

NORTHERN NEWS

Nunavut Environmental Database

The Nunavut Environmental Database (NED) at ned.nunavut.ca now contains descriptions of more than 18 800 publications and research projects about the Canadian territory of Nunavut and adjacent marine areas. NED covers all subjects, not just the environment.

NED describes publications of all types, from government reports to academic research papers. There are now 1200 NED records that provide links to PDF files of publications, using Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) or URLs. NED also describes all research projects conducted in Nunavut since 1990, using research licence information collected by the Nunavut Research Institute, the Nunavut Department of Environment, the Nunavut Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, and the Central and Arctic Region of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

NED is produced for the Nunavut Planning Commission by AINA's Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS).

King's Medal to AINA Fellow

In September, Norwegian explorer and AINA Fellow Jan Erling Haugland was awarded the King's Medal of Merit in Gold in honour of his lifetime work in polar science and his humanitarian efforts. The King's Medal was instituted by King Haakon VII in 1908 to award individuals for service in the arts, science, or business or for distinguished public service. During the past 30 years, Haugland has led several expeditions to both the Arctic and the Antarctic. His achievements include establishing Troll, the first Norwegian station in Antarctica, in 1989–90. In addition to his work in polar areas, he has conducted development work for agencies such as the United Nations, Norwegian Church Aid, and Norwegian Refugee Council, and he has been the regional director in the Horn of Africa for Norwegian People's Aid. He is currently director of the Dronning Maud Land Air Network (DROMLAN), which facilitates communication and transportation for scientists from Cape Town to Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica, and among the several scientific stations located there.

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Northern Contaminants Program Publications Database

The Northern Contaminants Program (NCP), managed by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, was established in 1991 in response to research demonstrating that Arctic ecosystems contain many contaminants originating primarily outside the North. AINA's Arctic Science and

Technology Information System (ASTIS) has received funding from the NCP since late 2002 to develop the NCP Publications Database, in order to make NCP-funded publications more accessible.

During the last week of September 2005, ASTIS Information Analyst Pam Scowen attended the three-day 13th Annual NCP Results Workshop in Victoria, B.C., where she presented a poster entitled *The NCP Publications Database and Website*. Poster presenters were allocated five minutes during the workshop to give an oral summary of their results. Pam outlined the progress on the database and website to date and then gave a brisk online demonstration of where to find the database and how to execute a search, showing the basic features of the search page and the information that is included in a bibliographic record.

As of 8 November 2005, the NCP Publications Database described 1212 of the 1468 identified NCP publications. The database, which is a subset of the ASTIS database, is available at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/ncp.

New AINA Director of Communication and Education

It's been a big season of change at AINA. In addition to moving to our new quarters on the 8th floor of the MacKimmie Library Tower, the AINA team has acquired a new member. In September, Dr. Dawn Johnston joined AINA as the new Director of Communication and Education. Dawn holds a PhD in Communication Studies from the University of Calgary, as well as an MA from the same faculty and a BA (Honours) in English and Women's Studies from Memorial University of Newfoundland. She is excited to be working on a number of new projects at AINA, including the Institute's new website, several IPY communication and outreach proposals, a partnership with the Calgary Zoo's Arctic Shores project, and a series of new, multidisciplinary Northern Studies academic initiatives across several faculties at the University of Calgary.

More Arctic PDF Files Available Online

We are pleased to announce that all 386 papers, notes, commentaries, editorials, profiles, obituaries and InfoNorth essays published in *Arctic* from September 1994 through December 2002 are now available as PDF files from the *Arctic* Contents page of the AINA website at www.ucalgary.ca/aina/pubs/arcont.html.

Authors who published in *Arctic* during this time are encouraged to provide links from their personal Web pages to the PDF files of their articles. The more links that there are to these articles, the higher they will rank in Google and other Internet search engines. Librarians who have not already done so are encouraged to provide a link to the above Web page from their *Arctic* catalogue records.

Arctic articles are made available for free as PDF files three years after publication. Articles published prior to September 1994 are being digitized by the Million Book Project and will become available over the next few years.

Arctic PDF files are also available from AINA's ASTIS database at www.aina.ucalgary.ca/astis. If you are trying to find an article published in *Arctic* but don't know the volume and number, search ASTIS by author or title.

In Memoriam: Joan Ryan (1932–2005)

At the end of October, the Arctic Institute lost a long-time friend and supporter with the death of Joan Ryan, professor emerita in the Department of Anthropology, University of Calgary. After her retirement from academia, Dr. Ryan became AINA's first sponsored research associate. In this role, Dr. Ryan initiated several different projects in the Northwest Territories, including the Gwich'in Language and Culture Project in Fort McPherson and the Dene Traditional Justice Project in Lac La Martre, out of which grew the Traditional Dene Medicine Project. An obituary for Dr. Ryan will be published in a future issue of *Arctic*.