

The Borealis Conference 2007



BUILDING CAPACITY FOR SUSTAINABLE PLACES IN THE CIRCUMPOLAR NORTH

Take the opportunity to travel to the high north, Alta, Northern Norway and Sápmi for a conference on capacity building for sustainable places in a multicultural setting in the Circumpolar North. The conference is a joint development project between Finnmark University College, University of The Arctic and the Norwegian Housing Bank.

There is no conference fee, but participants must arrange for financial covering of travelling and accommodation themselves.

One of our goals is that as many circumpolar societies as possible are represented at the conference. The number of seats is limited, however, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

All interested participants register online prior to February 8th 2007 on:

Viatravel.no (follow the link)

Invitation key: 60k8

You will find more information about the conference on www.hifm.no/borealis

During the conference there will be an exhibition of research on Northern Lights. You will also find ample opportunities for networking and partnership building.

PROGRAM

TIME	ARRANGEMENT	LOCATION	COMMENTS
March 5th			
19:00-21:00	RECEPTION	Alta Museum	Host: City of Alta / Finnmark University College
March 6th			
08:00-09:00	REGISTRATION	Finnmark University College	

TIME	ARRANGEMENT	LOCATION
	PLENARY	Main auditorium, Finnmark University College
09:00-09:30	GREETINGS	
09:00-09:10	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Geir Ove Bakken, Mayor of Alta, The Northern Lights City, Norway • Mrs. Sonni Olsen, Principal, Finnmark University College, Norway 	
09:10-09:30	Stimulating Local and Regional Development in Northern Norway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Aaslaug Haga, Minister of Local Government and Regional Development, Norway (to be confirmed)	
09:30-12:00	PLENARY SESSIONS	
09:30-10:00	Key Note Address 1 What if the North Really Mattered? National Governments, Southern Businesses and the Development of a Sustainable Vision for the Circumpolar World. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ken Coates, Dean of Arts, University of Waterloo, Canada 	
10:00-10:15	Beverages	
10:15-10:45	Key Note Address 2 From Bangladesh to Northern Norway - Women's Contribution to Community Development in the North. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Elin Sabbasen, Manager, Sami Trade and Development Centre (SEG), Norway 	
10:45-12:00	SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE CIRCUMPOLAR NORTH 1. Knowledge based Social and Economic Development in Alta – Experiences and Challenges. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jan Dølør, senior adviser ORIGO Nord AS, Norway 2. Urban Reserves in Saskatchewan – a successful move? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joe Garcea, Professor in Political Science, University of Saskatchewan, Canada 3. “IKEAisation of the North” - an Opportunity for Economic Development in a Northern Border Region? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stig Kerttu, Business Development Manager, City of Haparanda, Sweden 4. The new Avjovarri Indigenous Region: Agent for Regional Cooperation and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gunnar Lillebo, Chief Officer, Municipality of Porsanger, Norway 	
12:00-13:00	LUNCH	

13:00-16:00: **FOUR PARALLEL SESSIONS**

<p>NORTHERN VALUES AND WAYS OF LIFE</p>	<p>HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH</p>	<p>CREATING ATTRACTIVE PLACES IN THE NORTH</p>	<p>NORTHERN GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT</p>
<p>1. The Role of Innu Knowledge in Nation Building and Environmental Sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Trudy Sable, Senior Researcher, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Canada <p>2. Good life in the North? In-Migration of Possibilities and Challenges in Finnmark.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Mai Camilla Munkejord, PhD. Student, Finnmark University College, Norway <p>3. Challenges in Planning Built Environments in Sámi Communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Gunnhild Engstad, The Norwegian Housing Bank, Norway <p>4. Our common home in the North - challenges and perspectives of the changes of life in Murmansk region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murmansk oblast administration – <i>speaker to be announced</i> 	<p>1. How can Sami Higher Education and Research contribute to create Sustainable Development of Indigenous Societies in the North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Mai Britt Utsi, Principal of Sámi University College, Norway <p>2. Community Capacity Building through Community - University Research Collaboration in the North.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Gail Fondahl, Chair. Geography and Outdoor Recreation/Tourist Management Programs, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada <p>3. Building Societies: Northern Post-Secondary Education Institutes and the Future of Northern Communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ken Coates, Dean of Arts, University of Waterloo, Canada <p>4. University of the Arctic's Contribution to Sustainable Development in the North.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lars Kullerud, President of the University of the Arctic, Norway 	<p>1. "Lyftet" - Women, Remote Location and Innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Maria Udén and Malin Lindberg, Lulea University College, Sweden <p>2. Traditional Architecture and the Design of Inuit and First Nations Housing in Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bill Semple, Senior Researcher, Housing Technology Group, Canada <p>3. What is a Fishery Village These Days? About Gender, Community and Mobility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Siri Gerrard. Associate Professor, University of Tromsø, Norway <p>4. Planning and Designing Communities with Respect for Vision, Culture, Needs and the Environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Douglas Cardinal, Architect, Ottawa, Canada 	<p>1. Capacity Building Partnerships Between Municipal and Reserve Communities in Northern Saskatchewan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joe Garcea, Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Canada <p>2. Economic Growth Processes in the North – Characteristics and Territorial Impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sveinung Eikeland. Manager and Senior Researcher, Norut-Finnmark, Norway <p>3. Adding More Value: Northern Challenges to Entrepreneurship and Innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Erik S. Reinert, Professor, Tallinn Technological University, Estonia <p>4. How to establish New Businesses in a Border Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stig Kerttu, Business Development Manager, City of Haparanda, Sweden

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16:00-17:00	Coffee and networking		Presentation of Conference Partners
20:00-22:00	CONFERENCE DINNER	Alta Ice Hotel and Recreation Park	Hosts: City of Alta, The Executive Committee for Northern Norway and Finnmark County Authority
March 7th			
09:00-12:00	PLENARY SESSIONS	Main auditorium, Finnmark Univ. College	
09:00-09:30	<p>INTRODUCTION: Norwegian Development Politics for Northern Norway and the Arctic – Analysed in a Northern Perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Erik Fiva, Executive Director of the Executive Committee for Northern Norway 		
09:30-10:00	<p>Key Note Address 3 From 'Terra Nullis' and State Ownership to Indigenous and Regional Co-Management and Development in Finnmark, Northern Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Steinar Pedersen, Special advisor, Sami Trade and Development Centre, Norway 		
10:00-10:30	<p>Key Note Address 4 Building Community Capacity and Sustainability through Community-Based Research in the North.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Gail Fondahl, Chair, Geography and Outdoor Recreation / Tourist Management Program, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada 		
10:30-10:45	Coffee		
10:45-11:45	PANEL DEBATE		
10:45-11:00	<p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lars Kullerud, President of the University of the Arctic, Norway 		
11:45-12:00	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Snorre Sundquist, Regional Director, Norwegian Housing Bank 		
12:00-13:00	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Well home for those who are leaving. If you want to stay in Alta for a couple of days more, we recommend attending the annual Borealis-festival. Here you can experience dog sledging, exciting food, music concerts, art exhibitions, snowmobile racing and even more of the northern lights city of Alta. More information on the Borealis festival and programme can be found at http://www.borealis.alta.no/</p>		
14:00-16:30	<p>WORKSHOP</p> <p>UArctic Thematical Network on Northern Governance and Development</p>		