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New Dartmouth Institute Links Arctic Science and Public Policy



Dartmouth College and the University of Alaska at Fairbanks have partnered with Urbana University to create an institute aimed at examining scientific research about the Arctic and its effect on policy making. The Institute on Applied Circumpolar Policy, located at the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, celebrates its opening on Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, at the American-Scandinavian Foundation's Scandinavia House in New York City. Andrew Revkin, widely known for his articles in The New York Times on climate change, is the featured speaker. Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski will address the opening through videomessage.

The Institute will break new ground through conferences and educational programs on issues associated with rapid climate change such as shipping and energy policy, transportation, resource extraction and sovereignty, food consumption, migratory pollutants, and western and indigenous science. "Polar regions are at the forefront of research on global change," says Amb. Kenneth Yalowitz, Director of the Dickey Center. "It is here that the human dimension of environmental change is evident. The circumpolar region is a unique opportunity for science to influence policy issues."

The Institute on Applied Circumpolar Policy is the first UArctic institute, a new type of activity within the University of the Arctic (UArctic). UArctic a cooperative network of universities, colleges, and other organizations committed to higher education and research in the North, currently totaling 116 members. "Our collaboration with UArctic will advance the fine work that is already on at Dartmouth in arctic studies," says Dartmouth Provost Barry Scherr, also



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a member of the International Board of Governors of UArctic: "I am pleased to see the Dickey Center and its Institute of Arctic Studies playing a prominent role in furthering these links."

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