

## AINA NEWS

*Else Serves as Chief Scientist on Amundsen*

Acting AINA executive director, Brent Else, recently returned from serving as chief scientist on the *Amundsen*, a Canadian icebreaker dedicated to facilitating Arctic research. This year 35 researchers and 40 Canadian Coast Guard crew members embarked on work in the eastern Arctic waters around Baffin Island and northern, coastal Quebec. Although Else has spent extended periods carrying out his own research from this vessel, in October he took on the role of scheduling and coordinating efforts between the researchers' needs and what the Canadian Coast Guard crew determined was logistically possible. His efforts included ensuring that equipment, instrumentation, and labour were assembled to collect seawater, plankton, or other specimens for example. For more information on *Amundsen* and research work carried out onboard, see <https://archmagazine.ucalgary.ca/when-your-science-lab-is-a-6000-tonne-icebreaker/>

*University of Calgary Student Exchange with University of Greenland (Ilisimatusarfik)*

This new exchange program opens opportunities for student mobility, enhancing access to different graduate program strengths between the University of Calgary and Ilisimatusarfik. In Greenland, a growing community of students studying archaeology can use the exchange to access methods and laboratory courses offered in the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology. Conversely, students from all disciplines that foster research in the Arctic can use the exchange to learn about Arctic political ecology, Arctic governance, and Inuit relationships with climate change while connecting with Greenlandic students and experiencing life in Nuuk.

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*Robert Otto van Everdingen*

AINA would like to announce the sad news of Robert Otto van Everdingen's passing on 24 January 2024. Robert was a geologist and hydrogeologist who worked for Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Geological Survey of Canada and was a long-time member of AINA.