



### **OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!**

**Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW), Arctic Observing Summit (AOS), Model Arctic Council (MAC) and Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials Meeting**

**9-20 March 2016**

#### **For more information:**

Arctic Science Summit Week: <https://assw2016.org/>  
Arctic Observing Summit: <http://www.arcticobservingsummit.org/>

From March 9-20, 2016 there will be a flurry of activity on the UAF campus and in the Fairbanks community around Arctic Science Summit Week, the Arctic Observing Summit, The Model Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials Meeting, the Model Arctic Council, and the associated meetings and special events coordinated by the local organizing committee. There are many ways for UAF faculty, staff, and students to get involved, connect with scientists and policy makers from around the world, and take advantage of this excellent opportunity to highlight UAF's Arctic expertise.

#### **Get Involved!**

There are many committees working locally on planning ASSW and related events, from logistics to K-12 outreach and from community events to thematic panels or receptions. We are looking for leadership, encouragement, and help on various activities from faculty, students, and staff from around campus. If you have funding, staff capacity, or an idea for a special event, email Scott Rupp ([tsrupp@alaska.edu](mailto:tsrupp@alaska.edu)).

#### **Subscribe for Updates**

Find out what's happening with ASSW and the other meetings by subscribing for email updates (<https://assw2016.org/subscribe>). You can also like "ASSW 2016" on Facebook or follow us on Twitter (@arctic2016) for updates.

#### **Host a Side Meeting – Deadline October 31, 2015**

Any international Arctic research group is welcome to hold brief side meetings from March 12-20, 2016. If you are interested in organizing a side meeting, request a meeting space at: <https://assw2016.org/assw-program>. (Note: Side meeting participants will be expected to register for the conference; Single day and student/early career researcher rates will be available.)

### **Attend ASSW Working Group Meetings**

Some of the ASSW working group meetings (Atmosphere, Cryosphere, Marine, Social & Human, Terrestrial Working Groups) will be open, and that's a great place to catch up on international initiatives and plans underway. For details, keep an eye on the program at:

<https://assw2016.org/assw-program>. (Note: Participants will be expected to register to participate; Single day and student/early career researcher rates will be available.)

### **Submit a White Paper for AOS – Deadline October 18, 2015**

Submit a white paper and short statement on one of the six themes identified for AOS 2016 (<http://www.arcticobservingsummit.org/aos-2016-theme-descriptions>). Ideally white papers will represent broader perspectives of the research community or research teams, but individual submissions are welcome. Strong white papers may lead to invitations to speak at the summit and may result in specific action by agencies and international organizations. To submit and for more details see: <http://www.arcticobservingsummit.org/aos-2016-themes-and-important-announcements>.

### **Volunteer to Review White Papers**

If you would like to review white papers, provide your name and contact information to Dr. Gabriela Ibarguchi ([gabriela.ibarguchi@ucalgary.ca](mailto:gabriela.ibarguchi@ucalgary.ca)) with the International Study of Arctic Change.

### **Submit an Abstract for a Poster at AOS – Deadline October 18, 2015**

Submit an abstract for a poster presentation to highlight important issues and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas to design, build, implement, expand, and provide long-term support for an international Arctic observing systems network. Ideally, poster presentations should focus on the key themes (<http://www.arcticobservingsummit.org/aos-2016-theme-descriptions>). Learn more and submit your abstract at: <http://www.arcticobservingsummit.org/aos-2016-poster-abstracts-submission-form>.

### **Encourage Students to Participate in the APECS Workshop**

The Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) is planning a half day Arctic policy workshop that will have sessions focused on using Arctic science to inform US policy, international policy, and decisions made by international corporations. The workshop will be open to about 30 UAF students and early career researchers. Registration and details forthcoming, but contact Lauren Frisch ([laurenfrisch@gmail.com](mailto:laurenfrisch@gmail.com)) with questions, if you are interested in being a mentor, or if you would like to help with the workshop in other ways.

### **Participate in the Model Arctic Council**

Model Arctic Council is an experiential learning exercise in which graduate and undergraduate students from universities across the Arctic and world convene to represent and simulate the work of Member States, Permanent Participants, and Observers of the Arctic Council. The first fully developed Model Arctic Council will be held on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus March 9-16, 2016. UAF students are encouraged to enroll in the spring 2016 course, PS 452 / NORS 652 International Relations of the North, in order to prepare for the Model Arctic Council simulation. For more details, please contact Dr. Mary Ehrlander (907-474-6556, [mfehrlander@alaska.edu](mailto:mfehrlander@alaska.edu)) or Dr. Brandon Boylan (907-474-6503, [bmboylan@alaska.edu](mailto:bmboylan@alaska.edu)).

### **Participate in the Common Day on March 15**

The Common Day—the day of the meeting where all of the participants overlap—may be the best opportunity to participate in several relevant activities. The program is under development and

further information will be available online as it is finalized (<https://assw2016.org/about/common>). (Note: Participants will be expected to register to participate; Single day and student/early career researcher rates will be available.)

### **Participate in Special Events**

There will be a series of receptions, informal networking events, lectures, and public outreach events that will be open to conference participants and community members alike. These will be great opportunities to learn about Arctic research and policy topics from around the world. These events will be available on the Program (<https://assw2016.org/assw-program>) or Public Events (<https://assw2016.org/public-events>) web pages as they are finalized.

### **Host a Booth in the Exhibit Hall**

An exhibit hall will be set up from March 14-16 and UAF institutes and programs will be given an opportunity to host a booth to share information about their work. Check the ASSW website for more details in the coming months.

### **Join the ASSW Spotlights**

This conference is a great opportunity to show off some of the great work that UAF is doing in the Arctic. If you do research in the Arctic and are planning to attend a part of the conference, let us feature you and your work in our Spotlights (<https://assw2016.org/spotlights-and-speakers>). Contact Kristin Timm ([kmtimm@alaska.edu](mailto:kmtimm@alaska.edu)) if you would be willing to be featured or have questions.

### **Help us Recruit Student Volunteers**

Undergraduate and graduate student volunteers will be recruited during the fall of 2015 to help with meeting logistics (and will receive complimentary access to the meeting while volunteering). Students who are interested in volunteering should contact Nate Bauer ([nbauer@iarc.uaf.edu](mailto:nbauer@iarc.uaf.edu)).

### **Share Your Best Arctic Research Photos & Videos**

We will have a lot of signage and materials to produce for the conference, and we would like to include photos of YOUR Arctic research. If you are willing to share some of your best photos, please send high-resolution versions to Kristin Timm ([kmtimm@alaska.edu](mailto:kmtimm@alaska.edu)) with detailed captions.

### **Information about the Senior Arctic Officials Meeting**

The Senior Arctic Officials Meeting is by invite only and is typically closed to the public. However, Arctic Council Working Group meetings (which will be announced at a later date) are often open and provide a good perspective on government initiatives underway under Arctic Council Leadership.