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INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR WORKSHOP: RESULTS OF SURVEY OF LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE ARCTIC (SLiCA)

March 22, 2007, at University of Alaska Anchorage

This UA-sponsored workshop marking the beginning of the International Polar Year will examine the results of the recently completed Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic (SLiCA), an international survey of indigenous peoples in Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka. Researchers from Alaska, Canada, and Greenland will present results from 7,000 interviews. In Alaska, researchers interviewed 700 Inupiat and Yupiit in the Bering Straits, Northwest Arctic, and North Slope regions. The morning session is open to the public and will include an overview of survey results, with time for questions. The afternoon technical session is limited to 40 people, who will review the tables summarizing results and help the researchers interpret them.

General Session: 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 .am. (Open to the Public)

Goal of the morning session: Present an overview of SLiCA, including the research process, results, and SLiCA's contribution to the International Polar Year. Answer questions.

Location: University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), Social Sciences Building, SSB 118

Participants: We are inviting local, national, and international people who shape policies affecting living conditions in the Arctic, as well as the press and Alaska researchers.

Moderator: Fran Ulmer, Director, Institute of Social and Economic Research

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| 9:00-9:30 a.m. | Coffee in the lobby of the social sciences building |
| 9:30-9:40 a.m. | Launch of the International Polar Year: the Human Dimension, Karen Purdue, associate vice president, University of Alaska and U.S. representative, Sustainable Development Working Group, Arctic Council |
| 9:40-9:50 a.m. | Motivation for the study: Birger Poppel, University of Greenland |
| 9:50-10:10 a.m. | The collaborative process: Patricia Cochran, president, Inuit Circumpolar Council, and Karl Christian Olsen (Puju), Greenland ICC |
| 10:10-10:30 a.m. | Overview of methods and results: Jack Kruse, ISER |
| 10:30-10:50 a.m. | Prevalence of the mixed economy: Birger Poppel |
| 10:50-11:10 a.m. | Health: Larissa Abryutina, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON) |
| 11:10-11:30 a.m. | Food, community, health, and satisfaction with life: Heather Myers, University of Northern British Columbia |
| 11:30-11:45 a.m. | Open forum: Fran Ulmer with SLiCA team |

Lunch: Noon – 1:30

Lunch will be provided to afternoon session participants in Library Room 307.

Afternoon Session: 1:30 – 5:00 (Limited to 40 Participants)

Objectives of the afternoon session: Thorough discussion of SLiCA results; foster use of results in policymaking.

Location: University of Alaska Anchorage Consortium Library, Room 307

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Hosts: The SLiCA international team

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Process: Stimulate discussion by projecting selected results on a large screen. Pause to let participants assimilate results. Encourage participant discussion and focus team contributions on explanations of research process that may help participants understand results.

1:30 – 2:00	Ties with Nature
2:00 – 2:30	Cultural Continuity
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:15	Control of Destiny
3:15 – 4:00	Material Success
4:00 – 4:15	Health
4:15 – 4:45	Education
4:45 – 5:00	Participant feedback

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