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Program of the 2nd NRF Open Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2002

09:00 Opening Addresses and Ceremony
Novgorod Oblast Administration Main Auditorium

Mikhail Prussak, Governor of Novgorod, Russia
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, President of Iceland
Yury Neyolov, Governor of Yamal Nenets Okrug, Russia
Lassi Heininen, Chairman of the NRF Steering Committee, Finland
Anatoly Gavrikov, President of Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University, Russia

10:30 Plenary Session I: Human Capital in the North

- population movements
- employment and human capital
 - quality and quantity
- traditional knowledge and applications of new technologies
- education in the north
- gender issues
- people and environments at risk
- transportation and communication

Venue: Novgorod Oblast Administration Main Auditorium
Chair: Peter Johnson, Chair, Canadian Polar Commission, and Professor, Department of Geography, University of Ottawa, Canada

Sergei N. Kharyuchi, President of the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Russia
Ingvild Broch, Research Director, University of Tromsø, Norway
Esther M. Combs, Coordinator, Supplemental Housing Program, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, USA
Nancy Elliot, Graduate Student, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada

13:00 Lunch at Hotel Volkhov

14:30 **Plenary Session II: Innovation in Northern Governance**

- the future of regional governance, regionalism and regionalization
- the voice of the arctic in global governance
- sub-national governments in the north: comparative perspectives
- boundaries and borderlands
- concepts of security
- Northern Dimension policy

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Chair: Oran Young, Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA

Yury Neyolov, Governor of Yamalo Nenetsky Okrug, Russia

Tarja Cronberg, Director, Copenhagen Peace Research Institute, Denmark

Benedikt Jónsson, Icelandic Ambassador to Russia

Johnny Adams, Chairman, Kativik Regional Government, Nunavik, Canada

Alvydas Medalinskas, MP and Deputy Chairman of European Affairs Committee,

Seimas (Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania

Jeroen Dubois, Researcher, College of Europe, Belgium

John Round, Lecturer, University of Leicester, England

17:15 **1st Veche (Square Hour) - Presentations by Young Researchers**

Venue: Novgorod Oblast Administration Main Auditorium

Statement by the UNESCO Youth Forum

E. C. H. Keskitalo, Researcher, International Relations, Department of Social Studies, University of Lapland, Finland: *The relation between northern / arctic decision-making (and decision-makers) and constituencies*

Fabrizio Tassinari, Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, and EU Project BaltSeaNet Young Researcher: *Putin's Russia in the Baltic Sea Region*

Nina Häyrynen, Ph. D. Candidate, Department of Regional Studies and Environmental Policy, University of Tampere, Finland: *Impacts of Russian and European general political developments on Finnish-European environmental co-operation with Russia*

Christian Hicks, Researcher, Northern Studies Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA: *Stallo's Knife: A Historical Analysis of the Sami / United Nations Relationship*

20:00 **Governor's Banquet Reception**

Hotel Beresta

Friday, September 20, 2002

09:00 **Roundtable Discussion: Business Initiatives for a Joint Agenda in the North**

- experiences of Novgorod region in international business
- interaction between business and politics
- business ethics
- barriers to entry; legislation barring new foreign investment
- challenges for northern economies in the global economy

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Chairs: Thorsteinn Gunnarsson, Rector, University of Akureyri, Iceland, and
Carsten Bennike, General Director, Novgorod Branch of Danish Company DIROL, Russia

Arnold Shalmuev, Chairman, Economic Committee of Novgorod Oblast, Russia: *Experience of the Novgorod region in international business, and administrative barriers*

General Boris Kaplun, Director, Amcor Rentsch Novgorod, and Director General Rafik Suleimanov, NBI Transport Service, Russia: *Interaction between business and politics*

Lee Huskey, Professor of Economics, University of Alaska Anchorage, USA: *Limits to economic development in the Arctic: three hypotheses*

Joan Nymand Larsen, Senior Scientist, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland: *External dependency in Greenland: Historical and current dynamics of a dependency-growth relationship*

Olga Trofimenko, Researcher, and Professor Sergei Sutyryn, St. Petersburg State University, Russia: *Finnish-Russian production alliances: expectations, problems and success factors*

11:30 Lunch at Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University

13:00 -18:00 **Day of Projects** - Simultaneous sessions held at Novgorod State University

Project Sessions located at St. Antonov Monastery Campus:

Arctic Human Development Report

Organizers: Niels Einarsson, Director, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland

Oran Young, Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA

Health and Well-being

Organizer: Alexander Osipov, Professor, Novgorod State University, Russia

Novgorod as Part of Northern Europe - History and Political Culture

Organizers: Vasily Andreiev, Professor, Novgorod State University, Russia

Lassi Heininen, Docent, University of Lapland, Finland

Northern Forum Roundtable

Organizer: Valery Mitko, Sciences and Projects Director, St. Petersburg's Associate Secretariat of the Northern Forum, Russia

Project Sessions at the Novgorod State University Main Campus:

Higher Education in the North: Russia and the University of the Arctic

Organizers: Scott Forest, Information Manager, Arctic Centre, Finland
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Coordination of Reindeer/Caribou Projects

Organizers: Gail Osherenko, Research Scientists, Marine Science Institute, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA
Margarita Magomedova, Senior Researcher, Institute of Plant and Animal Ecology, Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Protected Areas and Human Activity in the North

Organizer: Leonid Bove, Director, "Wrangel Island" Reserve, Chukotka, Russia

Northern Traveling Film Festival

Organizers: Asen Balikci, Professor, University of Montreal, Bulgaria
Andrei Golovnev, Professor, Institute of History and Archaeology, Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Saturday, September 21, 2002

09:00 Plenary Session III: Applying the Lessons of History

- Varangians/Vikings and Novgorodians
- East-West: the importance of historical crossing points for current relations
- North-South: past experiences and the search for new approaches
- Core-Periphery: historical and current dynamic

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Chair: Andrei Golovnev, Professor, Institute of History and Archeology, Ekaterinburg, Russia

Tuulikki Karjalainen, Executive Director, Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival, Finland
Anatoly Kirpichnikov, Professor, St. Petersburg Institute of Material Culture, Russia
Tómas Ingí Olrich, Minister of Science, Education and Culture, Iceland
Nils Blomkvist, Associate Professor, Gotland University College, Sweden

11:15 2nd Veche (Square Hour) – Presentations by Young Researchers

Albina Pashkevich, Research Scientist, Spatial Modelling Centre, Department of Social and Economic Geography, Umeå University, Sweden: *Problems of linking core and periphery: the case of the Northern Dvina River Basin*

Susan A. Crate, Postdoctoral Associate, Institute of Environmental Sciences, Geography, and Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University, Ohio, USA: *Cows and Kin: The cultural ecology of Viliui Sakha in the Post-Soviet Era*

Vadim V. Shtepa, Independent Researcher, INACHE, Petrozavodsk, Russia: *Creation of the joint media-resources interesting to inhabitants as a step toward the Global North*

12:30 **Celebration inside the Novgorod Kremlin walls of the 1140th Anniversary of Russian Statehood**
Speech delivered by the Chairman of the NRF Steering Committee, Lassi Heininen. See below, end of Program.

15:30 - 17:30 **Summary Session**

Venue: Novgorod Oblast Administration Main Auditorium

Chair: Lassi Heininen, Docent, University of Lapland, Finland, and Chairman of the NRF Steering Committee

During the Summary Session of the Second NRF Open Meeting, the young researchers and professionals who had served as rapporteurs delivered oral summary reports, each on his/her respective plenary or project session, expressing personal impressions and describing salient ideas, proposals and initiatives that emerged from presentations and discussions. Extensive discussions followed, where participants expressed their experiences and views of the Second NRF Open Meeting and their aspirations for the NRF as a forum and as a process. Finally, a questionnaire was distributed to all meeting participants.

17:30 **Reception** in the lobby of the Novgorod Oblast Administration Building

Sunday, September 22, 2002

10:00 **Excursions**

- Short walking tour around the Novgorod Kremlin. Finished at 12:00
- Long excursion to Lake Ilmen and the Monastery. Finished at 17:00

Speech delivered on the occasion of the 1140th anniversary of Russian statehood celebrations inside the Novgorod Kremlin walls, September 21, 2002

Lassi Heininen, Chairman of the NRF Steering Committee

As we celebrate the 1140th anniversary of Russian statehood it is my honour and pleasure to bring greetings and well-wishes from the 2nd Open Meeting of the Northern Research Forum. We, people from all over the circumpolar North, have gathered here in Veliky Novgorod for intense discussions on northern issues, from many points of view, in order to draw a holistic picture of the current situation of the North.

We call our NRF Open Meeting in Novgorod "Northern *Veche*" for a purpose. The idea of an Open Meeting is not new, as it was in practiced here where we now stand more than one thousand years ago. It is interesting to recall that the Novgorodian *Veche* was not only held for the purpose of being able to make joint decisions: The leader of the ancient town of Novgorod was also chosen by the *Veche*. An open discussion is the particular way of decision-making that satisfies most of the people. We will come away from our three days of meeting in Veliky Novogord even more strongly convinced of this.

We, and I speak on behalf of all the participants of the NRF Open Meeting, hope that the spirit of openness and democracy is prospering in Novgorod. We wish a good future for you, to Novgorodians, to Veliky Novgorod, to all of Russia!



Celebration of the 1140th anniversary of Russian statehood, inside the Novgorod Kremlin walls, September 21, 2002

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The 3rd NRF Open Meeting: The Resilient North - Human Responses to Global Change

A Call for Participation

The third NRF Open Meeting will take place in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, from the 15th to the 18th of September in the year 2004. The event will be hosted by the Government of Northwest Territories, the City of Yellowknife and Aurora College, and organized by the Northern Research Forum in cooperation with the Canadian Polar Commission.

During its 9th meeting in Yellowknife, on October 30th to November 1st 2003, the NRF Steering Committee will make further decisions as to the structure and special topics of the third Open Meeting. Subsequently, the Committee will solicit special position papers, 2 to 3 for each theme session, to be written specifically for the event by individuals prominent in Northern issues from a variety of backgrounds. These brief background and agenda essays will be published and disseminated in the summer of 2004, as they are meant to serve as a springboard inspiring discussions during the third NRF Open Meeting in Canada.

The NRF Steering Committee hereby announces a following list of thematic plenary sessions, with sub-themes, and project sessions for the third Open Meeting. The precise choice of sub-themes for the plenary sessions, as well as workshop topics to be included during a "Day of Projects," will be tenta-

tively open for a general discussion for some time. Please send your ideas and comments as to potential sub-themes and workshop topics for the third Open Meeting to the NRF Secretariat (nrf@unak.is), Lassi Heininen, Chairman of the NRF Steering Committee (lassi.heininen@urova.fi), Andrei Golovnev, for the Northern Research Forum of Russia (golovnev@basko.ru), or any member of the NRF Steering Committee (see "The Mission and Activities of the NRF," this volume).

The Resilient North - Human Responses to Global Change

The circumpolar north has always been a region of dramatic changes to its environment both during and between periods of human occupancy. People of the North have an inherent ability to adapt to change, whether it is rapid or gradual, and their cultures, societies and economies have responded with a vibrancy that is greater than many other regions of the world.

In the last two centuries the North has seen periods of political influence from the south and now, as it moves to strong local and regional political systems, is approaching the opportunities and challenges of globalization in innovative ways. The main theme of

the 3rd Open Meeting of the Northern Research Forum, "The Resilient North - human responses to global change," builds on the themes of the Akureyri and Veliky Novgorod Open Meetings, "North Meets North" and "Northern Veche", with a focus on those issues that are challenging the ability of northerners to adapt to change. The causes of change have usually been outside the region and beyond the control of the population, and therefore, leadership is critical in the North.

The Plenary and Project Day sessions of the 3rd NRF Open Meeting will demonstrate some of the responses to the opportunities posed by globalization, climate change and other global changes, while broadly addressing questions of security and how to implement and promote adaptive capacity and human change in the North.

Plenary 1

Perspectives of Appointed and Elected Officials

The North is represented in regional, national and international debate by appointed officials and elected leaders from all levels of government and from within communities. We are requesting that officials provide their own unique experiences in general to the current relationships of North to South and North to North, and to the themes of the Open Meeting.

Plenary 2

Governance, Resources and Co-management

Governance in some parts of the Arctic has changed dramatically and is in the process of change in most other parts. The people of the North are asserting greater national and international roles while responding to globalization of economies, to international agreements that marginalize the north, and to the effects of climate change. The second plenary session will provide a wide range of perspectives on how an inherent resilience of the North may serve to

ensure that the North seizes the opportunities being presented in the 21st century.

Possible topics for discussion include:

- Building capacity for long term economic growth
- Efficient use of energy resources and development of alternate technologies
- Scenarios for culturally and environmentally sensitive resource exploitation
- Ensuring local investment in the economy
- Methodologies to ensure removal and cleanup after economic activity
- Equity and Inheritance. The maintenance of the value of resources in the North with a significant proportion of value added during manufacture and processing
- The role of media in government
- ICT and emerging models of governance

Plenary 3

Cultural Resilience and the Tourist Economy

Tourism and its associated services are viewed in many parts of the world as a significant part of the economic advancement strategy. Tourism focusing on culture raises serious issues for dynamic societies as it is often rooted in the past and addresses history in a stereotypical manner. Tourism focusing on environment, either positively, such as eco-tourism, or actively, such as hunting, raises ethical and conservation issues. This theme has a field trip component to Rae Edzo, a Dogrib First Nation community, where we will discuss research issues such as the resilience of the local population, and the role of tourism as a mainstay of the economy.

Possible topics for discussion include:

- The sustainability of initiatives based on environments where global warming in the overall climate change scenario is having its greatest effect
- How cultures address tourism where heritage and relevance of history are controversial issues
- The source of investment capital for large-scale

- activities in regions of low population density
- Questions of indigenous communities' relationships to national legislation on, for example, guiding and accreditation for tourist facilities, firearms, and licensing of infrastructure
- Time conflicts between tourism activities and land-based cultural activities

Plenary 4

Security

Possibly transcending all issues in the North is the wide ranging one of concepts of security. Security involves all elements of resilience of northern communities. It ranges from notions of military security and the nation state, which many consider to be outdated, to environmental security, and to the most pressing concepts of civil security. Civil security involves culture, food and freedom of expression; the security afforded by the built environment and community health; the access to the needs of modern societies without the intrusion of aspects of southern society; and security of communications.

The plenary session could consider themes of:

- Militarization - both de-militarization and -remilitarization of the North
- Security through new governance structures emerging or already in place in the North
- The ability to respond to environmental or human disasters
- Civil security in a world of media globalization of culture
- The meaning of the national borders in a circumpolar world
- Culturally relevant education
- Adaptation and vulnerability in the context of global change

Project Day

Project day sessions in Akureyri and Veliky Novgorod addressed a series of ongoing projects and programs in a small workshop format. Projects

ranged from circumpolar research initiatives such as Reindeer / Caribou programs, to assessment initiatives such as the Arctic Human Development Report, to organizations such as the University of the Arctic. In Yellowknife we wish to illustrate a number of initiatives reflecting resilience and human change, not just in the circumpolar world, which may have important messages elsewhere in global society.

The NRF Steering Committee suggested the following topics. This is not a definitive list; it will be open for suggestions until February 29, 2004.

- Housing and Health CMHC and Industry
- Northern Nursing Programs Aurora College
- University of the Arctic Aurora College
- Protected Areas and Natural Parks Parks Canada
- Environmental Assessment GNWT & EC
- History of the North Atlantic
- Northern Traveling Film Festival



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