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Foreword

The first Northern Research Forum opened in Akureyri, Iceland, where most of its sessions took place, from 4 to 6 November 2000. Embracing the theme „North Meets North“, the Forum attracted a wide range of stakeholders with over one hundred participants from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the UK and USA. The conference closed with a Summary Session hosted by Dr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, president of Iceland, and was held at his residency, Bessastaðir. Steps were taken during this session to ensure the continuation of the NRF, and the decision was made to hold the second Forum in northwest Russia or Finland in 2002.

During its meeting in Quebec City, May 2001, the Steering Committee of the NRF accepted a formal invitation from the city of Great (Veliky) Novgorod, Russia to host the second NRF. This event - to be organized by the NRF Steering Committee and Secretariat, together with the Northern Research Forum of Russia - is scheduled for 18 to 21 September 2002, and will be hosted by the Novgorod Oblast Duma and the Novgorod Oblast Administration, together with the Novgorod State University. You will find information about the second NRF at the end of this volume, along with a call for your participation.

This book includes most of the panel presentations from the *North Meets North* forum, from the opening session and five theme-related sessions. It also contains all of the background essays specifically written for the first Forum. These invited position papers, which were released to participants in advance of the

event, speak to the specific themes of the Forum and have been assigned to a chapter accordingly.

About twenty young researchers, most of them Ph.D. students, presented at the Forum during the Open Square Hours“ held after each regular panel session. The chapter called „Voices of Young Researchers“ includes four of these presentations, dealing with different conference themes.

At the end of this volume you will find the names and addresses of all participants, including a special list for the authors of invited position papers, and the programme of the first Forum. Information about the Steering Committee, Honorary Board and Secretariat for the NRF is listed under „The Mission and Activities of the NRF.

On behalf of the University of Akureyri and the Stefansson Arctic Institute, the hosts of the first NRF, we send sincere thanks to all those who came together for *North Meets North*, session participants and writers and the others who made the first NRF possible.

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The Northern Research Forum Secretariat

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