

# ARCTIC NEWS AND RESEARCH WEBSITES

## **Governance Organizations**

**Arctic Council** – <http://www.arctic-council.org/>

High-level intergovernmental forum to promote cooperation, collaboration and interaction among Arctic nation-states.

**Northern Forum** –

[http://www.northernforum.org/servlet/content/about\\_the\\_northern\\_forum.html](http://www.northernforum.org/servlet/content/about_the_northern_forum.html)

A non-profit, international organization composed of sub-national or regional governments from eight northern countries.

**Barents Euro-Arctic Council** – [http://www.beac.st/in\\_English/Barents\\_Euro-Arctic\\_Council.iw3](http://www.beac.st/in_English/Barents_Euro-Arctic_Council.iw3)

High Level forum for intergovernmental and interregional cooperation in the Barents Region

**The Nordic Council** – <http://www.norden.org/en/nordic-council/members-of-the-nordic-council>

High level inter-parliamentary body for Nordic Countries and territories (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the autonomous territories of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland work together in the official Nordic co-operation).

**Northern Dimension** – [http://eeas.europa.eu/north\\_dim/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/north_dim/index_en.htm)

A common policy shared by equal partners : the European Union (EU), Norway, Iceland and the Russian Federation

## **Media Sites / Blogs**

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**The Arctic Portal** – <http://arcticportal.org>

The Arctic Portal is an endorsed International Polar Year Project co-operation with other members of the Arctic Council and its Working Groups, Permanent Participants, Northern Forum, UArctic, The Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland, The Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute of Roshydromet, The International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry and others.

**The Arctic: World Affairs Blog Network** – <http://arctic.foreignpolicyblogs.com/>

Focuses on political, military, and environmental issues maintained by the Foreign Policy Association. Foreign Policy, based in New York, is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the American public to learn more about the world.

**Michael Byers on the Arctic** – <http://byers.typepad.com/arctic>

Dr. Michael Byers holds the Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at the University of British Columbia. The site is a tremendous resource.

**BarentsObserver.com** – <http://barentsobserver.com/en/sections/arctic>

Cross-border news from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia with a section focused on the Arctic.

**Russian News and Information Agency** – <http://en.rian.ru/>

Excellent site for news from Russia – type “Arctic” into search.

**Russian International Affairs Council, 2010 –**

[http://russiancouncil.ru/en/inner/index.php?PROJECT\\_THEME\\_ID\\_4=13#top](http://russiancouncil.ru/en/inner/index.php?PROJECT_THEME_ID_4=13#top)

Non-profit organization to strengthening peace, friendship and solidarity between the peoples, preventing international conflicts and promoting crises settlement with a section dedicated to the Arctic.

**Nunatsiaq News –** <http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/>

Nunatsiaq News, published in Nunavut, serves Canada's northern territories.

**Eye on the Arctic –** <http://eyeontheartic.rcinet.ca/>

News and blogs from the circumpolar world. Brings together print, broadcast and web journalists from all Arctic countries to better tell the stories of communities and people directly affected by climate change.

**The Arctic Foreign Policy Blog –** <http://foreignpolicyblogs.com/author/miabennett/>

Hosted by the Foreign Policy Association. Commentaries by Mia Bennett on foreign policy, security and defense issues related to the Arctic

**The Arctic Institute –** <http://www.thearticinstitute.org/>

Center for Circumpolar Security Studies - The Arctic Institute serves as an interdisciplinary and independent source for information and in-depth analysis about the developments in the Arctic region. Weekly newsletter (The Arctic This Week) on Arctic news/issues prepared by Tom Fries

**Social Sciences Research / Departments & Organizations**

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**Geopolitics in the High North –** <http://www.geopoliticsnorth.org/>

Research programme to develop new knowledge about actors and their interests in the High North. Led by the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies, and consists of a core group of Norwegian and international partners.

**Centre for the North, Conference Board of Canada –** <http://www.centreforthenorth.ca/>

Works with Aboriginal leaders, businesses, governments, communities, educational institutions, and other organizations to achieve a shared vision of sustainable prosperity in the North.

**The Arctic Governance Project –** <http://www.arcticgovernance.org/>

Joins preeminent researchers, indigenous leaders, and members of the policy community to frame critical questions and issues of governance in the Arctic and devise innovative responses for a sustainable future.

**The Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation –** <http://gordonfoundation.ca/north>

For more than 25 years the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation has invested over \$17 million in empowering Canada's North. The site discusses these projects.

**The Arctic Yearbook –** [www.arcticyearbook.com](http://www.arcticyearbook.com)

The AY is a Northern Research Forum (NRF.is) annual publication and is available on-line (available end of November 2012).

**The Arctic Center –** <http://www.arcticcentre.org/InEnglish.iw3>

University of Lapland - The Arctic Centre is internationally recognized for the quality and

relevance of its multidisciplinary Arctic research. Focuses on Global change, Sustainable development, Environmental and Minority law.

**Discovering the Arctic** – [http://www.discoveringthearctic.org.uk/about\\_terms.html](http://www.discoveringthearctic.org.uk/about_terms.html)  
Multidisciplinary studies of the Arctic. Site operated by the Royal Geographical Society.

**Institute of the North (Alaska):** <http://www.institutenorth.org>  
Areas of special study include Alaska, the many regions of the Arctic and other areas of the world that are wealthy in both human cultures and natural resources. The Institute has gained a wide reputation as a center for the study of commonly-owned lands, seas and resources using Alaska as a model.

### **Environmental Science Research Centers**

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#### **International**

**United Nations Environment Program, Polar Program** – <http://www.grida.no/polar/>  
Advocates for sustainable development of the Arctic and Antarctica through building knowledge and awareness for decision-making, participating in international stakeholder processes, and further developing the capacity of Arctic peoples.

**World Wildlife Fund, 1961** – [http://wwf.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/where\\_we\\_work/arctic/](http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/where_we_work/arctic/)  
WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment, and build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature. The secretariat is located in Switzerland.

**Arctic Oceans Sciences Board** – <http://www.aosb.org/index.html>  
Facilitates Arctic Ocean research by supporting multinational and multidisciplinary natural science and engineering programs.

**International Arctic Science Committee** – <http://www.iasc.info/>  
Non-governmental organization that aims to encourage, facilitate and promote leading-edge multi-disciplinary research to foster a greater scientific understanding of the arctic region.

#### **Canadian**

**Canadian Polar Commission, Government of Canada, 1991** – <http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/>  
To monitor, promote, and disseminate knowledge of the polar regions; contribute to awareness of polar science in Canada; enhance Canada's international profile as a circumpolar nation; recommend polar science policy to government.

**ArcticNet** – <http://www.arcticnet.ulaval.ca/>  
Brings together scientists and managers in the natural, human health and social sciences with partners from Inuit organizations, northern communities, federal and provincial agencies to study the impacts of climate change in Arctic Canada.

**Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary** – <http://www.arctic.ucalgary.ca/>  
To advance the study of the North American and circumpolar Arctic through the natural and social sciences, the arts and humanities and to acquire, preserve and disseminate info on physical, environmental and social conditions in the North.

## **United States**

**U.S. Arctic Research Commission, 1984** – <http://www.arctic.gov/>

To develop and recommend an integrated national Arctic research policy and assist in establishing a national Arctic research program plan to implement the policy.

**Arctic Assessment, The US Geological Survey, U.S. Government** –

<http://energy.usgs.gov/RegionalStudies/Arctic.aspx>

Research on petroleum resources in the Arctic.

**Arctic Theme Page, (NOAA)** – <http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/>

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides Arctic information and a set of reputable indicators that describe the present state of the Arctic ecosystem and climate.

**The Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S.** – <http://www.arcus.org/>

A nonprofit member consortium of educational and scientific institutions that have a substantial commitment to arctic research.