

PROGRAMME

Association for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies in Canada

ANNUAL MEETING

May 24-27, 2000. University of Alberta, Edmonton

Wednesday, May 24

3:00-5:00 Executive Meeting

5:00-7:00 Welcome reception hosted by CINS (Faculty Lounge, Arts 320)

8:00 Film Showing TBA

Thursday, May 25

Morning

9:00-10:30 Session 1/Ire Séance: Comparative Literature Chair: Börje Vähämäk

- **Marina Allemanno** (University of Alberta): "Mermaids Losing Their Heads: A Study of the Nordic Mermaid Fetish in Andersen, Ibsen, Eriksen, Svendsen, and Lars von Trier"

- **Peter Christensen** (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee): "Eyvind Johnson and the Devils of Loudon: A Comparative Approach"

- **Sandra Saari** (Rochester Institute of Technology): "Testing a Masterbuilder"

Break (30 minutes)

11:00-12:00 Session 2/2e Séance: Contemporary Literature Chair: Ingrid Urberg

- **Gurli Woods** (Carleton University): "On Merete Morken Andersen's Fiendens musikk"

- **Seija Paddon** (Independent Researcher): "The Altered Forms of the Idea of Community in Contemporary Finnish Poetry"

Afternoon

Lunch (120 minutes)

12:00-2:00 Working lunch on AASSC "Journal" Issues (Seminar Room, Arts 303).

2:00-3:00 Session 3/3e Séance: History & Culture Chair: John Tucker

- **John Poulsen** (University of Lethbridge): "Det var sa lidt: Danish Resistance During WW2"

- **Varpu Lindstrom** (York University): "Images of Finnish Women during the Winter War"

Break (30 minutes)

3:30-5:00 Session 4/4e Séance: Scandinavian Immigrant Culture Chair: Chris Hale

- **Jørgen Dahlie**: "A Year in the life of Norrøna: Norwegian Immigrants and the Norwegian-Language Press"

- **Börje Vähämäki** (University of Toronto): "Humour and Ethnicity in the Finnish Canadian Press"

- **Christopher Hale**: TBA

Evening

5:00-7:00 University of Alberta President's Reception (Butterdome)

Friday, May 26

Morning

9:00-10:30 Session 5/5e Séance: Old Norse Literature Chair: Birgitta Wallace

- **Rachel Simard** (Université de Sherbrooke):
"The Topic of the Werewolf in the Ysengrimus Text"
- **John Tucker** (University of Victoria): "Magic and Religion in the Sagas"

Break (30 minutes)

11:00-12:00 Session 6/6e Séance: Women Studies Chair: Gurli Woods

- **Pirjo Markkola** (University of Tampere, Finland): "Promoting Religion and Welfare. The Deaconess Movement in Finland and Sweden, 1850-1930"
- **Charity Marsh** (York University): "Blurring (non) Gendered Bodies and Technology in Björk's Music Videos: The (De) Evolution of the Cyborg from "Jöga" to "All is Full of Love"

Afternoon

Lunch (120 minutes)

12:00-2:00 Working Lunch with Scandinavian Embassy Representatives and AASSC Executive (Faculty Lounge)

2:00-3:00 Session 7/7e Séance: Art & Architecture Chair: Kathryn Hansen

- **Susan Gold/Smith** (University of Windsor): "The Sights of Early Science: A Visual Artist's Response to the Uppsala Natural Science Collections"
- **Kathleen Tipton** (Arkos Architects, Finland): "Bred in the Bone: Where Environment Ends and a Built Cultural Heritage Begins"

Break (30 minutes)

3:30-5:00 Session 8/8e Séance: Chair: John Tucker

AASSC Annual General Meeting

Evening

6:00 Reception hosted by the Nordic Embassies - Jasper Room at the MacDonald Hotel
7:00 AASSC Banquet - Jasper Room at the MacDonald Hotel

Saturday, May 27

Joint Sessions with Colloquium on "The North"



International Colloquium:

The North

**27 and 28 May
University of Alberta**

Part of the annual Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities

Programme Outline **(20 March 2000)**

BACKGROUND

A December 16, 1999 joint statement by Canada and the European Union on northern cooperation states that "On the eve of the new Millennium, the European Union and Canada reaffirm our shared commitment to facilitating closer cooperation between all the countries of the circumpolar and adjacent northern regions...." As part of this effort, the colloquium will bring together prominent scholars, community representatives and policy makers from northern countries to explore the past and future traditional knowledge in governance structures, educational organizations, economic development and research in the circumpolar world. Comparisons between nations throughout the region hold the promise of greater understanding, greater potential for international cooperation, and greater benefit to all peoples of the North

OBJECTIVES

The circumpolar regions of the northern hemisphere are undergoing some of the most rapid changes experienced by any region on earth, with the indigenous and non-indigenous societies which inhabit them being faced with the many challenges these changes have brought. As a result, traditional circumpolar linkages are being re-established, often across international borders, while south to north links of the last century are being re-evaluated.

Governance structures in the circumpolar world are evolving and in many cases are being modelled on indigenous cultural values or seeking to integrate these values with those of the south.

There is an increasing need to meet the educational requirements of the people, especially young people, in the North to ensure that they are able to remain in the region and help build the economic, social, political and cultural structures for required for future development. At the same time, scientists are predicting that the greatest magnitude and impacts of global climate change will be in the circumpolar region.

THE PROGRAMME

This colloquium addresses the fundamental questions of cultural identity and traditional knowledge in the emerging governance, educational and economic development structures and how they interact with systems that have been imposed or adopted from the south. Four sub-themes will be examined. Mary Simon will deliver the key note address.

Saturday, 27 May

9:00 am – 12 noon: *Traditional Knowledge and Governance Structures in the North*

This session will focus on the search by communities and territories for ways to make traditional or local knowledge the focus of their governance structures. Confirmed speakers include:

Ánde Somby, Centre for Sámi Studies, University of Tromsø, Norway

Andrei Golovnev, Institute of History and Archeology, Ural Branch of RAS, Russia

Allice Legat, Oral Traditions Research, Whaehdoo Naowo Ko, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, NWT

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm: *Education in the North*

Education initiatives, such as the University of the Arctic, and technological innovation offer the promise of post secondary university education for young people in the north designed for northern communities. Confirmed speakers include:

Ken Coates, Dean of Arts (Saint John Campus), University of New Brunswick
Jón Haukur Ingimundarson, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland
Lassi Heininen, University of Lapland, Helsinki
Aron Senkpiel, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Yukon College

Sunday, 28 May

9:00 am – 12 noon: *Research in the North*

This session will focus on the changing nature of research in the North. Research is increasingly driven by local and regional agendas as well as circumpolar and global priorities. This requires rebuilding the capacity for northern research based on new skills and approaches while continuing to stimulate work through conventional academic structures. Confirmed speakers include:

Peter Johnson, President, Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
Noel D. Broadbent, Department of Archaeology and Sámi Studies, Umeå University, Sweden
Deirdre Tedmanson, Aboriginal Affairs Administration, University of South Australia

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm: *Economic Development in the North*

This session will focus on the desire for economic development attuned to changing environmental conditions and how this places extra responsibilities on new government structures. Confirmed speakers include:

Marianne Lykke Thomsen, Minister Counsellor, Arctic Affairs, Greenland Representation, Royal Danish Embassy
Representative, Alberta Industry, to be confirmed

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

As a means of emphasizing the cooperation between Canada and the European Union and strengthening the linkages between researchers and policy makers on northern issues, a Canadian and European keynote speaker will be invited to participate in the Colloquium.

DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

Papers and discussions will be disseminated widely. Peer reviewed papers will be published in *Scandinavian-Canadian Studies*, while all other papers will appear in *The Northern Review*. Sessions will be videotaped and webcasted following the Colloquium. Finally, each session will have a formal report prepared, and together these will provide a written report of the Colloquium that will be circulated widely and posted on relevant web sites.

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