

## **The Barents Centre of the Humanities - the Branch of the Federal Research Centre “Kola Science Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences” (BCH KSC RAS)**

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The Centre carries out complex interdisciplinary studies in the field of the Humanities aimed at:

- investigation of historical and cultural processes in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region, social and cultural, ethnic and cultural dynamics;
- complex solution of the problems of adaptation of the autochthonous ethnoses and the old-time Russian population in the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation under changing economical, social, ecological and technological conditions, including ethnoeconomy;
- studies of social attitude and identity of population, monitoring of anomia, delicacy and conflicts, population mobility at the present stage of global development and a new wave in ‘exploration’ of the Arctic.

The Centre also focuses on preserving the cultural and scientific heritage, humanizing social life processes, fostering respect for the history of Russia and carrying out educational activities.

### **The main goals of scientific investigations in the Centre are :**

- studies of the evolution of societies and civilizations, a human in history and everyday history; studies of historical experience in organizing and practical implementing scientific research in the Euro-Arctic region of Russia; studies of historical experience of interaction between science and authorities, business and society in solving major scientific technological, scientific engineering and social and economical problems of exploration and social and cultural development of the Arctic
- comprehensive studies of the ethnic and religious factors in regional processes of the past and present, in historical and cultural interaction in the Euro-Arctic region
- identification, scientific description, systematization and preservation of objects belonging to the historical and cultural heritage; the study and promotion of the historical role of the Russian Academy of Sciences in the development of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation
- studies of ethnic factors in economic development (ethnoeconomy) of the Arctic type based on the historical and economic analysis; studies of possibilities of incorporating the ethnoeconomy of the Arctic into national (global) reproduction processes; studies of the mechanisms of interaction and integration of ethno- and regional economy.

An important part of scientific work at the Centre is field research, i.e. scientific, gathering, ethnographic and folklore expeditions. One of the most important achievements is the introduction of new materials into scientific circulation, enriching not only Russian but also world science.

Enlightenment activity is performed by the Museum of the History of Study and Development of the European North that is part of BCH KSC RAS. The expositions of the museum acquaint visitors with the achievements of science in various areas of the history of settlement and the development of the Kola North as well as peculiarities of research activities in this region since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The main forms of work are general and thematic excursions, lectures, exhibitions and consultations.

The Centre conducts training of scientific pedagogical personnel in post-graduate courses in two directions on speciality “Historical sciences and archeology”.

At present, the Barents Centre of the Humanities is an educational and enlightenment research institution which has 3 research associates with Doctorate Degree and 11 researchers with a PhD.

