

# Gateway to the International Polar Year Proceedings Available

## 13th International Congress on Circumpolar Health

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If you don't have a copy of this historic 'Gateway to the International Polar Year' Proceedings, then you should get a copy, and reference it online in the meantime.

The Arctic Human Health Initiative (AHHI) seeks to foster human health and explore potential linkages and areas of cooperation by circumpolar researchers during International Polar Year (IPY) 2007 - 2008 . As such, AHHI has made a limited number of free hard copies available upon request.

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### The spirit of the 13th ICCH beats the odds

To many people the number thirteen is thought to be an unlucky number. Many hotels and office buildings will actually delete the 13th floor and proceed directly from the 12th floor to the 14th floor.

Hence, organizing an International Congress on Circumpolar Health (ICCH) seemed to be a daunting task from its inception. There had been previous two attempts in the Russian Federation in the last ten years that were affected by societal issues beyond the control of the circumpolar health community. The last previous ICCH in the Russian Federation had been a distant 28 years ago.

The 13th ICCH was different from the outset. The International Union for Circumpolar Health's (IUCH) site visit of Novosibirsk one year prior to the ICCH was remarkable for a spirit and enthusiasm not seen in previous site visits. The local organizing committee stepped up to every task with confidence and competence. This Congress bucked the conventional wisdom as the ICCHI3 local organizing committee pushed the IUCH to move on this or that issue, which is the opposite of many ICCHs.

Three partners that we would like to especially thank are the Northern Forum and AHHI for their financial support, plus the Alaska Medicine staff for their professionalism and support in a time of need. Special thanks for the overall ICCHI3 also go to the general sponsor – Abol Med.

In the end the 13th ICCH was an excellent venue for both the sharing of circumpolar health knowledge and the fostering of warm relationships between colleagues. While the Congress included many 'firsts', e. g., first to publish the Abstracts on the Internet in real-time during the ICCH, first to distribute the Proceedings in compact disc to all participants, etc...in the end it was the positive spirit of the local organizing committee that beat the odds.

The Proceedings also met its basic goal by publishing the hard copy book within one year of the Congress. The Proceedings are Indexed in Index Medicus and the Abstracts are available on PubMed.

The full text individual article pdfs are here:

[http://soramn.ru/ICCHI3/Proceedings\\_13/](http://soramn.ru/ICCHI3/Proceedings_13/)

The individual articles are organized:

- By order within the hard copy publication
- By topic heading
- By last name of first author (in alphabetical order)
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The Congress Abstracts are here: [http://www.soramn.ru/ICCHI3\\_1/](http://www.soramn.ru/ICCHI3_1/)

With the ICCHI3 as the 'Gateway' to the International Polar Year, the next 50 years are truly destined to be a time of great progress through collaboration.

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