

**2008 Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians
Fairbanks, Alaska**

Draft program

Monday 11 August

- 1:00 – 2:30 SCPAR Members lunch
 Downtown Fairbanks – Gambardella’s Pasta Bella
- 4:00 – 6:00 Registration - University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)
- 4:15– 5:00 SCPAR Members meeting to go over the Conference
 Schedule and draft Conference Statement (UAF 501 IARC)
- 5:00 – Joint meeting – SCPAR and Aspen Institute
- 6:00 – 7:30 Reception at University of Alaska, President Mark
 Hamilton residence
- 7:45 – 8:45 University of Alaska Museum of the North (guided tours)

Tuesday 12 August

- 10:00 – 12:00 Registration (UAF Wood Center)
- 11:15 – 12:15 Lunch Reception (UAF Wood Center)
- 12:00 - Registration continues (UAF Great Hall)
- 12:30 – 1:30 **Opening of the Conference & Welcome Speeches**
 (UAF Davis Concert Hall)
- US member of SCPAR, Senator Lisa Murkowski
 - Sarah Palin, Governor, State of Alaska (*tbc*)
 - Patricia Cochran, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council
 - Representative from UAF
- 1:30 – 3:00 **Special reports on Arctic Marine Policy**
 (UAF Davis Concert Hall)
- Maritime safety in the Arctic –
*Rear Admiral Henrik Kudsk, Commander
Greenland Command, Denmark*
 - Update on the Arctic Marine Shipping
Assessment
*Dr. Lawson Brigham, Chair of the Arctic Marine
Shipping Assessment*

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Arctic Marine Policy (continued)

- Topic title tbd
*Bjorn Bjarnason, Minister of Justice &
Ecclesiastical Affairs, Iceland*

3:00 – 3:30 Coffee break (UAF Great Hall)

THEME ONE:

3:30 – 5:00 **Human health in the Arctic region**
(UAF Davis Concert Hall)

- Human Health in the Arctic –
*Dr. Alan Parkinson, Deputy Director of the Arctic
Investigations Program of the National Center for
Infectious Disease, Center for Disease Control and
Prevention*
- Preventative work on health of Indigenous
Peoples –
*Dr. Katherine Gottlieb from the Southcentral
Foundation*

5:00 Conference Statement Drafting Committee (UAF 341
Rasmuson Library)

6: 00 – 9:00 Evening Welcome Dinner/Reception for all Participants on
Riverboat Discovery

Wednesday 13 August

7:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast (UAF Great Hall)

8:00 – 9:00 Conference Statement Drafting Committee (UAF 341
Rasmuson Library)

9:00 – 10:00 Progress Reports from the Arctic Council and SCPAR
(UAF Davis Concert Hall)

- The Norwegian Chairmanship of the Arctic
Council by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jonas
Gahr Støre *(tbc)*
- Representative of the US State Department, Ms.
Paula Dobriansky
- Chair of the SCPAR, Ms. Hill-Marta Solberg

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THEME 2:

- 10:00 – 11:00 **Adaptation to climate change** (UAF Davis Concert Hall)
- How's Alaska adapting to climate change
Mead Treadwell – US Arctic Research Commission
 - *Mr. Robert W. Mills, MP, Chair of the Environment Committee, Canadian Parliament*
 - Infrastructure in a Thawing Arctic
Russian Speaker? (tbc)
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break (UAF Great Hall)
- 11:00 – 1:00 **Adaptation to climate change** (continued)
- 1:00 – 2:00 Lunch (UAF Wood Center Ballroom)
- 3:30 – 4:30 Drive to Chena Hot Springs
- 4:30 – 5:30 Optional tours (Ice Museum, Geothermal Plant)
- 5:30 – 8:00 Dinner & Entertainment
- 8:00 – 9:00 Hot Springs Swimming
- 9:00 - Return to Fairbanks

Thursday 14 August

- 7:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast (UAF Great Hall)
- 8:00 – 9:00 Conference Statement Drafting Committee
(UAF 341 Rasmuson Library)

THEME 3:

- 9:00 – 10:30 **Energy resources in the Arctic - Development of Rural Energy Resources** (UAF – Davis Concert Hall)
- DENALI commission on Alaska experiences
George Cannelos – Executive Director, Denali Commission
 - The possibilities of geothermal energy
Gudni A. Jóhannesson, Director General for the National Energy Authority in Iceland
 - Speaker from the “Arctic Energy Action Team”, IPY project
James Hemsath, Institute of the North, sanctioned by Arctic Council

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| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break (UAF – Great Hall) |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Energy Resources in the Arctic (continued) |
| 12:30 – 1:00 | Adoption of Conference Statement (UAF Davis Concert Hall)
Closing of the Conference |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Lunch (UAF Wood Center Ballroom) |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | SCPAR Meeting (UAF 341 Rasmuson Library) |
| 2:00 – 4:00 | Permafrost Tunnel and Pipeline Tour |