

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CIRCUMPOLAR HEALTH PUBLISHERS

The International Union of Circumpolar Health, Nordic Society for Arctic Medicine, Universities of Oulu, Manitoba and Alaska in Anchorage established, on December 3rd 2004, the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers for publishing the International Journal of Circumpolar Health. It was agreed that all rights and responsibilities concerning the IJCH are to be transferred to this Association. In the past, the publication of the IJCH has had limited scientific resources and significant, stable financial support only from the University of Oulu. From now on, the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers has resources from three circumpolar universities, as well as from the original professional societies. The rules of the as-

sociation make it possible for more universities to join. These rules also define how to join the Association of Publishers as a contributing member. The period of transition from the governance of the University of Oulu to that of the Association will be the year 2005.

The publishing activities of the Journal will continue as they have until now, except that, as of this year, the number of the periodical issues will increase to five per year, with publication dates in February, April, June, September and December. For the year 2005, the Journal received, for the third time, annual development funds from the Nordic Council of Ministers. Activities for this year will be detailed in the next issue.

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Figure. Establishing the new International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers.