



Northern Research Forum 7th Open Assembly “Climate Change in Northern Territories” Akureyri, Iceland, 22nd – 23rd August 2010

Call for Participation and for Applications from Young Researchers

Overview

The 7th Open Assembly of the Northern Research Forum (NRF), *Climate Change in Northern Territories*, is to be held on August 22nd – 23rd, 2013 in Akureyri, Iceland. The event is organized together with the European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion ([ESPON](#)) and their project entitled Evidence in a North European Context project ([ENECON](#)).

The 7th NRF Open Assembly

The global climate change is by scientists predicted to have great environmental and socio-economic impacts in the whole Arctic as well as in northern Europe. There will be direct and indirect impacts on nature and on communities as well as uncertainties. In addition, global warming is predicted to accelerate off-shore oil and gas drilling in the Northern icy seas and open a new (global) sailing route from the North Atlantic Ocean through the Arctic Ocean to the eastern parts of the globe. All this is expected on one hand, to have great impacts on the economic and social opportunities of the northerly regions in the Arctic including Northern European countries, and on the other hand, to create bigger risks to the fragile Arctic ecosystem. The impact of all this is going to be widespread in North Europe and the entire North. This has already and will in near future mean an increasing need for research in both natural and social sciences as well as for interdisciplinary approach.

The aim of the event is to turn our attention towards this aspect of territorial challenges for European regions by organizing a conference where the focus will be on existing evidence and the need for future research in the northernmost regions of Europe and the Arctic, and the challenge of translating scientific knowledge into action.

The idea is that this conference will bring together researchers which have similar background but have been focusing on different problems and situations and applied different methodological approaches. Regional and local stakeholders as well as state politicians and policymakers are also target groups for this conference.

For further information on the main theme and Thematic Program, please go to www.nrf.is.

Funding Eligibility

Young researchers and professionals who have passed their MA and are undertaking a doctoral degree or have recently completed a doctoral degree, are eligible to receive full or partial travel funding from the NRF in order to participate in the 7th NRF Open Assembly in Akureyri, Iceland.

Eligibility

- Anyone who has completed a Master's degree in the past 2-3 years and has plans to complete a doctoral degree
- Current terminal degree students (e.g., PhD, J.D)
- Post doctoral students/professionals (up to 5 years past terminal degree completion)

Application Process

If interested, please apply by filling out the application form on the NRF web site (www.nrf.is) before April 1st, 2013.

All applicants will be required to demonstrate their skill in academic English and electronically submit a version of their paper (please follow the guidelines for articles and papers published on the conference webpage) by the 15th of May 2013. Only complete applications will be considered.

For specific questions and additional information, please email the NRF Secretariat, nrf@unak.is.

