

## Scientific Conference

# *”Circumpolar Health Research - the Next Generation”*

**Tromsø, Norway 12-16 May 2008**

On behalf of the University of Tromsø, Centre for International Health I hereby invite young (and the forever young!) researchers from all circumpolar countries to visit us in Tromsø 12-16 May 2008.

It is the beautiful month of the spring. The scientific program will be interesting, and there will be great possibilities for pre- or post-tours to other locations, like Lofoten or Spitsbergen. The plan is to get together Monday night 12 May; with full scientific program Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday until lunch. For those who have not experienced the Norwegian national day 17 May, this is a unique opportunity.

The main theme for the conference is on Circumpolar primary health care - how to effectively reduce inequalities in circumpolar health care and what kind of research and actions are needed to reach our goals. The program will include poster and oral sessions, as well as parallel sessions if we have many contributors. Especially students/trainees working with circumpolar health issues are encouraged to participate and present their research in progress.

Key Note Speakers will be invited, but the occasion also provides great possibilities for all circumpolar colleagues to present their projects and reports. Primary health care is a wide area, and all relevant topics are welcome.

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**Related meetings:**

One half day will be issued for the Arctic Human Health Initiative (AHHI) related to the International Polar Year (IPY). Special meetings of the Nordic Society for Arctic Medicine (NSAM), International Union of Circumpolar Health (IUCH), and the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers (IACHP) will be arranged in conjunction with the scientific conference. The International Network of Circumpolar Health Research (INCHR) will also arrange its annual general meeting in association with the scientific conference. The Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) and the Human Health Acting Group of the Arctic Monitoring Assessment Program (AMAP) will be especially encouraged to participate and present new plans for cooperation and development of work under the Arctic Council umbrella.

**Registration:**

Registration before 1 February 50 EUR for young scientists, 100 EUR for the rest of us. A separate website will be constructed with links to INCHR ([www.inchr.org](http://www.inchr.org)) and Int J Circumpolar Health ([www.ijch.fi](http://www.ijch.fi)), as well as the prebooked hotels.

**Supporting organizations:**

The Barents Secretariat, The Norwegian Foreign Department, The Barents Health Program, Helse Nord and the International Network for Circumpolar Health Research

So please put a mark on the period 12-16 May for Tromsø, and we will come back with information soon!

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