suffice to tackle the challenges of the coming years. Therefore, we invite all the Arcum researchers to help us increase and deepen the common information and knowledge base, in the form of an In-depth UmU Arctic Research Inventory (UmARI).

From now on, 2015 – 2017, we will increase our attempts to communicate comprehensive information about Arctic research at UmU, and about the dedicated people involved therein. Therefore, the affiliated researchers will be asked to complete a survey about their Arctic research. This web-based survey includes contact information, relevant collaborations, an account of your Arctic research (including bibliographies and scientific CV’s, submitted as files), as well as short research summaries for both the public and professionals. Besides, we ask for additional material if such exists, e.g. pictures, videos, and audio, that may aid getting attention to your field of interest.

There are several reasons for making the results from the Arctic research at UmU become more available:
- While writing grant proposals, the affiliated researchers will be able to find new contacts and new interdisciplinary possibilities.
- The affiliated researchers will have additional communication channels at their disposal.
- Arcum will be able to better serve the Arctic research community, e.g. by more easily finding the right affiliated researcher when we are approached by external stakeholders.
- By presenting in-depth information, both qualitative and quantitative, we will strengthen the insight that considerable Arctic research of good quality is performed at UmU.
- Information about Arctic research is specifically asked for by, for example, the Arcum Board, the Umeå University Board, by Swedish and European ministries, by research organizations and other NGOs.
- Arcum strives to promote Umeå University as a national research body.

We believe that a wise dissemination of the UmARI knowledge base reinforces the future possibilities of Arcum and the affiliated researchers. Arcum will make this happen by several different means, e.g. www.arcum.umu.se, the Arcum Newsletter, social media and press releases. Please let us know if you have any suggestions about the survey and the inventory.

/Linus and Lars

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New staff at Arcum

Arcum is pleased to introduce their new staff members Lars Öberg and Linus Lundström. As new Project Assistants they will strengthen Arcum's activities in general but initially they will have an emphasis on visualizing our affiliated researchers.

Linus Lundström

Linus Lundström has a magister degree in political science where his academic interest revolves around environmental governance and democracy issues. Linus has a background in web design and marketing. He has also been involved in student rights organizations and has been chairman of the Umeå Student Union.

Lars Öberg

Lars Öberg is a former senior lecturer and researcher in environmental chemistry. During recent years he’s been freelancing as a documentary and social photographer, with special interest in the people and environments of the North. For a couple of years he has also served as editor of a magazine in support of the vulnerable and homeless.

In-depth UmU Arctic Research Inventory
The Arcum website

The Arcum website is filled with useful information with an Arctic/Northern theme. There you will find information on recent Arcum activities, upcoming seminars and workshops. You can also find upcoming conferences, courses and calls for funding, both national and international. Additionally we inform about new publications, and also latest News with an Arctic/Northern theme.

www.arcum.umu.se
www.arcum.umu.se/english/

Arcum Lunch Seminars Fall 2015

As previous semesters we will continue to offer a combination of scientific meetings and lunch. The first week every month at 12:00-13:00 we meet at Universitetsklubben for a short speech, discussions and a light lunch. For more information on speakers and r.s.v.p-dates please visit www.arcum.umu.se or contact Gabriella Nordin at gabriella.nordin@umu.se.

Friday October 2
Prof. Lotta Vikström, the Department of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and the Centre for Demographic and Ageing Research (Cedar) at Umeå University, will hold a talk on "Demographic outcomes during colonization: Migration and mortality among indigenous and non-indigenous populations in 19th-century Sweden".

Thursday November 5
Ph. D. Jonas Aléx lecturer at the Department of Nursing at Umeå University, will hold a talk on "Cold exposure and thermal comfort among patients in prehospital emergency care".

Wednesday December 2
Madeleine Eriksson, senior lecturer and associate professor at the Department of Geography and Economic History, will hold a talk on "The production of global and local peripheries in Sweden".

Arcum Seminars Fall 2015

This Fall Arcum is co-arranging a couple of seminars. As Arcum affiliated researchers you are most welcome to attend - please note if there is an r.s.v.p in the invitation.

Friday September 25
10.15-15.00
Triple Helix

The Barents Region - a Transnational History of Subarctic Northern Europe. After more than a decade of work the book The Barents Region - a Transnational History of Subarctic Northern Europe is finalized. This will be celebrated with a release seminar that you are most welcome to attend. For detailed information and schedule go to www.arcum.umu.se.

Tuesday November 3
11.00-15.00
Universitetsklubben

The future of small villages in sparsely populated areas – international comparisons. Together with the research programme Mistra Arctic Sustainable development (www.mistraarctic.se) and the Richard Ryan Seminar Series for the Northern Institute of Charles Darwin University (Australia), Arcum invites to a seminar. For detailed information and schedule go to www.arcum.umu.se.

Do you have additional ideas on what you would like to find at the Arcum website? Or do you have information that you would like to be posted there?

Please contact Gabriella Nordin (gabriella.nordin@umu.se)
New Visiting researcher at Arcum

From September 10 2015 until late Spring 2016 Arcum will host Kenny Lull as a visiting researcher. Kenny is visiting from the University of Wisconsin, Madison working on a project entitled “Visual and Iconic Representations of Indigeneity in Scandinavia: Sámi and the Arctic.” Specifically while in Umeå, Kenny will be researching branding of the Arctic y means of presenting Sámi as extensions of Arctic culture. This is Kenny’s first time in Umeå.

Call for funding from Arcum Strategic Resources

According to a decision of the Board of Arcum the affiliated researchers of Arcum are entitled to apply for funding from the strategic resources. This Autumn deadline is set to November 16.

SEK 200,000 are allocated annually for strategic initiatives. The purpose of the strategic resources is to co-finance activities. The maximum amount to apply for is SEK 20,000 for scientific arrangements, SEK 10,000 for scientific travel, SEK 10,000 for visiting researchers, and SEK 5,000 for publications. The activity must have an Arctic relevance.

PhD students and early-career researchers, with a completed PhD thesis within the last five years, are prioritized for funding. Arcum also strives for an equal gender distribution. Funded applications must deliver a final report to Arcum and attach eventual publications or other relevant materials.

Arcum strives for the best visualization possible in the co-funded activities; i.e. mentioned in publications and workshop announcements.

Compulsory parts of the application are a description of the activity and its purpose, an account for the use of funding and a presentation of total costs, time frame of the activity, and a statement on gender and sustainability perspectives.

A specially designated form is used for the application and can be found on the Arcum website www.arcum.umu.se.

For more information on the call please contact Peter Skold (peter.skold@umu.se) or Gabriella Nordin (gabriella.nordin@umu.se)

Upcoming conferences and workshops

7th Arctic Shipping Summit, London, UK 11-12 November 2015

The 7th Arctic Shipping Summit will focus on discussing the practical solutions necessary for the ship owners to decide whether they should invest in utilising the Northern Sea Route. The meeting will provide updates on key developments and regulations in the Arctic, as well as present expert views on possible future advances in governing the transport routes.

For further information or to register your attendance contact: Piotr Bazuk, email: pbazuk@acieu.net

For more information please visit the Summit website www.wplgroup.com/aci/event/arctic-

Arctic Indigenous Education Conference (AIEC) 2016 in Guovdageaidnu, Norway, March 14 - 17 2016

The Sámi parliament of Norway and Sámi University College are pleased to announce The Arctic Indigenous Education Conference (AIEC) 2016 which will be held in Guovdageaidnu, Norway, March 14 - 17 2016

Conference theme: Revitalization – Challenges and new perspectives in education


Any questions regarding the conference can be addressed to the organizers of the conference, the conference e-mail is AIEC2016@samediggi.no
Upcoming conferences and workshops continued

11th International Conference on Permafrost, 20-24 June 2016, Potsdam, Germany

The 11th International Conference on Permafrost (ICOP 2016) will be held in Potsdam, Germany, 20-24 June 2016. The conference aims at covering all relevant aspects of permafrost research, engineering and outreach on a global and regional level.

The conference website, containing all relevant information www.icop2016.org and will be updated on a regular basis.

Call for abstracts for the accepted sessions will open 1 August 2015 until 15 December 2015. After that date, depending on number of abstracts being submitted to each session, the LOC and the ISC may propose session joining or cancelling.

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New publications

The New Arctic
Evengård, Birgitta, Nymand Larsen, Joan, Paasche, Øyvind (Eds.)

2015, 380 p. 34 illus., 33 illus. in color.

In the late 18th century explorers and scientists started venturing into the Arctic in a heroic and sometimes deadly effort to understand and unveil the secrets of the unforgiving and mysterious polar region of the high north. Despite that the Arctic was already populated mattered less for the first wave of polar researchers and explorations who nevertheless, brought back valuable knowledge. Today the focus in Arctic science and discourse has changed to one which includes the peoples and societies, and their interaction with the world beyond.

The image of a static Arctic - heralded first by explorers - prevailed for a long time, but today the eyes of the World see the Arctic very differently. Few, if any, other places on Earth are currently experiencing the kind of dramatic change witnessed in the Arctic. According to model forecasts, these changes are likely to have profound implications on biophysical and human systems, and will accelerate in the decades to come.

“The New Arctic” highlights how, and in what parts, the natural and political system is being transformed. We’re talking about a region where demography, culture, and political and economic systems are increasingly diverse, although many common interests and aspects remain; and with the new Arctic now firmly placed in a global context. Settlements range from small, predominantly indigenous communities, to large industrial cities, and all have a link to the surrounding environment, be it glaciers or vegetation or the ocean itself.

“The New Arctic” contributes to our further understanding of the changing Arctic. It offers a range of perspectives, which reflect the deep insight of a variety of scientific scholars across many disciplines bringing a wide range of expertise. The book speaks to a broad audience, including policy-makers, students and scientific colleagues.
New publications continued

**Under the Same Sun**
Sköld, Peter; Sandström, Moa; Bolaane, Maitseo (Eds)
Vaartoe/Centre for Sami Research (CeSam)
2015 (English)
ISSN: 1651-5455
Umeå, Sweden 2015

Under the Same Sun. Parallel Issues and Mutual Challenges for San and Sami Peoples and Research, Peter Sköld, Moa Sandström and Maitseo Bolaane (eds.) is the result of the project Sustainable Development for Indigenous Peoples – A Collaborative Sweden-Botswana research Infrastructure Project. Among the most exposed and marginalized populations of today are the Indigenous peoples. They share the experience of colonization with severe implications. Historically thousands of Indigenous cultures have ceased to exist. The book is the result of a collaborative project focusing on the San in Botswana and the Sami in Sweden. It outlines and discusses the conditions from the past to the present that make Indigenous peoples like the Swedish Sami and the San in Botswana vulnerable, and ways to achieve an improved sustainable development. The approach is based on the fact that science has a potential to produce knowledge, insight and solutions in an ambition to achieve a sustainable development, and that organizations play a decisive role.

**The Barents Region - a Transnational History of Subarctic Northern Europe**
Elenius, Lars, ed.
2015, 518 p.
ISBN: 9788253036519
Pax Forlag, Oslo Norway

The Barents region comprises the northern-most parts of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. It was established in 1993 as a result of the disintegration of the Soviet Union, and it is also the first macroregion to move beyond the Cold War’s Iron Curtain. This book provides a research-based history of the Barents Region from 800–2010 written by 27 history researcher within the thirteenth sub-regions of the Barents Region. It is suitable as a course book in history for students at university level, but also for social sciences and for others interested in the comparative transnational history of northern Russia and northern Scandinavia.

Six million people live in the Barents Region. The authors tell the history of the regional development in four nation states, bridging the gap between Russia and the Nordic countries in terms of ethnicity, religion, cultural content, political systems, economies and different stages of modernisation. The account starts with the history of independent ethnic groups in a common area. From the ninth century we can see tendencies towards an integration of the northern-most areas of Europe into larger political structures, culminating in early state formations such as the merchant republic of Novgorod and the kingdoms of Norway and Sweden. The focus is on comparative transnational aspects of history through stages of rivalry and co-operation. It is also the history of the many minorities and nationalities moving cross borders of different kinds.

As is the case with nations, there are different understandings of what constitutes a region. Are regions deeply grounded in history and culture or are they created by actors for instrumental reasons? The Barents Region is the prototype of a region made by concrete actors for political purposes, but the historical account shows that there were transnational contacts even before this novel political construction came into being. In the concluding chapter the reader will find reflections on what kind of region the Barents Region invented in 1993 really is.
Save this date...

**Northern Health Research Conference - June 2016**

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) invites you to the eleventh annual Northern Health Research Conference (NHRC) to be held in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in June 2016.

This conference demonstrates NOSM’s commitment to health care and education to the people of Northern Ontario and beyond. The NHRC continues to explore research activities within Northern Ontario arising from community-based activities. It will highlight projects underway from students, residents and community-based researchers. The conference provides opportunities for collaboration and community networking.

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