FROM THE DIRECTOR

And suddenly there was summer in Umeå. We have certainly been waiting for the trees to turn green and for the birds to sing. After the summer holidays Umeå university has a new vice-chancellor (Hans Adolfsson) and a new leadership organization. The links to Arcum are strong since both Heidi Hansson and Dieter Müller have been appointed new deputy vice-chancellors, both members of the Arcum board. I look forward to a fruitful collaboration convinced that the Arctic research will continue to develop and expand. The initiative to establish an Arctic research centre at Umeå University came from the current vice-chancellor Lena Gustafsson, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude to her and her staff for strong support since the start in December 2012.

Spring has been intensive. The world leaders have shaped their Arctic agenda, and President Obama is now inviting to a White House Arctic Science Ministerial in late summer where Arctic Science Challenges and their Regional and Global Implications are on top of the discussion list. The European has presented a new Arctic strategy and declared that there will be increased efforts for Arctic research included in the Horizon 2020 program. And at a symposium in Stockholm in April three ministers (Helen Hellmark Knutsson, Åsa Romson and Margot Wallström) expressed a solid intention to strengthen Arctic research in Sweden. Arcum and the extensive group of researchers here were explicitly mentioned.

Arcum has also hosted a visit by the Arctic ambassador of Sweden, Andrés Jato, and Barents ambassador Elinor Blomberg here in Umeå. I have the distinct notion that they are most positive to the efforts and initiatives we make. And it is almost impossible to grasp everything that is happening here at the university. In order to improve our knowledge and to provide more extensive information Arcum is currently carrying out a researcher inventory (UmAri) and a bibliometric analysis. The latter is integrated into an international survey (also including research projects) lead by the University of the Arctic Research Analytic Task Force that we are part of. To mention a few news: the Pax Nordica conference was successfully organized in April, we are part of a new research project in Canada, and an important article on indigenous health was published in The Lancet with three Arcum researchers included among the authors.

But it is not summer holidays yet. One important event that remains is the symposium The Urban Arctic that Arcum organizes together with the Embassy of France on June 10. I hope to see as many of you as possible there, and wish you all a really nice summer.

Peter Sköld

Hela seminariet går att se på Youtube:

Utmaningar och möjligheter i Arktis, del 1: Forskning och Arktis
Utmaningar och möjligheter i Arktis, del 2: Miljö och klimat

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**Ninth International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX)**

8-12 June 2017
Umeå University
Umeå, Sweden

**Second Call for Sessions**

The International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) announces the 9th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX) to be held at the campus of Umeå University, in Umeå, Sweden, from 8-12 June 2017. The theme for ICASS IX is set to People & Place.

ICASS is held every three years, bringing together people from all over the world to share ideas about social science research in the Arctic. ICASS VIII, held in Prince George, Canada in May 2014, attracted 470 participants from 27 different countries.

IASSA is now seeking proposals for sessions. Please submit them by 23 September 2016 to Gabriella Nordin (gabriella.nordin@umu.se). Please include session title, name of session, organizer and complete contact information, and a brief description of the session.
ARCUM researchers coordinating a new book on rural tourism

ARCUM member Doris Carson and Rhonda Koster from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay (Canada) are editing a book comparing rural tourism in different geographic regions of Sweden, Canada and Australia. The book, titled “The Exotic, the Fringe, and the Boring Bits in Between: New Perspectives on Rural Tourism Geographies”, will bring together a diverse group of international researchers with expertise in rural tourism development. Contributing authors include Dieter Müller (Umeå University); Linda Lundmark (Umeå University); Kajsa Åberg (Umeå University); Albina Pashkevich (Dalarna University); Patrick Brouder (Brock University, ON, Canada); Harvey Lemelin (Lakehead University, ON, Canada); Dean Carson (Charles Darwin University, Australia); and Bruce Prideaux (Central Queensland University, Australia).

The aim of the book is to provide a theoretical framework that explains how and why different types of rural destinations face different opportunities and constraints when it comes to tourism development. The framework will consider the particular spatial, historic, socio-economic, institutional and tourism-specific characteristics of rural destinations and compare a number of case studies across Sweden, Canada and Australia. The comparisons will show that not all rural tourism destinations are the same, and that both academics and practitioners have to take a more differentiated approach towards rural tourism development that considers specific rural contexts. For example, rural places closer to the urban-rural fringe, which rely on day visitors from nearby urban centres, experience different development opportunities and challenges than more remote ‘exotic’ destinations attracting national and international markets and political attention. In contrast, the ‘boring bits in between’ – places that are too far from major urban centres, but also not exotic enough to attract external attention and investment – often have to ‘make tourism work’ by capitalising on transit travellers or other less obvious markets, such as people visiting friends and relatives or business travellers. While remote exotic destinations may develop into single-industry tourism hotspots, tourism in the ‘boring bits’ typically faces competition from other rural industries, and tourism at the fringe has to reconcile issues around sub-urban sprawl, gentrification and increasingly shorter tourist trips.

Examples like these and more were discussed over a 3-day workshop in Ammarnäs, Sorsele municipality, from 22-25 April. The contributors met to finalise the book outline and the various case studies, including examples from Västerbotten and Dalarna (Sweden), Ontario and Manitoba (Canada), and the Northern Territory and South Australia (Australia). The attached photo shows the group during a workshop break in front of the ‘Potatisbacken’ in Ammarnäs. (Photo – left to right: Rhonda Koster; Dean Carson; Albina Pashkevich; Dieter Müller; Patrick Brouder; Doris Carson; Kajsa Åberg; Bruce Prideaux).
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.

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Douglas Nord, visiting professor at the Department of Political Science and author of the newly published The Arctic Council. Governance within the Far North (2016) and The Changing Arctic. Consensus Building and Governance in the Arctic Council (2016). Professor Nord held a talk on April 20 on "Providing Leadership from the Chair - Sweden’s Chairmanship of the Arctic Council".

Arcum Lunch Seminars Spring/Fall 2016

As previous semesters we will continue to offer a combination of scientific meetings and a light lunch. The first week every month at 12:00-13:00 we meet at Universitetsklubben for a short speech, discussions and a light lunch. This Spring we have had a very interesting seminar schedule, this Fall we still have three vacant seminars. Do you have ideas on whom you would like to listen to, or do you want to hold a speech please contact Gabriella Nordin. 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 June 2
Per Axelsson, Associate Professor at the Department of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and Vaartoe/Centre for Sami Research at Umeå University will hold a talk on "Colonisation and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing".

Thursday September 8
VACANT

Thursday October 6
Sven Norman, Postgraduate student at the Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences - title T.B.A

Thursday November 3
VACANT

Thursday December 1
VACANT

WELCOME!
CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARCUM NEWSLETTER

Do You have information on, or have attended courses, seminars or conferences You wish to share with other Arcum affiliated researchers? Please contact Gabriella Nordin.

Upcoming conferences and workshops

9th International Conference of the Circumpolar Agricultural Association

The 9th Circumpolar Agricultural Conference will be held in Reykjavik Iceland 6th to 8th October 2016. The overall theme of the conference will be the Role of Agriculture in the Circumpolar Bioeconomy.

Bioeconomy is the part of the economy that is based on biological resources and it is becoming more and more important in the international policymaking and research programs. People look to strengthening of the bioeconomy as means to deal with the many of the Grand Challenges that humanity is facing: Improve food security for the increasing world’s population, deal with climate change, the shift from an economy that is based on fossil fuels to an economy that is based on renewable resources as well as strengthening rural areas, create jobs and increase profitability.

The conference is an international conference with participation from the Nordic countries, Canada, Alaska and Russia. The aim of the conference is to highlight the role of agriculture in the circumpolar bioeconomy and the importance of knowledge transfer to ensure competitiveness and sustainable value creation in the agricultural and food sectors. Progress, trends and challenges in agriculture in the region with respect to innovation and the development of the bioeconomy are important topics for the conference. A special focus will be on success stories which can be used to stimulate progress in different arctic regions.


EA International Conference, 23-25 August 2016 Fairbanks - Registrations open

The EA International Conference will be held 23-25 August, 2016 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Visit the conference website at: EA Conference website for details on registration, hotel bookings and call for abstracts.

The conference will bring together experts and practitioners to examine the scientific, policy and indigenous understandings and experience of the ecosystem approach to management in the eighteen Large Marine Ecosystems of the Arctic and corresponding terrestrial areas. Topics to be addressed include scientific elements such as Integrated Ecosystem Assessment, as well as national policies such as Integrated Arctic Management and the Inuvialuit Settlement Agreement that are designed to carry out integrated management in an adaptive fashion. Proceedings from the conference will be presented to the ministerial meeting of the Arctic Council in spring 2017.

Registration: Click here to register!

Accommodation: Rooms have been blocked from 22 August to 26 August 2016 for the conference guests at the Sophie Station Suites and Wedgewood Resort. Please keep in mind that August can be busy in Fairbanks, Alaska. To guarantee reservation please book by 22 June 2016. Click here for further information on booking.
Upcoming conferences and workshops continued

20th Biennial Inuit Studies Conference, Oct 7 - 10 2016 in St. Johns, Newfoundland and Labrador

Inuit traditions are a repository of Inuit culture and a primary expression of Inuit identity. The theme for the 2016 Inuit Studies Conference invites Elders, knowledge-bearers, researchers, artists, policy-makers, students and others to engage in conversations about the many ways in which traditions shape understanding, while registering social and cultural change.

The institutional hosts of “Inuit Traditions,” Memorial University of Newfoundland and the Nunaatsiavut Government, invite you to contribute to an exchange of knowledge to be held in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, October 7-10, 2016. Presentations on all aspects of Inuit studies will be welcome. The host committee particularly welcomes presentations, discussions, workshops, performances and other opportunities for dialogue on Inuit traditions that may include:

- community knowledge
- expressions of identity
- social, communal and political interaction
- relationships with the land and the environment
- language and cultural expression

Finally, we hope that the 2016 Inuit Studies Conference will rekindle the dialogue between traditional knowledge and scholarly ways of knowing – a dialogue that animated the Inuit Studies Conference twenty years ago, the last time it was held in St. John’s. With the perspective of a further two decades of collaborative work, our ambition is that the conference will provide a forum to encourage and examine the conversation between diverse knowledge traditions. We warmly welcome ideas from all who are willing to help enrich this conversation.

More information: www.mun.ca/isc2016/

The Urban Arctic - A Nordic-French Research Day in the series The Changing Arctic at Bio Abelli, Västerbottens Museum in Umeå, June 10

Today’s understanding of the Arctic goes far beyond a focus on natural environments – not the least as it has broadened to include long populated areas of Northern Norway, Sweden and Finland. The dynamic and changing Arctic today consists of over four million people in multiethnic populations with varieties of backgrounds and interests, people who live in increasingly urban settings. Some of them may see the urban setting as an economic engine and others as an obstacle to a desirable future.

Together with the French Embassy/Institut français de Suède, Region Västerbotten, and the research program Mistra Arctic Sustainable Development, Arcum invites you to a workshop, followed by an open panel discussion at Västerbottens Museum, Bio Abelli.

Program

- WORKSHOP (registration only)
  - 8.45 Registration, coffee
  - 9.15 Opening
  - 9.30–12.00 Research presentations (6 x 20 min) and discussions
  - 12.00–13.15 Networking lunch and poster session
  - 13.15–15.30 Researcher presentations (5 x 20 min) and discussions
  - 15.30 Fika

- CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION (open to public)
  - 16.00–17.30 Wrap-up presentations (max 5 x 10 min) and panel discussion

Practical information
The participation is free, but registration is mandatory. Participants have the possibility to present their research with a poster. Please visit https://ifsuede.wufoo.com/forms/the-urban-arctic/
Upcoming conferences and workshops continued

**UArctic Congress 2016, 12-16 September, St. Petersburg**

Hosted by Saint Petersburg State University, the Science Section of the UArctic Congress will take place in Saint Petersburg, Russia, in September 12-16, 2016.

**Registration is now open!**

The first ever UArctic Congress will feature Science and Meeting Sections, including:
- Acclaimed keynote speakers and scientific experts presenting their latest research
- Parallel sessions on an array of Arctic science, policy and education topics
- Formal meetings for representatives of the Board of UArctic, Council of UArctic, Rectors’ Forum, and UArctic Thematic Networks
- Side-meetings to foster contacts and enhance networking
- Opportunities for promoting and marketing your organization and activities
- UArctic Student Forum with workshops
- Cultural and Social program like no other

Congress information, full session descriptions, abstract submission details, and an online submission form are available at [www.uarctic.org/congress2016](http://www.uarctic.org/congress2016)

**Contact:** research@uarctic.org

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**9th Polar Law Symposium, October 5-9, 2016 in Akureyri & Reykjavik, Iceland**

The Faculty of Law at the University of Akureyri, Iceland, cordially invites submissions of abstracts for papers to be presented at the 9th Polar Law Symposium. The theme of the symposium is *The Role of Law in Polar Governance*.

The Keynote Speakers for this year’s symposium include Madeleine Redfern, Mayor of Iqaluit and Chair of the Legal Services Board of Nunavut and Erik Franckx, Professor of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

**Preliminary Schedule**

5th-6th October 2016: Symposium at the University of Akureyri, Iceland

7th-9th October 2016: Breakout Sessions on Polar Law at the Arctic Circle, Reykjavik, Iceland.

**SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts of up to 200 words accompanied by a short speaker biography should be submitted in word format by 31st March 2016 to: [9polarlaw@gmail.com](mailto:9polarlaw@gmail.com)

Conference website
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Tourism ‘mobilities’ are not restricted to the movement of tourists between places of origin and destinations. Particularly in more peripheral, remote, or sparsely populated destinations, workers and residents are also likely to be frequently moving between locations. Such destinations attract seasonal or temporary residents, sometimes with only loose ties to the tourism industry. These flows of mobile populations are accompanied by flows of other resources – money, knowledge, ideas and innovations – which can be used to help the economic and social development of the destination.

This book examines key aspects of the human mobilities associated with tourism in sparsely populated areas, and investigates how new mobility patterns inspired by technological, economic, political, and social change provide both opportunities and risks for those areas. Examples are drawn from the northern peripheries of Europe and the north of Australia, and the book provides a framework for continuing research into the role that tourism and ‘new mobilities’ can play in regional development in these locations.

This book was originally published as a special issue of the Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism.

Journal of Northern Studies Issue 2, 2015

The Journal of Northern Studies is a peer-reviewed academic publication issued twice a year. The journal has a specific focus on human activities in northern spaces, and articles concentrate on people as cultural beings, people in society and the interaction between people and the northern environment. In many cases, the contributions represent exciting interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches. Apart from scholarly articles, the journal contains a review section, and a section with reports and information on issues relevant for Northern Studies.

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Abstract
The SLiCA anthology probes into the theoretical and methodological background of the SLiCA project, the research design, the ethical principles applied and introduces examples of the wealth of information available on the livelihoods and living conditions of the Inuit, Saami and the indigenous peoples of Chukotka and the Kola Peninsula, measured with quality of life criteria they themselves chose. Furthermore the anthology provides samples of analyses – including comparative and contextual studies – that can be accomplished using SLiCA data. Examples of living conditions and topics analysed are: "suicidal thoughts"; impacts of oil development on living conditions and quality of life; economic stratification; objective and subjective living conditions; education; gender based differences in productive activities; impacts of societal development on men’s and women’s perceptions of their contributions to their households; factors affecting migration, identity, ethnicity, and herding rights.

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