

International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA)

First International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS I)

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In the last **IASSA Newsletter** (MAB Northern Science Network Newsletter, October 1991, 2: 40-44) the International Arctic Social Sciences Association introduced itself to the broader circumpolar social science community by announcing the First International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences and by publishing the **IASSA Draft By-Laws**. The reaction to IASSA's establishment and its activities since its foundation in 1990 has been very positive on the international level. This **Newsletter** is now being sent out to more than 600 addresses in 15 different countries. IASSA activities are increasing with the approaching its first international congress in Ste-Foy (Québec) in late October. At that time, a number of important decisions and initiatives will have to be taken during **Second General Assembly** to step the future directions of **IASSA**.

Membership - Fees for 1992

The membership fee for 1992 is CAD \$ 15.00. To activate your membership and maintain your voting rights at the General Assembly or by letter ballot please return the enclosed form to the above address with a cheque or money order in CAD \$ 15.00 made out to

"McGill University - # 300-0835"

before September 1, 1992.

Second General Assembly

The major agenda items at the next assembly will be the passing of the **Draft By-Laws**, the election of council members and the administrative structure (secretariat) of IASSA. Please submit

ICASS I Organizing Committee

Ludger Müller-Wille (Chair, McGill), Louis-Jacques Dorais (8th ISC, Laval), Gérard Duhaine (Laval), Gail Fondahl (Middlebury)
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any suggestions for the agenda and prospective candidates for the council to me as soon as possible (the addresses of council members 1990-92 are enclosed). It is important that as many IASSA members as possible participate in this process. There are now more than 400 people registered either with IASSA or ICASS I.

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The preliminary program and registration package of the 8th Inuit Studies Conference and ICASS I are enclosed. Please read all material carefully and submit your registration as soon as possible. Both programs are tentative and are subject to change. If you need further information about the program, not registration, write either Louis-Jacques Dorais or me. Cooperation between 8th ISC and ICASS I has been very smooth and successful and we are looking forward to seeing all participants.

A number of sessions do not have chairpersons yet (see TBA). I would welcome any volunteers for these sessions. I will write to all other sessions chairs soon informing them of the papers allotted to their sessions. By early April, 180 papers have been accepted by the Organizing Committee, a very promising result.

Other News Items

Over the last 18 months IASSA network is been expanded and information about its establishment and existence has been distributed throughout the communication networks of arctic and polar sciences on the broadest international level. There is now fair representation among the members from all circumpolar countries with a strong input by aboriginal northern scientific communities. I welcome all members to inform their own contacts about IASSA's activities and entice colleagues to join.

IASSA's secretariat is currently at McGill University which has been very supportive. Recently, I have continued talks with the new director of the Arctic Centre (University of Lapland) in Rovaniemi, Manfred Lange. He confirmed that the Arctic Centre considers the housing of the IASSA Secretariat and that a decision will be made by the October meeting once a mutually accepted agreement has been reached.

Please do not hesitate to contact IASSA council members or me to discuss and contribute to the development of IASSA as the forum for arctic social scientists. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC SOCIAL SCIENCES ASSOCIATION

[IASSA]

On August 23, 1990 the **International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA)** was established and held its First General Assembly during the 7th Inuit Studies Conference at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. An Ad-hoc Committee oversaw the establishment of IASSA and the drafting of bylaws. The General Assembly discussed the Draft Bylaws and elected an Acting Council for 1990-92.

The Acting Council consists of following members: Finn Breinholt Larsen (Greenland), Ludger Müller-Wille (Canada; acting chair), Oscar Kawagley (Indigenous Peoples), Susanne Dybbroe (Nordic Countries; alternate: Lise Lyck), Noel D. Broadbent (USA), Vladimir Pavlenko (USSR, nominated in June 1991); open members: Edna A. Maclean, Igor Krupnik, Nils Jernsletten, Hiroaki Okada, Bernard Saladin d'Anglure (Joëlle Robert-Lamblin, alternate member).

IASSA's objectives are to stimulate international cooperation and to increase the participation of social scientists in national and international arctic research, to foster public awareness of circumpolar issues and research results, to promote research and educational partnerships with the Peoples of the North and to adopt a statement of ethical principles for the conduct of research in the arctic regions.

The Department of Geography (Northern Studies Program) serves currently as IASSA's international secretariat. More than 300 individuals and institutions have now established contacts with IASSA.

The **First International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences** and the Second General Assembly of IASSA will be held at Université Laval in Québec City October 28 to 31, 1992 following the 8th Inuit Studies Conference (October 25 to 28, 1992).

For further information about membership and the congress contact:

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