18 May 2023

Ms. Outi Snellman
Vice-President Organisation
International Secretariat
University of the Arctic

Dear Ms. Snellman,

The Science Diplomacy Center™ was established in 2022 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in the United States, emerging largely because of strong leadership with the University of the Arctic (UArctic) to develop science diplomacy since 2017. With pan-Arctic capacities that are ongoing and inclusive processes to operate with continuity short-to-long term (addressing who, what, when, where, why and how) – the Science Diplomacy Center™ requests to became a UArctic member.

The inclusive dynamics of UArctic are special for more than 200 institutions, many in Russia, integrating natural sciences, social sciences and Indigenous knowledge. All of these knowledge systems are part of science as the 'study of change,' revealing patterns, trends and processes (albeit with different methods) that become the bases for decisions that require science diplomacy as an:

> international, interdisciplinary and inclusive process, involving informed decisionmaking to balance national interests and common interests for the benefit of all on Earth across generations.

UArctic science diplomacy initiatives began with the 2017 *Science* publication (*The Arctic Science Agreement Propels Science Diplomacy*) and creation of the UArctic Science Diplomacy Thematic Network, when I was at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, which also became a UArctic member that year. The 2018 UArctic Congress Declaration *"to support science-informed decision-making, science advice, and science diplomacy"* reinforced these early steps. Science diplomacy has been accelerating with UArctic contributions ever since.

Science Diplomacy Center™ membership in UArctic will enable sustainable development of the Science Diplomacy Thematic Network with practical focus on enhancing international Arctic scientific cooperation with:

- Publications, including the Springer book series on INFORMED DECISIONMAKING FOR SUSTAINABILITY and *Science Diplomacy Action* serial through the Science Diplomacy Center™;
- Workshops and seminars in conjunction with Arctic meetings (e.g., Arctic Circle and Arctic Frontiers);

PROF. PAUL ARTHUR BERKMAN
Founder and President, Science Diplomacy Center™
Senior Fellow, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
Faculty Associate, Program on Negotiation (PON) at Harvard Law School
Associate Director of Science Diplomacy, Harvard-MIT Public Disputes Program
23 Woodrise, Falmouth, MA 02540 United States
+1-617-902-8361 | pab@scidiplo.org | paul.berkman@unitar.org | https://scidiplo.org

- Ongoing Open Science dialogues, including with ministries, before-through-after the inflection point of the Ukraine war, coordinated by the Science Diplomacy Center™ and diverse partners inclusively;
- Mentoring activities, including with mentees in Finland and Norway;
- Formal connections with the European Science Diplomacy Alliance that introduce networks for UArctic contributions and partnerships;
- A formal Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) to operate with global inclusion, as reflected by the:
    - February-March 2022 webinar series on *Enhancing International Scientific Cooperation: Arctic Science and Technology Advice with Ministries*; and
    - GLOBAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (GIYSCC) on 9 August 2023, circling the Earth across three 8-hour time zones as a virtual dialogue by, for and among Indigenous youth on the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

Importantly – considering sustainable development in the Arctic short-to-long term – the Science Diplomacy Center™ will help UArctic to navigate convergent time scales: months-to-years with our global pandemic; years-to-decades with high technologies; and decades-to-centuries with climate and human population size on Earth.

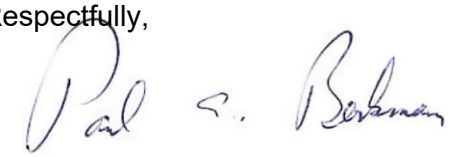
The Science Diplomacy Center™ will contribute to UArctic by triangulating education, research and leadership. Skills, methods and theory of informed decisionmaking will continue to be applied, trained and refined with UArctic, noting science diplomacy training has been accelerating with the diplomatic corps of diverse foreign ministries. The Science Diplomacy Center™ also has a Memorandum of Understanding with UNITAR, which will further enable synergies with UArctic membership.

The primary contact at the Science Diplomacy Center™ will be Prof. Paul Arthur Berkman (Founder and President) and the alternate will be Prof. Oran R. Young (Chair of the Board of Directors). The Science Diplomacy Center™ will remit the annual UArctic membership fee (500€) and is currently working with the UArctic fundraising team to:

(a) enhance the level of support for the UArctic Science Diplomacy Thematic Network; and
(b) sustain science diplomacy leadership with UArctic more broadly.

On behalf of the Science Diplomacy Center – *"for the benefit of all on Earth across generations"* – I appreciate your consideration for our UArctic membership.

Respectfully,



Prof. Paul Arthur Berkman

Cc Board of Directors, Science Diplomacy Center™

PROF. PAUL ARTHUR BERKMAN
Founder and President, Science Diplomacy Center™
Senior Fellow, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
Faculty Associate, Program on Negotiation (PON) at Harvard Law School
Associate Director of Science Diplomacy, Harvard-MIT Public Disputes Program
23 Woodrise, Falmouth, MA 02540 United States
+1-617-902-8361 | pab@scidiplo.org | paul.berkman@unitar.org | https://scidiplo.org

2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: Science Diplomacy Center

Country: United States

Membership Category: Arctic

Membership Type: Other Institution

Profile Description:

The Science Diplomacy Center has diverse synergies among members of the Board of Directors (Drs. Jenny Baeseman, Paul Arthur Berkman, Bob Corell and Oran Young), who have long-standing UArctic connections. The focus of these synergies involves the triangulation of education, research and leadership with science diplomacy. This triangulation – involving informed decision-making and common-interest building skills, methods and theory – has been accelerating with UArctic since the 2017 Science policy forum on The Arctic Science Agreement Propels Science Diplomacy, in advance of the 2018 UArctic Congress Declaration:

"To move towards an Empowered North – with Shared Voices, we delegates of the UArctic Congress, representing the membership of UArctic, assembled Oulu and Helsinki, Finland from September 3-7, 2018, declare the following:

1. We continue to work in close partnership with the Arctic Council to support science-informed decision-making, science advice, and science diplomacy."

UArctic membership of the Science Diplomacy Center contributes to the UArctic Science Diplomacy Thematic Network that was initiated in 2017 by Prof. Berkman with diverse initiatives, reflected most recently with the:

• GLOBAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (GIYSCC) that will be hosted by UNITAR on 9 August 2023 – as a global dialogue by, for and among Indigenous youth – circling the Earth across three 8-hour time zones in 24 hours on the INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES;

• Panel dialogue about Arctic Science and Technology Advice with Ministries at the Arctic Circle Japan Forum from 4-6 March 2023 with Prof. Berkman and Dr. Baeseman as co-conveners;

• February-March 2022 webinar series on ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION: ARCTIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVICE WITH MINISTRIES that was funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and hosted by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) with Prof. Berkman and Dr. Baeseman as co-conveners;

• Springer book series on INFORMED DECISIONMAKING FOR SUSTAINABILITY with Profs. Berkman and Young as series co-editors, involving diverse UArctic contributors in VOLUME 1 (2020) and VOLUME 2 (2022).

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

- Science Diplomacy and Informed Decision-making