FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope you all have had relaxing holidays with lots of strawberries and ice-cream. At Ar- cum we are busy planning the upcoming ICASS IX conference (8-12 June 2017), and we really hope that as many of you as ever possible will have an opportunity to join us then with presentations and with session arrangements. It will be a very important chance, not least for the Swedish researchers, to manifest all the great efforts we are involved in.

A lot is happening in the Arctic world of research, and more and more countries join the collaboration. I just returned from a most adventurous trip with the Russian nuclear icebreaker 50 Years of Victory and its passage through the north-east passage. Of course it was mentioned several times that it was a Swedish explorer (Adolf Erik Nordenskiöld) who was led the first expedition through Berings Strait with his ship Vega. The Finnish participants were, however, keen to add that he was actually born in Helsinki.

And next week the University of the Arctic opens its first Congress, and I can say that I am very proud to be key-note speaker together with Susan Barr, Terry V. Callaghan, Artur Chilingarov, David Hik, Aleks Härkönen, Alexander Sergunin, Shinichiro Tabata, Jörn Thiede, and Tero Vauraste. It will be an excellent opportunity to promote the good work we do here at Umeå University.

Moreover, the EU is strengthening its Arctic profile, which hopefully will be visible in the Horizon 2020 programme in the near future. I just returned from a meeting with people from environmental chemistry and MTC who have brilliant ideas on how to approach the challenges that waste composition from extractive industries give. The initiatives are very much directed towards solutions, and not only problem screenings. I believe that this is a good and pragmatic development of not only Arctic research connected to the environment and to climate change.

It is terrific that Umeå University has such a broad and qualitative Arctic research. There are good reasons to believe that the future sustainable development of our region has a firm link to successful research, and that international collaboration increases our opportunities. We can clearly see how countries such China, Japan, South Korea, India and Singapore step forward with efforts to participate in joint research projects on a full scale. It will be very interesting to follow the forthcoming development.

I am pleased to note that the new leadership of Umeå University has a positive approach to Arctic research, which is of uttermost importance. We are now established as the main full-faculty arena for Arctic research in Sweden, and my hope is that the Swedish govern- ment will acknowledge and support this on a national basis.

Peter Sköld
ICASS IX – People & Place

The International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) announces its 9th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX) at Umeå University, in Umeå, Sweden, from 8-12 June 2017.

ICASS is held every three years, bringing together people from all over the world to share ideas about social science and humanities research in the Arctic. In recent years, relevant health and medicine research has also been successfully incorporated. ICASS VIII, held in Prince George, Canada in May 2014, attracted 470 participants from 27 different countries.

ICASS IX’s theme is People & Place. Social sciences and humanities research has a great responsibility to address the challenges for sustainable development in the Arctic with a focus on the many different parts of the Arctic and the people that live there. The multiple Arctics have lately been addressed by many policy makers and researchers. The purpose is often to counteract the stereotype understanding of the Arctic that is too often represented by icebergs and polar bears. The perspective highlights the fact that there are many variances in the region such as climate, political systems, demography, infrastructure, history, languages, legal systems, land and water resources etc. etc.

We will welcome sessions and papers on all facets of the North. And, as always, we welcome sessions and papers on all other subjects of relevance to our members.

We encourage participation of indigenous peoples, northern residents, decision-makers and politicians, as well as academics, so that ICASS IX provides a rich environment in which to advance discussions on sustainability in the North and on other Northern matters.

If you want to know more or are interested in participation, please contact Gabriella Nordin (gabriella.nordin@umu.se).

For more info, visit the congress web site: http://www.iassa.org/icass-ix

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ARCTIC SOCIAL SCIENCE

The triennial ICASS is hosted by the university holding the IASSA Secretariat. ICASS I took place in Ste-Foy, Quebec, Canada in 1992 and since then the conference has gathered researchers from all over the world to share ideas about social science research in the Arctic.

ICASS VIII was hosted by University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George, Canada and attracted 470 IASSA members from 26 countries. ICASS IX marks the first time the congress has been held in Sweden.

INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

International participation in Arctic social sciences and humanities has increased substantially in the past two decades. The opening up of the Russian North after the demise of the Soviet Union, and growth of ‘east-west’ collaboration led to the establishment of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) in 1990, to promote the growth of Arctic social sciences across the Circumpolar North.

Today IASSA is a leading international science organization in the fields of social science and the humanities in the Arctic and Subarctic with members from all across the globe.

UMEÅ UNIVERSITY - HOME OF THE IASSA SECRETARIAT

The International Arctic Social Sciences Association’s (IASSA) Secretariat since the autumn of 2014 has been located at the Arctic Research Centre (Arcum) at Umeå University, Sweden. The University campus is located in central Umeå. The city was founded in the early 1620’s by King Gustaf II Adolf who wanted a tighter grip on trade in order to be able to levy more taxes. He therefore forced merchants to move to the new cities, like Umeå.

Umeå University was inaugurated in 1965 and since then Umeå’s population has doubled. Today, people who have moved to Umeå are in the majority, totalling 54 percent of the population, many of them from other countries.

When establishing Arcum in 2012, Umeå University took a prominent position for the Arctic research in Sweden, to better meet the challenges and opportunities of the changing political and environmental conditions in the North. Umeå University has over 31 000 students and is today one of Sweden’s major universities as well as one of the largest in the Northern polar region globally.

Arcum and Umeå University is pleased to host the 9th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences in 2017.
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 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 Fall we have a very interesting seminar schedule. Do you have ideas on whom you would like to listen to, or do you want to hold a speech at an upcoming seminar, 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 September 8  Monica Burman, Associate professor in criminal law at Umeå Forum for Studies on Law and Society, Umeå University, will hold a talk on "Men’s intimate partner violence against Sami women in Sweden: socio-legal problematization of vulnerability and responsibility".

Thursday October 6   Sven Norman, PhD student at the Department of Ecology and Environmental Science, Umeå University, and will hold a talk on “Fjällets Greta Garbo i sin hetaste roll – Hur kommer fjällfisken klara klimatförändringen?” (eng title; How Will the Mountain Fish Cope With Climate Change)

Thursday November 3  Krister Stoor, Senior lecturer at the Department of Language Studies/Sámi dutkan, at Umeå University, and will hold a talk on "Sensing of Place - Forest Sámi Reindeer Herders Relations to the Grazing Land".

Thursday December 1  Karl Forsell, Senior Physician and PhD student at Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Umeå University, will hold a talk on "Environmental medicine in the Arctic region of Sweden".

WELCOME!

Per Axelson, Associate Professor at the Department of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and Vaarote/Centre for Sami Research at Umeå University held a talk on "Colonisation and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing" at the Arcum Lunch Seminar June 6th.
Upcoming conferences and workshops

**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 organizer and complete contact information, and a brief description of the session.

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**ASSW 2017** Prague (Czech Republic) on 31 March – 7 April 2017

The Arctic Science Summit Week 2017 will be held in Prague (Czech Republic) on 31 March – 7 April 2017. The ASSW 2017 Science Symposium are entitled "A Dynamic Arctic in Global Change".

The Science Symposium will be on 4-7 April 2017 and address the three sub-themes: (a) Changes in the Arctic, (b) Global Implications of Arctic Changes and (c) Impacts of Global Change on the Arctic. More information is available on the conference website at [www.assw2017.eu](http://www.assw2017.eu).

Abstract submission will open on **1st October 2016** with a submission deadline 16 December 2016 and notification of acceptance after 15th January 2017.

Any questions should be directed to [info@assw2017.eu](mailto:info@assw2017.eu)

**PRELIMINARY DEADLINES**

Abstract submission deadline **16 December 2016**

Abstract acceptance notification **3 February 2017**

Early registration deadline **17 February 2017**
Upcoming conferences and workshops continued

Arctic Net 12th Annual Scientific Meeting 5 to 9 December 2016, Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA

ArcticNet will host its 12th Annual Scientific Meeting from 5 to 9 December 2016 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The ASM2016 will welcome researchers, students, Inuit, Northerners, policy makers and stakeholders to address the numerous environmental, social, economical and political challenges and opportunities that are emerging from climate change and modernization in the Arctic.

As the largest annual Arctic research gathering held in Canada, ArcticNet’s ASM is the ideal venue to showcase results from all fields of Arctic research, stimulate discussion and foster collaborations among those with a vested interest in the Arctic and its peoples.

ArcticNet is proud to host the 2016 Arctic Inspiration Prize Awards Ceremony in conjunction with its annual meeting. The ceremony will be held on the evening of Thursday 8 December and will feature a performance by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and Nunavut Sivuniksavut.

We look forward to welcoming you to Winnipeg for another successful ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting.

Detailed information on the meeting, registration, call for abstracts and sponsor/exhibitor opportunities is available here: http://www.arcticnetmeetings.ca/asm2016/index.php

New publications

Samiska rötter


I tio tematiska kapitel erbjuds släktforskaren grundläggande insikter och handfast vägledning för att närma sig och bättre förstå sin samiska släkthistoria.

Undertitel: Släktforska i svenska Sápmi
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Ethics in research related to Indigenous peoples has, over recent decades, been increasingly discussed in a global context. Decolonizing theories and methods have gained legitimacy and prestige, and Indigenous scholarship has challenged mainstream research by adding novel perspectives and critical standpoints that encourage researchers of all origins to reflect upon their own positions within the colonial academic and social structures in which they work. This development has taken different directions and occurred at different speeds depending on local, regional and national settings. In a Swedish Sami research context, we are now in a time when it is clear that things are moving and discussions on research ethics are taking place on a more regular basis. This publication is one example of that. In Sweden, it is the first one in English that addresses ethics in Sami and indigenous research and this will, hopefully, facilitate collaborations, comparisons and discussions on an international scale.

The book is based on some of the contributions to the international workshop Ethics in Indigenous Research, Past Experiences – Future Challenges that was held in Umeå in March 2014. The workshop gathered together around fifty scholars from different parts of Sápmi and abroad, and aimed to move forward Indigenous research ethics in Sweden by highlighting and addressing research ethics related to the Sami and Indigenous research field. It is hoped that this book will serve as an inspiration, a critique, and an illustration of where discussions are heading in a Nordic, and more specifically, Swedish context. It is intended to function as a foundation for future ethical discussions at different levels, in national and international settings both within and outside academia.

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.
Call for papers

Call for papers: Journal of Northern Studies, special issue on language and place in northern spaces

The Journal of Northern Studies would like to invite you to contribute to a special issue on language and place in northern spaces.

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 the articles concentrate on people as cultural beings, people in society and the interaction between people and the northern environment. The contributions represent interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches. The journal is published by Umeå University and Sweden’s northernmost Royal Academy, the Royal Skyttean Society. For further information, see www.jns.org.umu.se/.

This special issue is organized by the research project Naming and Narrating Places: Empowering Sami Traditions and Identities through Popular Place-Making Processes (Edlund & Andersson; The Research Council Formas, no 254–2132–186).

Place-names
Linguistic landscapes
Language policy and revitalization
The commodification of language in marketing and tourism

The papers should not exceed 30,000 characters in size, including spaces (c. 5,000 words). This should not include references and illustrations/maps. The contributions will be submitted to peer review.

Procedure and deadline

If you are interested in participating in this special issue, let us know by e-mail no later than October 1, 2016. The final papers must be submitted before May 15, 2017.

For complete author instructions, see www.jns.org.umu.se/Instructions_to_authors1_2013.pdf.

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The Department of Political Science is a dynamic and strong education- and research department at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Stockholm University. The Department aims to be nationally leading and internationally prominent within the field of research and education.

The Department now announces one position in the doctoral programme in Political Science with a specialization in resource extraction and indigenous peoples. The PhD student position is fully funded for 4 years. The PhD student will be employed at the Department of Political Science, and the PhD project will be part of the Research Centre of Excellence Resource Extraction and Sustainable Arctic Communities (REXSAC), financed by Nordforsk (the Nordic research board), hosted by KTH Royal Institute of Technology, in collaboration with Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and Stockholm University (SU). The PhD project will include opportunities for close collaboration with other partners in REXSAC. Planned entry date is January 1, 2017, and the PhD project will be one of four PhD projects within the Centre.

Project description
Indigenous rights to natural resources on their traditional lands are now internationally recognised, yet resource extraction on indigenous lands in the Arctic continues at an unprecedented rate, often without the consent of affected indigenous peoples and with limited knowledge of the impacts on their traditional livelihoods. Moreover, the activities of extractive industries take place in the context of many different uses of the same landscapes, and where a multitude of actors (state, corporate and non-state actors) have an increasingly complex governance role.

A critical issue in the governance of extractive industries is therefore to ensure that processes are in place that give voice to diverse rights, interests, and forms of knowledge when decisions are made about resource extraction activities. Moreover, such processes need to consider the cumulative impacts of past, present and anticipated future land use and climate change. In practice, such knowledge generation is circumscribed by existing power relations and conceptions about what knowledge, perspectives and rights claims are considered legitimate. Indigenous peoples’ traditional knowledge and their specific rights to land use often fall short when other interests are at stake. How to guarantee these rights is one important question in this research project.

This PhD topic will include analysis of the impacts of resource extraction on indigenous rights and livelihoods with a specific focus on what knowledge and rights claims are considered legitimate in decisions about land use in Sweden. The PhD candidate will also investigate if, and how, new approaches involving broader perspectives such as community-based assessments and participatory scenario exercises can make the decision-making processes more legitimate for affected Sami communities. The analyses of the specific local cases and the Swedish governance landscape will also be placed in context of international debates concerning indigenous rights. The research will be carried out in close cooperation with on-going collaborations with Sámi communities in Sweden.

For more information and application form, please visit: http://www.su.se/english/about/vacancies/vacancies-new-list?rmpage=job&rmjob=1878&rmlang=UK
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