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Dr. Gail Fondahl Elected President of IASSA



Congratulations to Dr. Gail Fondahl, who has been elected President of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA), one of the world's leading organizations for Arctic research and scholarship. For the next 3 years, the IASSA Secretariat will be located at UNBC. Her term as President will culminate in 2014 when Prince George will host the prestigious International Conference on Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VIII). UNBC will also be hosting the Annual Meeting of the Council of the University of the Arctic in June 2014.

Dr. Fondahl is also co-leading (with Joan Nymand Larsen of Iceland as lead, and Henrietta Rasmussen of Greenland as the other co-lead) the second Arctic Human Development Report, which will be completed in 2014.

Student Recognized for Engagement with Arctic Communities

Congratulations to UNBC researcher and PhD student, Sonja Ostertag, who was recently awarded the Student Northern Mercury Research Award for her work with Arctic communities in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the Northwest Territories. She was honoured by a number of leading Arctic organizations, including the Inuit Circumpolar Council and the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, for her respectful efforts in working with Arctic communities, her acknowledgement of the importance of beluga whales (the main focus of her research) to northern residents, and for the inclusion of traditional knowledge in her work.



Researcher Profile – Michel Bouchard

Michel Bouchard is a graduate of the University of Alberta (PhD) and has conducted research in northern Russia among the indigenous Komi. Dr. Bouchard has led several field schools in the Russian Arctic and is planning a new trip to the tundra and taiga of Russia in the summer of 2012. His research interests include nation and nationalism, ethnicity and identity both in Russia, among Russian-speakers as well as the French-speaking populations of Western Canada and North America. He is currently the Chair of the Department of Anthropology at UNBC and a member of the Northern Studies Program Committee.



Conferences & Research

International Polar Year (IPY) 2012 Conference: From Knowledge to Action

The IPY 2012 Conference “From Knowledge to Action” is taking place in Montreal, Canada April 22-27, 2012 and will be one of the largest and most important scientific conferences for polar science and climate change, impacts and adaptation. The Call for Abstracts for oral and poster presentations is now open. Conference organizers invite you to submit abstracts on the latest polar science, as well as the application of polar research findings, policy implications and how to take polar knowledge to action. The Conference program is available at

www.ipy2012montreal.ca

The Call for Abstracts closes **September 30, 2011**.

Update on NSERC Northern Research Supplements

Earlier this year, NSERC announced changes to its support for northern research, including focusing the first Discovery Frontiers competition on northern earth systems. Since that announcement, the scope and budget of the **Northern Research Supplements** (NRS) have also been expanded. Amounts available to researchers now range from \$10,000 to \$25,000, with awards at the upper end of the range recognizing researchers whose programs have higher logistical costs and make outstanding contributions to outreach and interactions with northerners. Applications for an NRS must be submitted with an application for a Discovery Grant.

For more information see:

<http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

Fellowships & Grants

International Centre for Northern Governance and Development Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Comparative Economic Development in the Circumpolar North

POSITION: A post-doctoral fellowship is available immediately for a highly motivated and organized individual interested in northern economic development. With financial support from the Government of Saskatchewan, and in partnership with Umeå University in Sweden, the successful candidate will contribute to the research programme of the International Centre for Northern Governance and Development. Research will focus on comparative economic development of boreal regions (including but not limited to northern Saskatchewan and northern Sweden) within the context of innovation, resilience, sustainability, and adaptive governance. Additional themes could include environmental security, northern tourism, and adaptation. The focus will be on applied research, and will seek to address core questions such as: How are resources managed? What role do communities play, and what benefits do they accrue, in managing those resources? What is the role of local governance? What are best practices in training, entrepreneurship, and innovation in goods and services produced? Economic sectors for study may include forestry, tourism, mining, fishing and information technology.

This position is for one year with the possibility of extension subject to satisfactory performance. The fellowship includes a salary of CDN \$40,000 plus benefits. Support for field research, travel to conferences, and an exchange to Sweden will be available.

DEADLINE: Review of applications will begin on August 15, 2011 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

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