FROM THE DIRECTOR

Arcum is an important part of Umeå University’s profile and strategy. It is not possible to ask for a stronger support than we have received from the university leadership. Vice-chancellor Lena Gustafsson is a driving force to promote Arctic research in so many contexts, and she also initiated a special letter to the Minister of Research & Education, Helen Hellmark Knutsson, where Umeå University request that Arcum is given status and funding as a national centre for arctic research. Furthermore, Arcum is included among the (only three) areas that the university lists as most important for extended funding from the government. Even if there is certainly no guarantee that there will be any extra money in the forthcoming government budget, it is definitely an encouraging support from the university leadership. Arcum was also presented to the university board in September.

Hard efforts are put into scientific networking and research applications. Arcum is main applicant for a proposal to NordForsk for 30 mSEK, and is together with a fairly large number of international colleagues part of four other applications (Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Academy of Finland, and NordForsk). It is satisfactory to notice that Arctic research funding is quite extensive.

Arcum is active in arranging academic events. In August University of the Arctic Rector’s Forum (and Student’s Forum) took place in Umeå. 40 university leaders from the north got together for meetings and discussions. The Arcum Seminars are very important to promote ongoing research here at the university, and we are happy to see affiliated researchers from all different disciplines participating. The Barents History workshop in September was very successful, and now we are very much looking forward to the seminar ‘The future of small villages in sparsely populated areas – international comparisons’ 3 November. Together with the Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø Arcum has a side-event accepted for the COP21 meeting in Paris in December – The Arctic and Nordic Climate Science, Technology and Diplomacy in a Global Context.

It is not possible to list everything that happens in this short welcome address, but I want to mention the huge workload we put into to the IASSA secretariat, the extensive inventory project, the administration of the Mistra project, and the efforts to intensify the collaboration with Journal of Northern Studies and the Pax Nordica Conference. I hope that the above mentioned to some extent can illustrate the dynamic, intense, rewarding, and sometimes chaotic work place Arcum has turned out to be.
Launch of a new IASSA website and dates set for ICASS IX in 2017

Since the IASSA Secretariat was transferred to Arcum in May 2014 we have had a busy time. To run a secretariat for an organisation with more than 800 members worldwide takes more time than expected, but so far – very rewarding. One of the biggest challenges has been to improve the IASSA website. With great help from Arctic Portal in Iceland where the website is located, Linus has done a spectacular job and we are soon ready to launch the new IASSA website. You will find it on www.iassa.org.

We also have the big pleasure to announce that dates has been set for ICASS IX which will be held in Umeå 2017. The overall theme of ICASS IX will be People & Place and the dates decided are June 8 - June 12.

So, save the date - and join us for a fruitful ICASS Conference in 2017!

ARCUM Match Making Day at Folkets Hus, January 19, 2016

The ARCUM Lunch Seminars which are held the first Thursday every month serve as one way for our affiliated researchers to get introduced to each other’s ongoing projects and special interest in Arctic/Northern research. Three years ago ARCUM arranged a successful one-day Match Making event. This turned out to be very appreciated among the participants. Since then the number of affiliated researchers has grown substantially and new research projects have been launched, and we will now take the opportunity to arrange the same form of meeting again.

Cordially we invite You to meet and to communicate your ongoing or future research with an Arctic/Northern approach with colleagues from all faculties.

The event will be held at Folkets Hus in Umeå Tuesday January 19, 2016 and all participants will give a 5-10 minutes presentation of his/her research followed by questions. We will offer coffee/tea, lunch and dinner for the attendants.

Registration deadline December 18, 2015. Send your registration to Linus Lundström who also answers your questions.

UmARI – the survey has been launched

In the Arcum Newsletter 2015, no. 3, you could read about UmARI – the extensive Umeå Arctic Research Inventory. To collect all necessary data we use a web-based survey, that was launched just recently. Furthermore, to brief about the inventory and present the survey we are scheduling meetings with the researchers one department at a time. At these meetings we also ask for your suggestions and thoughts about Arctic collaborations and relevant Arcum issues. So far the response has been very positive. Our ambition is to have met all Arcum researchers by the end of 2015.

We believe that UmARI will strengthen the Arctic profile of Umeå University, and thus also strengthen the position of the researchers affiliated with Arcum.

All the best
/Lars & Linus
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’s, 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.

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.

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.

Thursday November 5

19.00

Tráhppie, samiskt café på Gammlia.

Klimatförändringar i norra Sverige - renskötares observationer och meteorologiska data.

Maria Furberg, forskarstuderande inom folkhälsovetenskap, har intervjuat renskötare från hela svenska Sápmi om hur väderförhållandena förändrats över tid. Deras berättelser stämmer till stor del väl överens med vetenskapliga väderobservationer, men det finns undantag. Vad ska vi tro om observationer bland Arktiska urfolk som inte kan bekräftas av vetenskapen?

Föreläsningen är kopplad till Riksteaterns manifestation “Run-for-your-life” – klimatbudkavlen som passerar Umeå på eftermiddagen den 12 november.

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)
REMINDER: 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 Sköld (peter.skold@umu.se) or Gabriella Nordin (gabriella.nordin@umu.se)

Upcoming conferences and workshops

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

Confirmed keynote speakers: Linda and Graham Smith, Aotearoa/New-Zealand
Asta Balto, Sápmi


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

**Arctic Futures Symposium 2015, 17 - 18 November 2015, Brussels, Belgium**

The International Polar Foundation along with its sponsors and partners would like to cordially invite you to attend the 2015 edition of the annual Arctic Futures Symposium. As an annual conference on Arctic issues held in Brussels for the benefit of the European Institutions as the EU continues to develop its policy on the Arctic, the Arctic Futures Symposium is a forum for a wide variety of Arctic experts and stakeholders to discuss key issues facing a part of the world that is gaining ever more attention internationally.

Contributors will include policymakers from Arctic states and the European Union, representatives from local indigenous Arctic communities, experts and academics, representatives from industries operating in the Arctic, and representatives from civil society. A list of confirmed speakers and a draft programme are available on the Arctic Futures website [www.arcticfutures.org](http://www.arcticfutures.org).

All who are interested in Arctic issues are welcome to attend.

While entry is free of charge, seating space is limited, so we are asking those who wish to take part in the symposium to please register via the symposium website. When registering, please indicate which days you plan to attend. This will facilitate logistics for the organisers.

If you have any questions regarding the Arctic Futures Symposium, or if you have issues registering, please don’t hesitate to contact us at [events@polarfoundation.org](mailto:events@polarfoundation.org).

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

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The conference website, containing all relevant information [www.icop2016.org](http://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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2015 Arctic Yearbook

The Arctic Yearbook 2015 was launched on Friday, October 16, 2015 during the US Arctic Circle Reception, during the third Arctic Circle Assembly (Reykjavik, 16-18 October 2015).

The full publication is available free of charge on the Arctic Yearbook website, created and hosted by the Arctic Portal.

The Arctic Yearbook is edited by Lassi Heininen (Editor) with Heather Exner-Pirot and Joël Plouffe (Managing Editors) and is an activity of the UArctic Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security and UArctic Institute Northern Research Forum.

The theme of this year’s edition of the Yearbook is Arctic Governance and Governing. This theme is meant to evaluate the innovation and progress being made in Arctic governance today, as well as conflicts and challenges.
Inuit outside the Arctic: Migration, identity and perceptions

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Today many Inuit live outside the Arctic. This research deals with the experiences of these migrants. The focus is on Greenlanders in Denmark, but their experiences are compared to those of Inuit in southern Canada. However, various of the themes discussed in this study also apply to other groups of migrants. Despite decolonization, there are still many ties between Denmark and Greenland. Important reasons for Greenlanders to move to Denmark are education and family ties in Denmark. The informal channels, through family or friends in Denmark, mean a lot to newcomers. Various initiatives for Greenlanders in Denmark can also play an important role. Today a clear “Greenlandic infrastructure” can be identified there. In southern Canada, where various initiatives for Inuit also exist, the presence of an Inuit network seems less visible. But as in Denmark it is clear that women here also play an important role in maintaining a distinct identity.

It can be concluded that ignorance about Greenlanders/Inuit continues to be an issue. However, changes in this context have also been experienced. Attention to internal identifications is of great importance. The Greenlandic language, Greenlandic food and Greenlandic networks in Denmark contribute to maintaining Greenlandic identity there and maintaining that identity is important to the well-being of migrants. Such elements present a different view of Inuit to the existing stereotypes and contribute to the positive experiences of Inuit outside the Arctic.

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"Rethinking the Top of the World: Arctic Public Opinion Survey, Vol. 2"

Full Title: Rethinking the Top of the World: Arctic Public Opinion Survey, Vol. 2

This study provides an empirical perspective on issues related to Arctic security, environment, and economy, building on a study conducted in 2010, entitled Rethinking the Top of the World: Arctic Security Public Opinion Survey, this report examines how the Arctic is understood by the public, factors that contribute to public understanding, and solicits preferences and principles to consider in both public policy and private sector decision-making.

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The first UArctic Congress will be held in Saint-Petersburg, Russia, from September 12th to 16th, 2016. Hosted by Saint-Petersburg State University, the Congress will feature Science and Meeting sections. Key UArctic meetings include the Council of UArctic, UArctic Rectors' Forum, Student Forum, and Thematic Network leaders.

We invite proposals for organizing scientific sessions on the Congress. Proposals are encouraged to address one of the selected themes identified in the ICARP III (International Congress on Arctic Research Planning) statement.

The call for session proposal for the science section is now open with deadline on October 31, 2015. See the Call for Session Proposals.