



INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR CONFERENCE

Barrow Arctic Science Consortium. Barrow, Alaska.

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th September 2007

PROGRAMME

Please note that 30 minutes has been allowed for each topic. It is intended that presentations be about 20 minutes with about 10 minutes for subsequent discussion.

To allow us to respond to particular issues / events as they arise, minor changes may be made.

Monday 24th September

- 09.30 Deadline for arrival at Barrow.
(Some delegates arrive on Sunday 23rd September)
- 09.30 Registration NARL - Coffee/Tea
- 11.00 Opening
- 11.00-11.10 Welcome from the IPHC president
- 11.10-11.20 Invocation from Community Elder / BASC Board member Dr Kenneth Toovak
- 11.20-11.30 Welcome from BASC
- 11.30-11.50 Brief overview of subsistence activities in Barrow (Barrow Whaling Captains' Assn)

12.00 – 12.30 Presentation

George Skarmeas (USA)

The preservation of Historic Scientific Structures in Barrow, Alaska.

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 Session 1. 3 papers + discussions

Roberta Farrell (NZ)

Scientific evaluation of deterioration of Historic Huts of Ross Island, Antarctica.

Adam Wild (NZ)

“Minus six degrees of separation” – An overview of the Antarctic Heritage Trust Conservation programme.

Bob Blanchette (USA)

Northumberland House, Fort Conger and the Peary Huts in the Canadian High Arctic: current condition and assessment of wood deterioration taking place.

15.00-15.15 Break
15.15-16.30 Session 1 (cont). 2-3 papers + discussions

Brett Arenz (USA)

East Base, Antarctica SOS: Deterioration and recommendations for conserving these important historic structures.

Johan Mattsson (NOR)

Mycological decay in cultural heritage at Svalbard.

Gordon MacDonald (CAN)

Case study on conservation and repair of Shackleton's Nimrod Hut.
(*Gordon's attendance not yet 100% confirmed*)

17:30-1930 Dinner at NARL.

Tuesday 25th September

09.00-10.00 Session 2. 2 papers + discussions

Sherrie-Lee Evans (AUS)

Frozen in time: Wilkes – an American station in Antarctica.

Michael Morrison (UK)

Facing up to the management implications of an historic site.

10.00-10.30 Break

10.30-11.30 Session 2 (cont.) 2 papers + discussions

Cornelia Lüdecke (GER)

German meteorological sites in NW Svalbard.

Ricardo Roura (NL/ARGENTINA)

Antarctic Research Stations: Environmental and cultural heritage perspectives 1987 – 2007.

11.30 – 12.00 Additional discussion on earlier topics. Prepare for video link.

12.00 – 12.30

Video link with Scott Base (NZ) Antarctica. Introduction from Roberta Farrell.
Conservators John Greenwood and Megan Absolon explain their work at Antarctic Heritage Trust's polar laboratory.

pm. Tour to Point Barrow, Remains of the 1st IPY station.

Dinner "Pepe's" (Barrow)

Wednesday 26th September

08.30-09.30

Session 3. 2 papers + discussions

Rubén Stehberg (CHILE)

Protection and preservation of the oldest sites of the Antarctic: the case of Fildes Peninsula and Byers Peninsula in the South Shetland Islands.

Susan Barr (NOR)

IPY stations in Jan Mayen and Svalbard: conservation and management.

09.30-10.00

Extra discussion related to all papers and items of special business:

- Data bank of the 1st International Polar Year Field Stations (Cornelia Lüdecke)

10.00-10.30

Break

10.30 – 12.00

IPHC meeting - delegates welcome but not a public meeting.

Issues:

- Next ICOMOS General Assembly - Quebec 2008
- Changes to statutes and membership
- Publication and other new projects
- Snow Hill heritage site
- Secretariat succession - after 2011

pm

Tour of NARL and associated research stations.

Evening

Dinner and visit to Barrow Heritage Center. Traditional performance. (*Performance will not begin until about 9pm*)

From Thursday some delegates will be travelling around the area to give lectures to local residents. This programme has been arranged by Glenn Sheehan.

IPHC publication of the presentations

All those making presentations are asked to make them available in text form so they can be included in a new IPHC publication. The text should follow the theme of the presentation but it is not necessary to keep strictly to the content of the presentations.

The readership is likely to include those involved in various fields of heritage protection (not only polar heritage) as well as those interested in polar matters generally so content should be written with general interest readers in mind and should not be too formal or academic in style.

The length of each item is expected to be about 2,000-2,500 words. The publication will take the form of a compilation following the pattern of the last IPHC publication. Good illustrations (colour and B&W) will be important and it is hoped that each contribution will have at least 4 images. If at all possible images need to be provided in at least 300dpi resolution and be of a reasonable size. Most popular digital image formats can be used.

This material will need to be sent to Paul Chaplin - pchaplin@online.no and, Susan Barr – susan.barr@ra.no by the end of October. Any questions or ideas about the publication will be welcomed.

Practical information for participants

Computer facilities and individual presentation files

It will not be necessary for conference participants to bring their own laptops unless they want to. The BASC IT department would prefer that participants put their presentations on USB drives (aka. jump drives, thumb keys, memory sticks).

If this is not possible a CD copy is preferable to DVD.

Participants will need to have their presentations ready the day before their scheduled presentation day because the BASC IT Department will load the presentations on to machines that we will be using for the conference. A dry run will be done to ensure compatibility.

BASC is able to support both Macintosh and PC computers. Participants who will be going out to do outreach talks in villages or at schools in Barrow will also be required to have their presentations ready the day before to ensure that they are loaded on to the BASC machines that will be used when traveling to the villages.

If you choose to bring your own laptop, these will be able to connect to the internet wirelessly in “building 360”. They will not be able to connect to the internet from the Barrow Arctic Research Center (BARC – the conference building). BASC also have numerous Mac and PC workstations from which delegates will be able to connect to the internet and print in both black and white and color.

Please note that connecting to the internet is conditional on the T1 connection at BASC operating without problems; since internet (and phone) services out of Barrow are handled via satellite, random events (such as a train hitting a telephone pole in Anchorage) can cause them to lose internet connectivity. Overall, connectivity is fairly reliable, although it would be inaccurate to say it is guaranteed 24/7.

Accommodation

Laura Thomas from BASC will be sending out an email to everyone shortly about accommodation but the BASC / NARL hotel is fully supplied with bed linen, towels and pillows. It will not be necessary for anyone to bring these items with them.

Conference venue and facilities

The conference will be held in the newly constructed Barrow Arctic Research Center (BARC). This is a five minute walk (on a gravel road) from the NARL hotel and building 360 where the BASC main offices and Iisagvik College cafeteria are located. Don't bother bringing nice shoes to Barrow!

The conference venue also has a whiteboard, overhead projector and the other ‘usual’ conference accessories.

BASC will provide notepads and pens / pencils for all participants.

Other advice / information

BASC will ensure that everyone is met at the airport and that they are transported out to NARL with their luggage. It is necessary that everyone coming in to town be met at the airport by BASC staff members since they need to fill out the necessary station check-in paperwork on arrival. BASC staff members will also transport everyone back to the airport upon departure at which time conference attendees will need to complete the BASC check-out paperwork.

The cost for rooms will be \$75USD for a single room and \$90USD for a double (\$45USD for each participant) per night. For those staying longer to do outreach presentations costs will be covered by BASC.

Lodging fees may be paid via a cheque drawn on a US bank, US\$ cash or Traveller's Cheques. For individuals not doing outreach presentations who choose to eat at the Ilisagvik College cafeteria, the price for meals will be:

Breakfast: \$13USD

Lunch: \$15 USD

Dinner: \$22USD

Laura is working on the possibility of using credit cards to pay for meals, however the surest way to do this will most likely be US\$ cash. Restaurants and the grocery marts in Barrow will gladly accept Visa or MasterCard credit cards. AmEx and Discovery credit cards are not widely accepted here in Barrow. There is a branch of Wells Fargo bank in Barrow but due to the US Patriot act, non-Wells Fargo bank customers cannot directly exchange foreign currency.

However, the bank has informed Laura that if we give the foreign currency to a Wells Fargo bank customer (ie. most anyone in town) the customer can go in and exchange it for US\$ currency. Such transactions are limited to \$1500USD per day.

We look forward to seeing you all in Barrow.

Susan Barr

President IPHC

Paul Chaplin

Secretary General – IPHC
