



## 20<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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#### **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.

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#### **Monday Aug-14**

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

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

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12:00 – 15:00      **Council Registrations and Information desk Open (at hotel)**

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15:00 – 18:00      **COUNCIL PRE-MEETINGS**      **Hotel Hans Egede**

##### **CIRCUMPOLAR STUDIES PROGRAM**

**Meeting room #10**

**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.

**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.

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18:00 – 19:30      **Free time for dinner and exploring Nuuk**

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**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 Lynge***, former head of Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) – Greenland

***Ms. Pipaluk Lynge***, former municipal politician

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

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**Tuesday Aug-15**

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**Venue: Hotel Hans Egede, conference room #12**

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

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**9:00 - 17:00      20<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF UARCTIC**

The 20<sup>th</sup> 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 \(39 files / 11.5 Mb\)](#).

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**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 - 10:15      UArctic Today - An overview of UArctic and its activities**

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

**Launch of UArctic Congress 2016 book “The Interconnected Arctic”**

**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*, Chair, Finland

*Hanne Fugl Eskjær*, Denmark

*Anniken Krutnes*, Norway

*Arni Thor Sigurdsson*, 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 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting (Action item)**

Documents: [[Proposal](#)] [[Draft Minutes –19<sup>th</sup> 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](#)]

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12:00 - 13:00

***Lunch***

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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

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

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

**Venue:** [Katuaq Culture Center](#)

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

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**Wednesday Aug-16**

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**Venue: *Hotel Hans Egede***

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

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**9:00 - 10:15 Council Business meeting – Session IV** Conference room #12

**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](#)]

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

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**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

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**12:00 - 13:00**      **Lunch**  
*\*Lunch meeting for UArctic Membership Committee & Greenland  
Research Council members - table reserved*

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**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

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**17:00 - 18:00**      **Free time**

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

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

- Performance
- Dinner
- Acknowledgements
- Council Group Photo [outside – weather permitting]
- Tour of the [Greenland Institute of Natural Resources](#)

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



**Thursday Aug-15**

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**Venue:** *Hotel Hans Egede*

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**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

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8:30 – 10:30

**Council Registration and Information Desks Open**

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9:00 - 10:30

**Council Business meeting – Session V**

Conference room #12

- **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**

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**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**