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Hope to see you again in 2018

Like last year, this newsletter brings less news than normal. We have again prioritized to show some pictures in order to share some of our personal impressions from our meetings and travels.

In 2018, of course, we again will continue to bring news about the most important initiatives taken in our efforts to improve living conditions of the indigenous peoples through our work at the United Nations, the Arctic Council and the many other places we are involved.

With this 2017 Christmas & New Years Greetings photo, ICC Greenland wants to thank donors, sponsors, collaborators, friends and readers and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We wish that the new year to come will bring all the best to all of you.
Inuit – The Arctic We Want

Inuit – The Arctic We Want will be the theme for the next ICC General Assembly, which will be held in Utqiagvik, Alaska July 16 -19, 2018.

The ICC Executive Council met in Nain, Labrador, Canada late September 2017 with participation from Greenland, Canada, Alaska and Chukotka. The main topic on the agenda was to discuss the agenda in preparation for the General Assembly 2018, and specifically to set the topics to be discussed during the GA.

Following debate, topics to be presented for discussion are:

1. State of International Indigenous Rights
2. State of Inuit families today and influences impacting the future
3. State of the Arctic Environment
4. State of the Arctic Economy
5. The future of Inuit Nunaat – Building relationships and partnerships for a stronger Inuit Nunaat

The main topics on the agenda for the General Assembly are to be discussed based on input from Inuit and the participation of the Inuit. The decision making process will be heavily based on the experiences and objectives of Inuit, says Hjalmar Dahl, ICC Greenland President.

Furthermore, it was decided to invite Inuit political leaders as guest speakers for the General Assembly.

Other topics discussed during the ICC Council meeting included:

- The Inuit Economic Summit held in March 2017 in Alaska, results from the summit are to be presented and discussed at the General Assembly.
- Inuit Wildlife Summit that was held in Canada November 6-8, 2017.
- Inuit Education Summit to be held in Nuuk, Greenland in February 2018, where the state and situation of Inuit education will be discussed and actions taken.

The reports from the summits will set the ground for discussions for the General Assembly 2018, and will set the tone and objective for the decisions The Arctic We Want in the future, concludes Hjalmar Dahl.

Hjalmar Dahl and Nuka Kleemann from ICC Greenland attended the ICC Executive Council meeting in Nain, Labrador.
With great success ICC Greenland has worked together with the Saami Council on a youth capacity building project. Part I was a seminar in Nuuk, Greenland and part II a seminar in Inari, Finland. The Nordic Council of Ministers has approved financial support for part III that will be conducted in the spring of 2018.

The main purpose of the project is to fund six students (one from each three Nordic Saami Regions and three from Greenland), to participate in the practical finalization of the two previous capacity building seminars for the next generation of indigenous leaders of the Nordic countries. The practical finalization for the 6 students will be to attend a meeting within the Arctic Council regime in Finland and a meeting in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in New York.

The Saami Council and ICC Greenland have listened to the wishes of the students, likewise expressed in the original project proposal forwarded to Nordregio in January 2015, to participate in two international meetings of the UN and the Arctic Council.
PIKIALASORSUAQ: NALUNAARUSIAQ SIULLEQ SAQQUMMERPOQ

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Nalunaaruaq November 22-anni Kebehninmi Pikialasorsuaq pillugu Illisimatusussuitik kut paasisat pillugut atatsimeersuarneq (NOW Conference) iluatsillugu saqqummiunneq tagaarpoq.

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PIKIALASORSUAQ: FIRST COMMISSION REPORT LAUNCHED

ICC’s Pikialasorsuaq Commission has finalized its first report.

The report was launched November 22nd in Copenhagen at the occasion of The NOW conference.

Find below some few links to newspapers and other media who dealt with the report and the recommendation herein:

- [www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674inuit_management_proposed_for_north_water_polynya/#disqus_thread](http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674inuit_management_proposed_for_north_water_polynya/#disqus_thread)

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NEXT STEPS

Next steps to be taken by the commission will follow the above cited recommendations. Before that the commission will present the report in the relevant communities and communities which was visited during the hearing period.
Ms. Rena Skifte is leaving her job at ICC Greenland as Head of Secretariat at the end of this year. Rena has been a loyal member of the staff for 18 years, but has chosen to look into new challenges within the private sector.

As present President of the ICC Greenland and long time colleague of Rena; I want to express my gratitude for many years of good cooperation. At the same time, I want to wish Rena all the best and good luck in the future to come.

Hjalmar Dahl
INUIT REAFFIRM SOLIDARITY ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE ARCTIC’S LIVING RESOURCES

November 6-8, 2017 Ottawa, Canada - Inuit from Canada, Greenland, Alaska and Chukotka came together in Ottawa to discuss cultural sustainability, food security and conservation through use. The Summit resulted in a commitment to collaboratively and inclusively promote, sustain and strengthen Inuit hunting rights or Inuit will have no access to arctic living resources in the future.

Duane Smith, Chair and CEO of the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council’s Wildlife Management Summit affirmed, “Rights to harvest the Arctic living resources are embedded in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Inuit rights are being eroded by environmental change and public perceptions. Inuit are “One People” living in four countries with very different political realities and experiences in exercising our harvesting rights and we are committed to support and learn from each other”.

Jim Stotts, President of ICC Alaska stated, “Inuit rights to our food is the core of our culture and values and the foundation of Inuit food security. Our knowledge has guided the sound management and respect of our living resources for millennia and we will continue to do so. We have to get beyond talking about it and actually tackle the issue.”

Amalie Jessen, Head of Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting offered, “Inuit must work together from the communities, state, regional, circumpolar and international levels to exert and strengthen Inuit hunting rights or Inuit will have no access to arctic living resources in the future.”

The Summit delivers on a pledge in the Kitigaaryuit Declaration from the 2014 ICC General Assembly which called for ICC to examine the influence policies (international, regional, national), environmental change, and public perceptions has on Arctic wildlife and the Inuit hunting culture.
The elderly tell us that the weather conditions have changed. Previously, you did not get much snow in Nuuk. It has also become windier at the same time.

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Psychedelic reindeer in Rovaniemi, the “Arctic Design Capital”. Rovaniemi hosted the kick off meeting of the Arctic Environmental Impact Assessment. June 2017.


Nuummii kiisami aasartoq. Finally summer in Nuuk, August 2017.


Finlandimi Inarimi SDWG-it ataatsimimine-rannt peqataasut Ruslandimeersut. Russian delegates at the SDWG meeting in Inari, Finland. September 2017.

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