

# UArctic Annual Report 2020

## UArctic Membership

- Seven new members joined UArctic (2 Arctic, 5 non-Arctic)
- Nine-member institutions either merged or changed their names, while five members resigned from the network.
- Currently 212 members (178 Arctic and 34 Non-Arctic), of which 151 are institutions of higher education and 61 are other organization <https://www.uarctic.org/about-uarctic/members-list/>



## Governance and UArctic Association as Legal entity

### Assembly Meeting, Copenhagen. February 26, 2020

- Full transition to UArctic ry legal association. The Assembly approved UArctic's new Constitution and updated Bylaws <https://www.uarctic.org/about-uarctic/organizational-documents/>
- Confirmation and election of all Assembly Officers; the Board chair and Board members <https://www.uarctic.org/about-uarctic/organization/governing-bodies/>

### Future Assembly Meetings

- Amendment to the UArctic Constitution submitted to the Finnish Patent and Registration authorities to allow meetings of the Assembly to be organized remotely.
- The 2021 Assembly meeting to take place online alongside the UArctic Congress in May
- The 2022 Assembly meeting has been re-scheduled to early June 2022, in Portland, Maine, USA.

### Board of UArctic:

- There were three meetings of the Board in 2020 and all were held online, in April, September, and December.
- Development of UArctic Strategic Plan 2030 ([https://www.uarctic.org/media/1601313/uarctic-strategic-plan-2030\\_final.pdf](https://www.uarctic.org/media/1601313/uarctic-strategic-plan-2030_final.pdf)) and the Strategic Plan's Action Plan 2030.
- Philanthropic Fundraising Advisory Group established to complement the Board's Finance Policy Advisory group.

## Communications and Member Engagement

- Regular member updates including profiles, Catalogues, contact info, and news
- Targeted member engagement: virtual visits trialed to enhance engagement
- New contact management and email communication platform (ActiveCampaign, integrated with Umbraco CMS)
- Website indigenization project: Development plan completed
- Arctic Learning Resources: Online education resource catalogue launched
- Shared Voices Video Interviews with Thematic Networks leads

## External relations and International Projects

- **Scotland:** Collaboration with Scottish Government on facilitating engagement with existing and prospective members.
- **Russia:** Russian Arctic Council Chairmanship Task Force established (led by VP Interregional Cooperation) for UArctic engagement during the RU Arctic Council including the UArctic Congress 2022
- **Arctic Circle:** Agreement established, joint fundraising plans developed
- **Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education** project funding agreement and north2north implementation
- **Arctic Council:** Collaboration on Congress 2021; Arctic Council Observer report submitted

## Philanthropic Fundraising

- Philanthropy Manager at University of Iceland hired
- Fundraising Permit granted from Finnish authorities
- Dr. Frederik Paulsen Foundation Donation agreement was signed
- Fundraising website developed: Development of technical elements, visuals, and text + giving opportunities over the latter half of 2020. Launch waiting for the last software and policy elements to be in place.
- Thematic Networks fundraising: piloting started with six networks

## Financial Procedures

- Financial management procedures developed: UArctic ry bank accounts opened (fundraising and operation finances);
- Financial administration service agreement with Certia Oy finalized
- KPMG contracted as auditors;
- UArctic ry was formally registered with the Finnish tax administration as a non-profit tax-exempt organization
- Financial policy manual work commissioned from KPMG
- UArctic's unrestricted funds budget for 2020 was approved; all agreements and transfer of operational funds were completed;

## Thematic Networks

- Eight new Thematic Networks were endorsed for the first provisional year:
  - Climate Justice in the Arctic, Tahseen Jafry (Lead), Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland
  - Ageing and Gender in the Arctic, Päivi Naskali (Lead), University of Lapland, Finland
  - Arctic Transport and Logistics, Kjell Stokvik (Lead), Nord University, Norway
  - BEBO – Future of Reindeer Husbandry, Eeva-Liisa Rasmus-Moilanen (Lead), Sámi Education Institute, Finland
  - Gender in Arctic Knowledge Production, Mervi Heikkinen (Lead), University of Oulu, Finland
  - Human Adaptation in a Changing Arctic, Anatoly Zhozhikov (Lead), North-Eastern Federal University, Russia
  - POPs in Asian Arctic, Yifan Li (Lead), Harbin Institute of Technology, China
  - Herbivory, Isabel C. Barrio (Lead), Agricultural University of Iceland, Iceland
- Total of 59 UArctic Thematic Networks and Institutes  
<https://www.uarctic.org/organization/thematic-networks/>
- Annual talks organised with Thematic networks leads/vice-leads, including video interviews (Shared Voices videos at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7662774>)
- **See ANNEX summary table** (below) of Thematic Network activities (based on information available as of April 14, 2021). **Note:** many activities were cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19.

## Research Strategic Work

- UArctic response to European Commission's public consultation on their Arctic Policy
- Report to ASM2 deliverable on Ethical guidelines

## UArctic Congress

UArctic Congress, planned for October 2020 postponed to hybrid model in May 2021

## north2north Student Mobility

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dramatic impact on student mobility, with much of the focus shifting to online delivery including virtual mobility.

### North2north Mobility 2020, in numbers

HOST COUNTRY	NORWAY	SWEDEN	FINLAND	ICELAND	DENMARK	GREENLAND	F. ISLANDS	CANADA	USA	RUSSIA	Outgoing
HOME COUNTRY											
NORWAY		0	1	0	1	2	0	4	2	1	11
SWEDEN	1		1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
FINLAND	2	0		0	0	0	0	5	0	0	7
ICELAND	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DENMARK	4	2	1	3		8	0	0	0	0	18
GREENLAND	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
FAROE ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
CANADA	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	4
USA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1
RUSSIA	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		6
Incoming	12	6	5	3	1	10	0	10	2	1	50

### Mobility results the last 3 years:

2018	157
2019	145
2020	50

- Number of institutions participating in north2north: 85
- Strong engagement of Canadian and Scottish governments to provide support for the participation of their member institutions in north2north mobility, related to respective Arctic policy frameworks
- Norwegian support renewed, allocation of 4 million NOK for north2north mobility activities annually
- Updated north2north Mobility Guidelines
- Updated north2north post-exchange student feedback form
- Virtual mobility pilots with Thematic Networks

2020 Activity Table - UArctic Thematic Networks

ANNEX

Thematic Network	Year established	Graduate (Masters & PhD) courses, summer & field schools, online courses	Joint graduate programs with enrollment	Joint graduate programs under development	Research Projects	Publications/scientific articles (peer reviewed)	Sessions in international conferences, conferences, workshops, events organized	Art exhibitions	Other outreach (webinars, newsletters, talks given in science conferences, blogs, other)	Mobility activities (1 = does mobility)
Ageing and Gender in the Arctic	2020				14	20			3	
Arctic and Northern Governance	2018				1	4				
Arctic Boreal Hub	2017				4		2		2	
Arctic Economic Science	2016								1	
Arctic Engineering	2008									
Arctic Extractive Industries	2012				1	1				
Arctic Geology	2012	1			2	2	1			
Arctic in Asia and Asia in the Arctic	2019				5	10				
Arctic Indigenous Skills	2018								1	
Arctic Law	2011				4	7	2			
Arctic Lingua	2016				1		1			
Arctic Migration	2017					2	1			
Arctic Plastic Pollution	2018				2					
Arctic Safety and Security	2016				2	2	2			
Arctic Sustainable Arts and Design	2011	5		1	3	23	3	3	24	1
Arctic Sustainable Resources and Social Responsibility	2016					4	1		6	
Arctic Telecommunications and networking	2018				2		1			
Arctic Transport and Logistics	2020				1		1		4	
Arctic WASH	2017				1					
Arthropods of the Tundra	2017				1				1	
BEBO – for the Future of Reindeer Husbandry	2020				3		4		4	
Circumpolar Archives, Folklore and Ethnography (CAFE)	2018					14				
Climate Justice in the Arctic	2020					1	1			
Collaborative Resource Management	2019					8	1		16	
Commercialization of Science and Technology for the North	2014									

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Communicating Arctic Research	2012				1				2	
Disasters and Natural Hazards	2013						2			
Distance Education and Learning	2008				2					
EALAT Institute	2009				2				2	
Gender in the Arctic Knowledge Production	2020				2	2	1		6	
Geopolitics and Security	2009				1	2	1			
Global Ecological and Economic Connections in Arctic and Sub-Arctic Crab Fisheries	2017				1	3			1	
Health and Well-being in the Arctic	2005	2			12	20	6		6	
Herbivory	2020				3	2	2		1	
Human Adaptation in the Changing Arctic	2020	1			4		3		1	
Institute for Arctic Policy	2008						1			
Language Documentation and Language Technologies for Circumpolar Region	2016									
Local-Scale Planning, Climate Change and Resilience	2019					17	4		9	
Læra Institute for Circumpolar Education	2020				2					1
Managing Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the Arctic	2011					5				
Model Arctic Council	2015						1			
Northern Food Security	2009				3	3	1			
Northern Nursing Education	2015					1			1	
Northern Research Forum	2012								1	
Northern Tourism	2008	1			1	1				
Ocean Food Systems (former Arctic Fisheries and Aquaculture)	2010				1	1				
Permafrost	2013						1		3	
POPs and Chemicals of Emerging Concern in the Asian Arctic	2020	2			1	3	1			
Renewable Energy	2018	1			2		1		1	

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Science and Research Analytics Institute	2017					1	2		2	
Science Diplomacy	2017				1	2	2			
Smart Societies in the High North	2018	1				1	2			
Social Work	2006	1							1	
Sustainable Production and Foraging of Natural Products in the North	2016				3	2				
Teacher Education for Social Justice and Diversity in Education	2015				6	4	13		2	
UArctic World Ensemble	2015								2	
Verdde Program	2005									
Working in the Arctic	2015								6	
World Images of Indigenous Peoples of the North	2006									
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2</b>