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Nordic Council of Ministers

To Nordic members of UArctic and
Nordic UArctic Thematic Network leaders

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Dear UArctic member;

The Nordic Council has passed on political level (October 2009) the decision to strengthen the role of the northern regions and the Arctic in the Nordic funding instruments, based on a proposal by the President of Nordic Council MP Sinikka Bohlin from Sweden.

As a part of the follow-up to this decision, UArctic is organizing a joint workshop with the Nordic Council of Ministers for UArctic Nordic members on the role of Nordic funding instruments in funding Arctic activities in UArctic's member institutions. This workshop is held in conjunction with the Arctic Frontiers Conference in Tromsø, Norway, on January 27, 2009. The host for the Workshop is the Rector of the University of Tromsø Dr Jarle Aarbakke.

The goal of the workshop is that UArctic members gain a better understanding of the opportunities offered by the Nordic Higher Education and Research funding instruments, and are advised on ways forward so that northern universities and colleges are more successful in funding applications to the NCM particularly on programs related to Arctic and northern activities.

UArctic members are invited to join in the discussion with leadership and representatives of the Nordic funding instruments and UArctic. The primary audience for the workshop is leadership responsible for research funding (prorectors, research liaison officers etc) at UArctic's members (one per institution). In addition, all Nordic UArctic Thematic Network leads are invited to attend.

The workshop runs from 10.00 to 15:00 on January 27, 2009, and is held at the University of Tromsø. Participants are encouraged to also register for the Arctic Frontiers Conference; more information on the program and registration is available at: <http://www.arctic-frontiers.com/>. The Arctic Frontiers Conference has arranged a

special price for the UArctic-NCM Workshop participants (Tue-Wed or Wed only options); when registering to the Arctic Frontiers please write “UArctic-NCM Workshop” into the Comments field.

Detailed information about the workshop program and registration is found on the UArctic website at: <http://www.uarctic.org/singleArticle.aspx?m=719&amid=7971> username: uarctic, password: fox2001. All participants should register to the workshop by January 10, 2010. In addition, those who want to register for the Arctic Frontiers (highly recommended) should follow the instructions provided. All accommodations should be booked as soon as possible. If you are registering to the Arctic Frontiers, you can use the Arctic Frontiers block hotel reservation. As Tromsø is getting very booked, you should act very fast to secure accommodation.

The following presentations of the Nordic funding programs will be made at the workshop, and UArctic members have a unique opportunity to discuss participation from the perspective of Arctic and northern higher education and science.

- Gard Titlestad, Nordic Council of Ministers: Introduction
- NordForsk, Toppforskning - Simone Heinz, NordForsk
- Nordic Masters, Nordplus, The Arctic Co-operation Programme – Saga Wendén, Nordic Council of Ministers

For more information on the program or registration, please log on to the workshop site or contact the UArctic International Secretariat at Secretariat@uarctic.org

Looking forward to good meetings in Tromsø in January,



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