



20th Meeting of the Council of UArctic

August 15-17, 2017 / Nuuk, Greenland

Hosted by [Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland](#)

Please note that minor changes to the program are still possible, however by following the Council Meeting 2017 "[Program at a Glance](#)" webpage and the links below you will have the most current and up-to-date information.

Program / Agenda

** Attendance to closed-meetings marked in red are by separate invitation only.*

Saturday Aug-12 to Monday Aug-14

Pre-Council Sisimiut Excursion

Local host: [Arctic Technology Centre \(ARTEK\) -Technical University of Denmark](#)

Participants having registered for the Sisimiut excursion will have received direct communications by email from the local host (ARTEK), including a [Sisimiut Infosheet](#) with practical information, and the [Sisimiut Program](#). Updates will be provided as needed.

UARctic Side-Meeting on Aug-14

11:30 – 12:30

*** Ofelas – UArctic Leadership Meeting**

Location: Arctic Umiaq Line ferry enroute to Nuuk (room reserved)

Co-chairs: *Lars Kullerud*, UArctic President

Liisa Holmberg, Chair, Council of UArctic

Monday Aug-14

Pre-Council / UArctic Side-Meetings & Public Panel Discussion

Venues: [Hotel Hans Egede](#) & Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland

12:00 – 15:00

Council Registrations and Information desk Open (hotel 1st floor)

15:00 – 18:00

COUNCIL PRE-MEETINGS

Hotel Hans Egede

CIRCUMPOLAR STUDIES PROGRAM

Meeting room #10 / 1st floor

Chair: *Heather Nicol*, Lead of UArctic Circumpolar Studies Program

Open to all interested, this meeting will include a review of the Circumpolar Studies Program, current offerings, and discussion on the future potential of UArctic's flagship undergraduate program. Whether you and your institution are striving to implement or integrate Circumpolar Studies or simply want to know more about the program.

NORTH2NORTH MOBILITY PROGRAM

Meeting room #20 / 2nd floor

Chair: *Mona Johnson*, Director of UArctic Mobility Coordination Office

Open to all interested, this meeting will provide an overview of UArctic's north2north Mobility Program, including details on grants and waivers, application procedures, and establishing institutional contacts.

18:00 – 19:30

Free time for dinner and exploring Nuuk

20:00 – 21:00

PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION

LANGUAGE IN RELATION TO INTERNATIONALISATION AND NATION BUILDING

Venue: Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland campus

Getting To / From by:

- **City bus** take #2 from the opposite side of the street from Hotel Hans Egede (15 DKK);
- **Taxi** (70 DKK), university address Manutooq 1;
- **Walking** 3,5 Km / 45 minutes from Hotel Hans Egede.

Discussion: Panelists will discuss how language affects Greenland and Greenlanders in the context of internationalization and the building of a new nation. All Council meeting participants are invited to attend this public event.

Panelists:

Ms. Tove Søvndal Gant (Chair), Vice-chair, Board of Governors of UArctic

Ms. Naja Paulsen, Head of Department of Journalism at Ilisimatusarfik

Mr. Aqqaluk Lyngø, former head of Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) – Greenland

Ms. Pipaluk Lyngø, former municipal politician

Ms. Ulunnguaq Markussen, student at Ilisimatusarfik, and UArctic Student Ambassador

Tuesday Aug-15

20th Meeting of the Council of UArctic

Venue: *Hotel Hans Egede, Conference room #12 / 1st floor*

8:00 – 17:00 **Council Registration and Information Desk Open** (hotel 1st floor)

9:00 - 17:00 20th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF UARCTIC

The 20th meeting of the Council of UArctic will open with welcoming messages, followed by an introductory session “*UArctic Today*” providing an overview of UArctic and its activities. The session is public and open to all. The Council business agenda is handled in following sessions.

Council meeting proposals and reference documents can be individually downloaded by selecting the links below or, alternatively, downloading all from a single [ZIP file \(39 files / 11.5 Mb\)](#).

9:00 - 9:30 Opening Session - Welcome and Greetings

Suzanne Møller, Rector, Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland

Tove Søvndalh Gant, Vice-chair, UArctic Board of Governors

Aleksi Härkönen, Chair of Senior Arctic Officials, Arctic Council

Lars Kullerud, President, University of the Arctic

9:30 - 10:10 UArctic Today - An overview of UArctic and its activities

10:10 - 10:15 Book launch: *The Interconnected Arctic* - UArctic Congress 2016

10:15 - 10:30 *Coffee break / refreshments*

10:30 - 11:15 Discussion with Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic Council

Moderators: *Lars Kullerud*, UArctic President

Liisa Holmberg, Chair, Council of UArctic

Senior Arctic Officials:

Aleksi Härkönen, SAO Chair, Finland

Hanne Fugl Eskjær, SAO, Denmark

Anniken Krutnes, SAO, Norway

Tomas Orri Ragnarsson, Deputy SAO, Iceland

11:15 - 12:00

Council Business meeting – Session I

Conference room #12

Agenda items:

1. **Introduction to Council meeting Proposals and Voting Procedures**

Lindsay Whaley, Council Secretary

Document: [[Council Advance Vote 2017 – Results Summary](#)]

2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda (Action item)**

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

3. **Approval of Minutes from 19th Council meeting (Action item)**

Documents: [[Proposal](#)] [[Draft Minutes –19th Council Meeting 2016](#)]

4. **Report from President: 2016 Annual Report and Finance Summary**

Lars Kullerud, UArctic President

Documents: [[UArctic Annual Report 2016](#)]; [[Year-End Finance Summary 2016](#)]
[[UArctic Strategic Implementation Plan 2017-2020](#)]

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch – 5th floor restaurant

**Lunch meeting for New Member representatives - tables reserved*

13:00 - 15:00

Council Business meeting – Session II

Agenda items:

5. **UArctic Membership**

Document: [[Summary of Current UArctic Members](#)]

5a. **Introduction to New Member Applicants 2017**

Liisa Holmberg, Council Chair

Document: [[Summary of Membership Applicants 2017](#)]

5b. **Election of New Arctic Members of UArctic (Action item)**

Ljubov Radnaeva, Council Vice-Chair

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

5c. **Election of New Non-Arctic Members of UArctic (Action item)**

Lindsay Whaley, Council Secretary

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

6. **Election of Nominations Committee Member to 2nd term (Action item)**

Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organization and Committee Secretary

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

7. **Election of Chair, Indigenous Issues Committee (Action item)**

Krister Stoor, Chair, Indigenous Issues Committee

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

15:00 - 15:30 ***Coffee break / refreshments***

15:30 - 17:00 **Council Business meeting – Session III**

8. **Closure of the Academic Quality Committee (Action item)**

Lars Kullerud, UArctic President

Michael Castellini, UArctic Vice-President Academic

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

Links: [2012 Academic Quality Committee Evaluation Summary and Recommendations](#)

[2015 Approval of next steps for Council Academic Quality Committee](#)

[UArctic Guidelines for Organization and Management](#)

9. **Amendments to UArctic Bylaws – Board of Governors (Action item)**

Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organization

Document and link: [[Proposal](#)] [[UArctic Bylaws](#)]

10. **Elections to UArctic Board of Governors**

Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organization and Nominations Committee Secretary

10a. **Election of new Member to the Board of Governors (Action item)**

Documents: [[Proposal](#)] [[Dr. Paulsen – Short Biography](#)]

10b. **Election of Board Member to 2nd term (Action item)**

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

10c. **Election of Board Student Representatives (Action item)**

Documents: [[Proposal](#)]

[[Board Student Representative – Ambassador Invitation 2017](#)]

[[Letter of Motivation and Support – Zachary Anstey](#)]

[[Letter of Motivation – Anastasia Sokolova](#)]

11. **Invitation to join the Friends of UArctic (Action item)**

Liisa Holmberg, Council Chair

Document & Link: [[Proposal](#)] [[List of Friends of UArctic](#)]

12. **Report on UArctic Student Ambassadors**

Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organization

Ulunnguaq Markussen, UArctic Student Ambassador

Link: [UArctic Student Ambassador](#)

17:00 - 19:30 **Free time for dinner and exploring Nuuk**

20:00 - 22:00 **Cultural Medley**

Venue: [Katuaq Culture Center](#)

Located in the city centre, a short walk from all hotels

Wednesday Aug-16

20th Meeting of the Council of UArctic

Venue: *Hotel Hans Egede*

8:30 – 17:00 Council Registration and Information Desk Open

9:00 - 10:15 Council Business meeting – Session IV Conference room #12 / 1st floor

Agenda items:

13. UArctic Thematic Networks

Kirsi Latola, Director of UArctic Thematic Networks Office

13a. Introduction to proposed New Thematic Networks

Presentations by individual network leads

Documents: [[Thematic Network on Arctic Lingua](#)]

[[Thematic Network on Arctic Migration](#)]

[[Thematic Network on Arctic Research Administration](#)]

[[Thematic Network on Arctic WASH](#)]

[[Thematic Network on Arthropods of the Tundra / NeAT](#)]

[[Thematic Network on Global Ecological and Economic Connections in Arctic and Sub-Arctic Crab Fisheries](#)]

[[Thematic Network on Science Diplomacy](#)]

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break / refreshments

10:30 - 17:00 Council Networking Sessions

These sessions consist of round-table discussions on topics important to UArctic's development (follow the link below for a list of proposed session topics). Upon arrival at the UArctic reception desk, participants will be asked to select the networking topics of their choice. Based on the sign-up results, the most popular topics will be assigned to one or more sessions.

Document: [[Proposed Council Networking Session Topic](#)]

10:30 - 12:00 **Council Networking Session I**
Individual sessions - rooms will be assigned

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch** – 5th floor restaurant
**Lunch meeting for UArctic Membership Committee & Greenland Research
Council members - table reserved*

13:00 - 15:00 **Council Networking Session II**
Continuation

15:00 - 15:30 ***Coffee break / refreshments***

15:30 - 17:00 **Council Networking Session III**
Conclusion

17:00 - 18:00 **Free time**

18:00 **Bus departs from Hotel Hans Egede**

18:30 - **Council Banquet**
Location: Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland campus

- Performance
- Dinner
- Acknowledgements
- Council Group Photo [outside – weather permitting]
- ~~Tour of Greenland Institute of Natural Resources~~ / **Cancelled**

21:30 **Bus transportation back to Hotel Hans Egede**

Thursday Aug-17

20th Meeting of the Council of UArctic

Venue: *Hotel Hans Egede*

UArctic Side-Meeting

7:45 – 8:30

*** Ofelas – UArctic Leadership Meeting**

Location: Hotel Hans Egede – breakfast restaurant (table reserved)

Co-chairs: *Lars Kullerud*, UArctic President

Liisa Holmberg, Chair, Council of UArctic

8:30 – 10:30

Council Registration and Information Desks Open

9:00 - 10:30

Council Business meeting – Session V Conference room #12 / 1st floor

- **Housekeeping announcements**
- **A few words from *Anders O. Bjarkiev***
President, Technical University of Denmark

Agenda items:

13b. Approval of Provisional Thematic Networks (Action item)

Documents: [[Proposal](#)]

[[Activity Report - Provisional Thematic Networks](#)]

Links: [Thematic Network on Arctic Coastal Communities for Sustainability](#)

[Thematic Network on Arctic Economic Science](#)

[Thematic Network on Arctic Safety and Security](#)

[Thematic Network on Language Documentation and Language Technologies for Circumpolar Region](#)

[Thematic Network on Arctic Sustainable Resources and Social Responsibility](#)

[Thematic Network on Sustainable Production and Foraging of Natural Products in the North](#)

13c. Approval of New Thematic Networks (Action item)

Document: [[Proposal](#)]

14. Approval of Dates for Next Meeting – UArctic Congress 2018 (Action item)

Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organization

Jouko Niinimäki, Rector, University of Oulu

Document and link: [[Proposal](#)] [[UArctic Congress 2018 website](#)]

15. Approval of Invitation to host the 2019 Council Meeting (Action item)

Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organization

Elisabet Idermark, Senior Advisor International Relations, [Stockholm University](#)

Documents: [[Proposal](#)]

[[Summary of UArctic Meetings 2001-2018](#)]

[[Call for Expression of Interest to Host UArctic Meetings 2019](#)]

[[Expression of Interest – Stockholm University](#)]

16. Other Business / Announcements

Closing of meeting

Thursday Afternoon

11:00 - 13:00 ***Nuuk City Tour + Lunch***
Bus leave from Hotel Hans Egede

14:00 - 18:00 **Optional Boat trip to Kangeq**

Note: Participants having pre-registered for the trip are asked to pay for the excursion before 16:30 on Tuesday, at the Tupilak Travel / Tourist Information office.



See city centre ***Tourist Info*** symbol on map
Address: Ilivinnuaq 1