

NORTHERN NEWS

Nunavik Bibliography Doubles in Size

The Nunavik Bibliography has doubled in size in the three years since it was made public. The bibliography now contains more than 4300 records and is available for free from a bilingual website at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/nunavik.

The Nunavik Bibliography is a cooperative long-term project to build a comprehensive bibliographic database about northern Quebec. The bibliography is a joint project of Makivik Corporation, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, the Canadian Circumpolar Institute, the Arctic Institute of North America, and the Centre d'études nordiques. Additional partners are welcome.

During the past year, the project participants have added publications held by the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Departmental Library, journal papers and theses produced by the Centre d'études nordiques at Laval University, publications from the library of Makivik Corporation's Nunavik Research Centre in Kuujuaq, and publications from the DVD *Inventory of Public Makivik Documentation 1975–2005*. The Nunavik Bibliography now provides URL or DOI links to more than 725 publications that are available online as PDF files.

Annie Pootoogook Wins Sobey Award

At a ceremony held at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in early November, Cape Dorset artist Annie Pootoogook received the 2006 Sobey Art Award, presented by ScotiaBank. The \$50 000 award, established by the Sobey Art Foundation in 2002, has quickly become Canada's premier award for young artists. Originally biennial, it will now be presented annually to an artist under 40 who has had a show in a public or commercial gallery within 18 months of being nominated.

Born in 1969 into an artistic family in Cape Dorset, Ms. Pootoogook began drawing in 1997 and has had her work shown in four commercial exhibitions since 2002, including a solo exhibition in Toronto in 2003. Annie spent the summer of 2006 in Dufftown, Scotland, as artist-in-residence for the "Spirit of Creativity" program sponsored by the Glenfiddich Distillery. Her realistic drawings chronicle contemporary life in Canada's Arctic.

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Head of British Antarctic Survey visits AINA

The Arctic Institute of North America (AINA) was graced by the presence of Dr. Chris Rapley, Director of the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), on 18 October 2006. His visit to the University of Calgary was part of a Canada-wide tour organized by the British High Commission. He gave a well-attended and highly spirited lecture entitled "The Quickening Poles and the International Polar Year 2007–2008" to a large audience of AINA staff and

research associates, University of Calgary scholars and students, and members of the general public. Dr. Rapley's claim that "the 'threat from climate change was more serious than terrorism'" found its way into the local media the next morning. In spite of a very busy schedule, Dr. Rapley managed to find time to discuss areas of common interest with AINA's Board Chair Michel Scott and Executive Director Dr. Benoît Beauchamp, and with Dr. Marianne Douglas, Executive Director of the Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI) and Elaine Maloney, CCI's Managing Editor, who traveled from Edmonton on the occasion of Dr. Rapley's visit.

ASTIS Reaches 60000 Records

AINA's Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS) database now contains more than 60 000 records describing publications and research projects about northern Canada. ASTIS is available from a free bilingual website at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/astis.

ASTIS includes all subjects and covers the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, the northern parts of seven provinces, and Canada's Arctic waters. The publications cited in the database include grey and peer-reviewed literature from 1978 to the present. The 14 000 research project descriptions in ASTIS cover the period from 1974 to the present and are based on information supplied by the organizations that license all field research in the territories.

In order to focus resources on some important aspects of northern Canada, 11 subsets of the ASTIS database are available as separate databases from their own websites. Please see the list at www.arctic.ucalgary.ca/sections.php?sid=research&cid=astis_database.

There are now 4800 ASTIS records that link to full-text PDF files of publications, including 500 records with links to papers from AINA's journal *Arctic*, 2850 records with DOI links to other journal papers, and 1450 records with URL links to grey literature.

AINA Crew Cleans Up Canadian Shorelines

In September, staff, research associates, and friends of the Arctic Institute joined with over 40 000 other Canadian volunteers across the country to participate in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, helping to collect litter and clear debris from the shores of Canadian rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans. The Arctic Institute crew, under the watchful eye of site coordinator (and *Arctic* editor) Karen McCullough, spent a crisp, sunny Friday afternoon at Baker Park in northwest Calgary, collecting and bagging all the litter along a 2 km stretch of the Bow River. We cleared the shoreline of everything from food and beverage containers to the ubiquitous cigarette butts, including our favourite and most puzzling items: 100+ artificial rose petals (wedding photos, anyone?). Thanks to all who volunteered their time to help keep Canada's shorelines clean!

IWAP III

The Third International Workshop on Arctic Parasitology (IWAP III), held in Calgary from 6 to 10 November 2006, was well attended by 68 registered participants from eight northern countries. Co-hosted by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary, the Arctic Institute of North America, and the Calgary Zoo, IWAP III provided a forum for the discussion of a range of key topics of circumpolar interest, as well as an opportunity for discussion and collaboration on projects for the International Polar Year in 2007–08. Past workshops have included presentations on parasitism in people and animals, as well as on other types of infectious agents important in the Arctic and Subarctic. The major themes for IWAP III included northern host-parasite systems; the implications of environmental change in the North for animal and human health; and food-, water-, and vector-borne zoonoses across the North.

AINA Sponsors Banff Talk

In early November, the Arctic Institute was pleased to sponsor polar explorer Børge Ousland's presentation on the main stage at the Banff Mountain Film Festival. Ousland, well known to many Arctic and Antarctic enthusiasts, was in Banff to recount his recent journey with fellow adventurer Mike Horn from Cape Arktichesky in Western Siberia to the North Pole—the first to reach the pole during the dark and brutal months of winter. Ousland captivated an audience of almost 1000 people with tales and photographs of his expedition and participated in a book and DVD signing at the end of the evening.

The Banff Mountain Book and Film Festivals are unique events that unite mountain explorers, adventurers, writers, filmmakers, academics, and enthusiasts for a whirlwind week of events set against the inspiring backdrop of the Banff Centre. In addition to sponsoring the evening with Børge Ousland, the Arctic Institute hosted a display at the Mountain Festival Book Fair, which gave us a great opportunity to connect with interested folks from Alberta's mountain communities, as well as visitors and other sponsors from around the world.