



Annual meeting of the International Network for Circumpolar Health Research (INCHR)

The annual meeting of the International Network for Circumpolar Health Research (INCHR) will be held in Copenhagen, May 18-19. Registration can be done online and further details will be available at <http://inchr.circumpolarhealth.org>.

INCHR is accepting posters and up to 20 papers for seminar presentations on both days of the annual meeting. Please check back in February 2010, when a preliminary programme will be posted after the close of abstract submissions.

Summer Institute in Circumpolar Health Research

Come to Copenhagen for courses in Dietary Assessment and Health Disparities, coinciding with the annual meeting of the International Network for Circumpolar Health Research. Students are encouraged to participate.

Course 1: Dietary Assessment, May 17-18, 2010

This course will give an introduction to dietary assessment methods used in primary epidemiological studies in the Arctic regions and with special focus on Arctic populations. The students will be given the overview of the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods and a description of the aspects of accuracy and precision, validity of dietary data and the problems with response bias. The course will discuss evaluation of dietary assessment by lectures in development of questionnaires, methods of anthropometry, measurement of physical activity, the available nutrient data bases for nutrient calculation of the Arctic diet. The course will round up by with the SAMINOR Study as a case.

Course 2: Health Disparities, May 20-21, 2010

The objective of the course is to outline the theoretical and methodological perspectives on health disparities as well as to present the basic epidemiological concepts for measuring disparities and causes of disparities. The course aims to provide a platform for discussions on how to apply international evidence and methods in an Arctic setting characterized by societies in both health and social transition. We take a look at the underlying mechanisms with influence on social inequality/inequity in health, how to reduce health disparities and how to target and perform intervention. Students are encouraged to prepare some knowledge on health disparities in their country/ circumpolar area in order to facilitate qualified discussion. The course should be of interest to anyone working with epidemiological research in the circumpolar area and especially students interested in social epidemiological perspectives on health in the Arctic.

Registration deadline is February 1, 2010. Registration can be done online and further details available at <http://sichr.circumpolarhealth.org>