

UArctic Thematic Networks: A Tool for Joint Research and Education

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Who We Are



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The University of the Arctic (UArctic) is a network of universities, colleges, research institutes, and other organizations concerned with education and research in and about the North.

UArctic builds and strengthens collective resources and infrastructures that enable member institutions to better serve their constituents and their regions. Through cooperation in education, research and outreach we enhance human capacity in the North, promote viable communities and sustainable economies, and forge global partnerships.

Created through the Arctic Council, UArctic is committed to upholding its principles of sustainable development as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. UArctic is constituted as an International Association based in Finland.



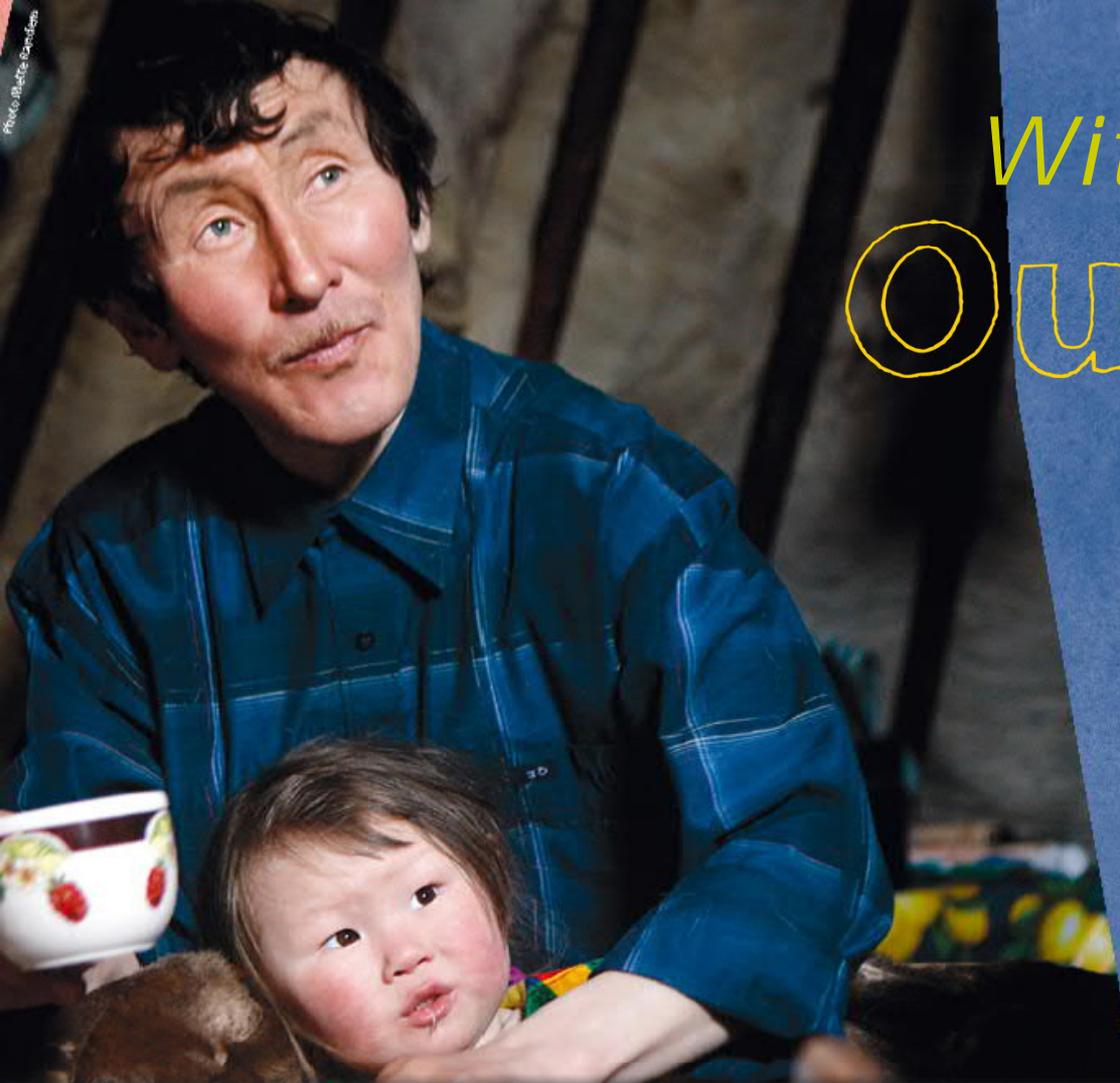
*A strong, engaged,
informed, and dynamic
North, creating better
lives and environments
for all northerners.*

Our Vision



Our 2030 Goals

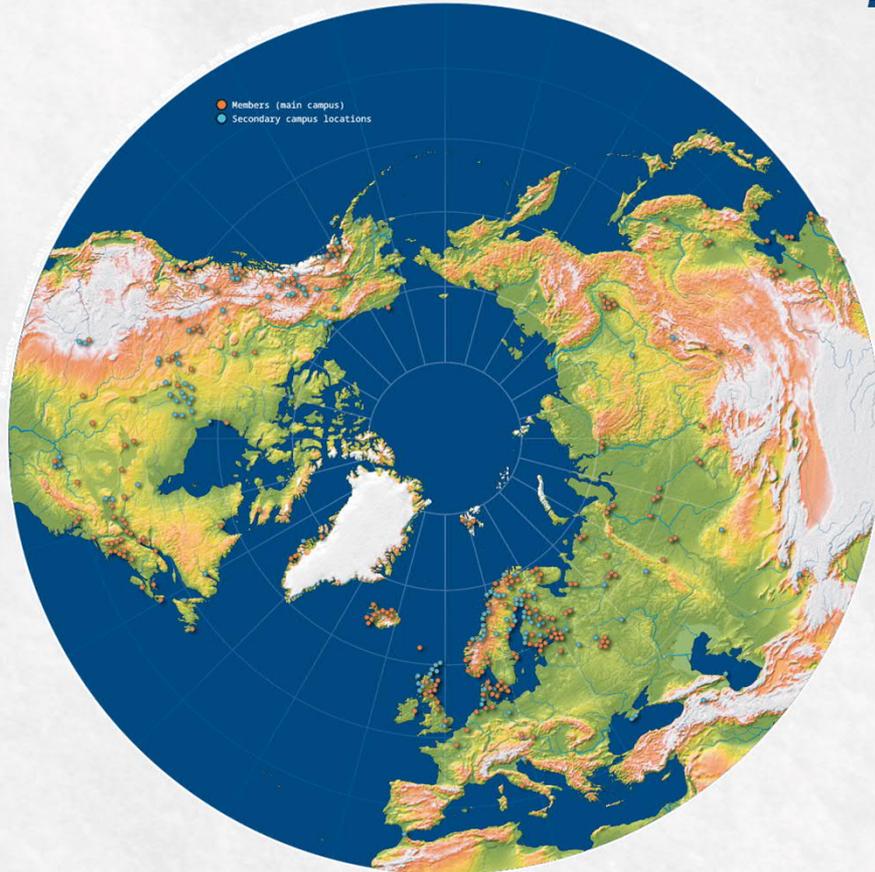
- **Education**
UARctic enhances and promotes unique and relevant educational opportunities for northerners through academic collaboration and exchange
- **Knowledge**
UARctic builds, shares, and applies knowledge through member contributions and collaboration, in research and science as well as Indigenous and traditional knowledge
- **Members**
UARctic aims at a growing and dynamic membership of higher education institutions and other relevant organizations.
- **Relevance**
UARctic strengthens our recognition as a regionally and globally leading organization representing circumpolar higher education.
- **Resources**
UARctic secures funding and other resources to effectively strengthen capacity and capabilities for the Arctic. To reach these goals, UARctic is guided by our Values and Motto.



With Shared Voices **Our Values**

- *Circumpolar*
- *Inclusive*
- *Respectful*
- *Collaborative*
- *Open*
- *Influential*

UArctic membership at a glance



- Over 230 members
- Higher Education Institutions and Other Organizations
- Arctic and Non-Arctic members

Organization

President Lars Kullerud
(GRID-Arendal, Norway)

Vice-President Organization Outi Snellman
(University of Lapland, Finland)

Vice-President Research Arja Rautio
(Thule Institute, University of Oulu, Finland)

Vice-President Academic Diane Hirshberg
(University of Alaska Anchorage, USA)

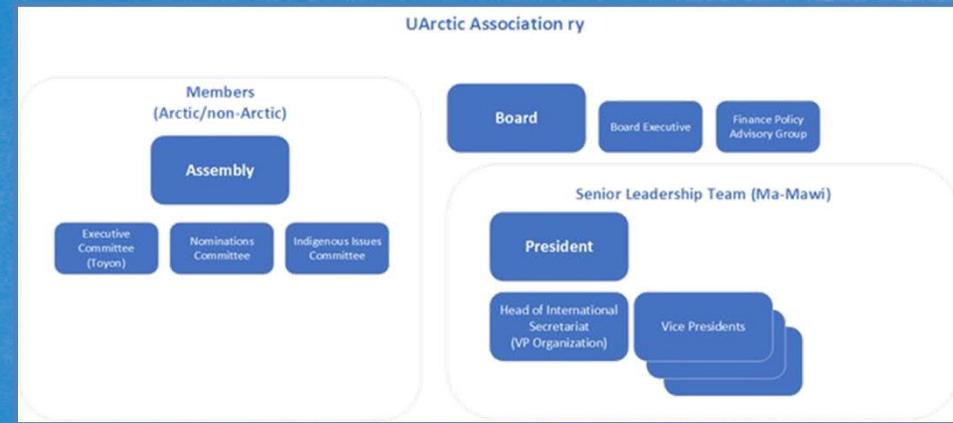
Vice-President Networks Kirsi Latola
(Thule Institute, University of Oulu, Finland)

Vice-President Mobility Pål Markusson
(UiT The Arctic University of Norway)

Vice-President Indigenous Rebecca Mearns
(Nunavut Arctic College, Canada)

Vice-President Interregional Cooperation Marina Kalinina
(Northern (Arctic) Federal University, Russia)

Vice-President Finance, Development and Engagement Sheila Downer
(Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada)





Research cooperation

- UArctic members are engaged in research, education, and development activities with each other.
- UArctic activities are coordinated with Arctic research.
- UArctic activities are relevant to Arctic Council working groups, Indigenous peoples organizations, and Arctic science and development organizations

Thematic Networks

Groups of UArctic members working together to conduct research and create learning experiences for students, faculty and communities.



How to establish a new Thematic Network?

Minimum requirements:

- Host organisation & at least two UArctic member organisations (circumpolarity, diversity) included.
- Letter of support from host.

When & how?

- Annual deadline for TNs to be endorsed by coming UArctic Assembly (June 2022) – end of Feb in 2022.
- Proposal guidelines available online, first step is to be in contact with Kirsi for guidance, schedule and procedure.

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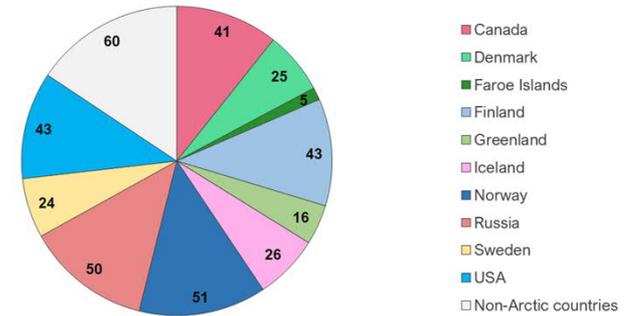
- Ageing and Gender in the Arctic
- Arctic and Northern Governance
- Arctic Boreal Hub
- Arctic Economic Science
- Arctic Engineering
- Arctic Extractive Industries
- Arctic Geology
- Arctic in Asia and Asia in the Arctic
- Arctic Indigenous Film
- Arctic Indigenous Skills
- Arctic Law
- Arctic Lingua
- Arctic Migration
- Arctic Plastic Pollution
- Arctic Safety and Security
- Arctic Space Hub
- Arctic Sustainable Arts and Design (ASAD)
- Arctic Sustainable Resources and Social Responsibility
- Arctic Telecommunications and Networking
- Arctic Transport and Logistics
- Arctic Urban Planning and Design
- Arctic WASH
- Arthropods of the Tundra / NeAT
- BEBO – for the Future of Reindeer Husbandry
- Bioregional Planning for Resilient Rural Communities
- Children of the Arctic
- Circular Economy
- Circumpolar Archives, Folklore and Ethnography (CAFE)
- Climate Justice in the Arctic
- Collaborative Resource Management
- Commercialization of Science and Technology for the North
- Communicating Arctic Research
- Critical Arctic Studies
- Disasters and Natural Hazards
- Distance Education and e-Learning
- Gender in the Arctic Knowledge Production
- Geopolitics and Security
- Global Ecological and Economic Connections in Arctic and Sub-Arctic Crab Fisheries
- Health and Well-being in the Arctic
- Herbivory
- Human Adaptation in the Changing Arctic

UArctic Thematic Networks

Thematic Networks (cont'd)

- Language Documentation and Language Technologies for Circumpolar Region
- Local-Scale Planning, Climate Change and Resilience
- Managing Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the North
- Model Arctic Council
- Northern Food Security
- Northern Nursing Education
- Northern Tourism
- Ocean Food Systems
- Permafrost
- POPs and Chemicals of Emerging Concern in the Asian Arctic
- Renewable Energy
- Science Diplomacy
- Smart Societies in the High North (SmartNorth)
- Social Work
- Sustainable Production and Foraging of Natural Products in the North
- Teacher Education for Social Justice and Diversity in Education
- UArctic World Ensemble
- Verdde Program
- Working in the Arctic
- World Images of Indigenous Peoples of the North

Participation in TNs & UArctic Institutes per country



- 61 Thematic Networks
- 5 UArctic Institutes
- 21 countries
- 312 partner organisations



UArctic Institutes

- Læra Institute for Circumpolar Education
- Northern Research Forum
- UArctic EALÁT Institute
- UArctic Institute for Arctic Policy
- UArctic Science and Research Analytics Institute

UArctic Institutes are self-governing units devoted to research, monitoring and education throughout the Arctic.

Empowered by local knowledge and international level academic expertise, they facilitate development of multidisciplinary solutions for challenges in the Arctic.

Thematic Networks activities

Joint PhD and Masters courses, summer and winter schools, programs, such as:



Photo: Todd Paris



- 2016 Fairbanks
- 2018 Rovaniemi
- 2020 Akureyri (online)



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Coming up:
2022 Arkhangelsk
(application by
Nov 5, 2021)



Photos: MAC, Rovaniemi

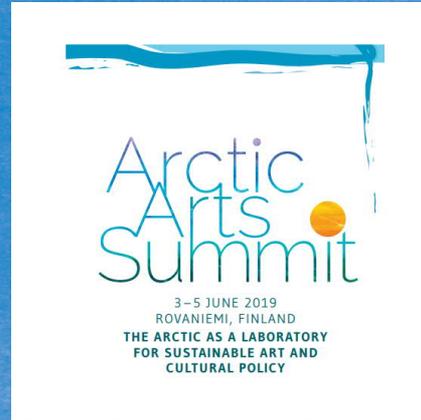
Thematic Networks activities

Joint research, conferences, workshops, sessions, exhibitions...



In 2020:

- 109 joint research projects
- 84 sessions/workshops etc



International Centre for
Husbandry
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This week International Centre
Husbandry and Harvard Univent
week seminar in the Memory of
professor, Dr. Jim McCarthy, 30
student from Republic of Sakha
Foland, Sweden, Norway, Green
and Alaska have participated on
zoom. The seminar is about fun
indigenous leadership, Indigene
food, knowledge systems and h
Seminar. Be the rich program:
The James J. McCarthy Leader
Series for Future Arctic Indigen
2021

Training seminar for talented an
Arctic indigenous leaders,
in memory of Professor James.
His strong dedication to the Arc

A joint effort by the Arctic Inita
Harvard Kennedy School of Gov
Association of World Rendeer i
the International Centre for Rea
Husbandry (ICRH), Arctic Council
Peoples Secretariat and the UA
Institute, building on earlier coo
outcomes.

The seminar will build on recent
fields of resilience, adaptation i
with the purpose of providing c
confidence building for Arctic i
for a more sustainable future in
beyond.

Session 1 - The Changing Arctic
Responses

Key study questions

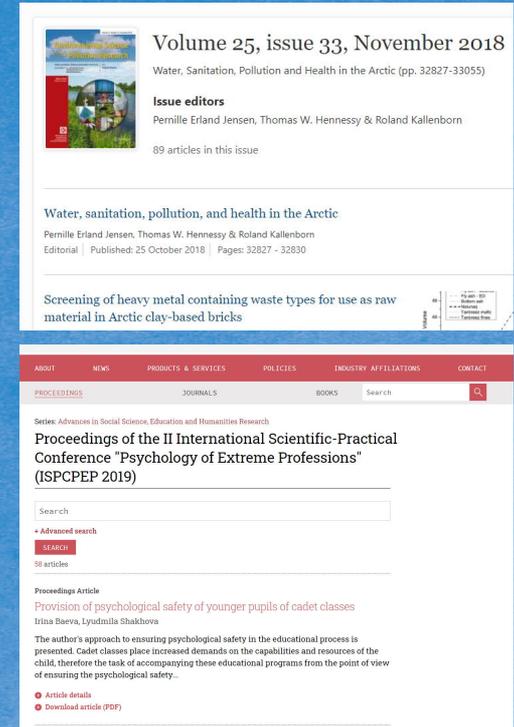
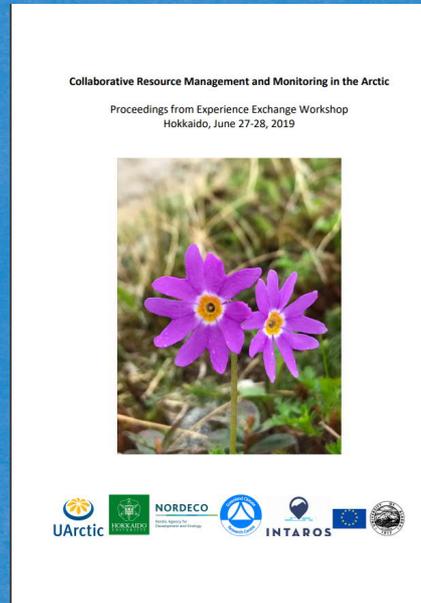
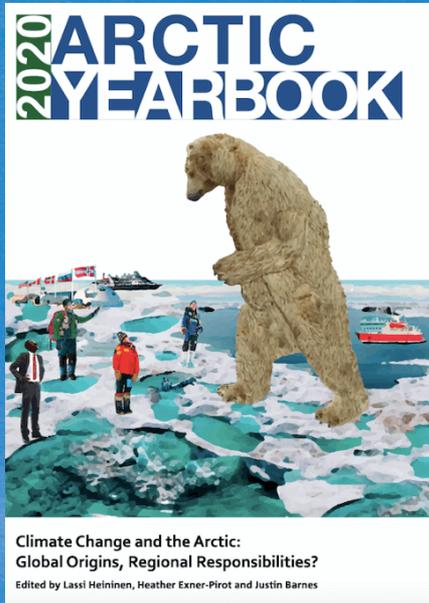
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Thematic Networks activities

Joint publications, proceedings, books...

In 2020: 200 publications, 170 outreach activities



AY's 10th edition, "Mapping and Defining the Arctic: Sovereignties, Policies, and Perceptions" out mid-November!



Partnerships



All-Russian non-governmental organization
RUSSIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
Founded in 1845



FONDATION PRINCE ALBERT II DE MONACO





ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA SEPTEMBER 12TH – 16TH



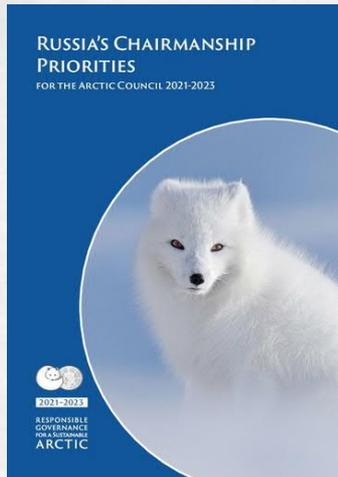
Save the date!

OCTOBER 04 – 07,
2022, MOSCOW

Call for sessions: Sep 1 - Nov 15, 2021



OCTOBER 04 – 07, 2022



The Congress will focus on Russia's chairmanship priority themes:

1. Arctic Peoples
2. Environmental protection
3. Socio-economic development in the region
4. Strengthening international Arctic cooperation

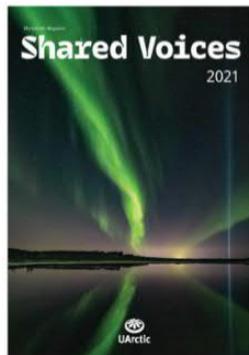
Key Dates:

- September 1 – November 15 2021 – Call for Sessions
- December 2021 Decisions on accepted sessions
- January 2 -February 15, 2022 – Call for Abstracts
- March 2022 – Registration open, decisions on abstracts

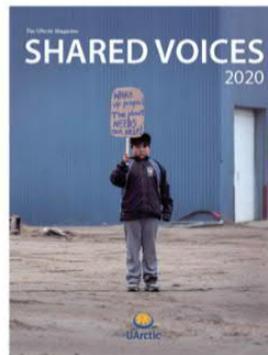
- Congress October 4 – 7, 2022, hosted by Lomonosov Moscow State University

Shared Voices

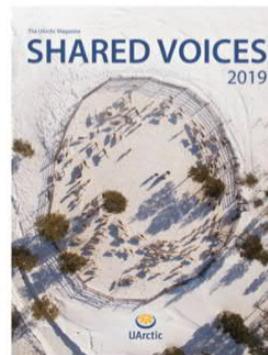
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2021



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