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## **POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUY JOINS UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC:**

### **REPORT FROM THE 8<sup>TH</sup> UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC COUNCIL MEETING**

As PLC Liaison to the University of the Arctic, I attended the 8<sup>th</sup> University of the Arctic Council meeting in Oulu, Finland May 19-21, 2005 and presented the Polar Libraries Colloquy as a new member of the University of the Arctic.

The PLC was unanimously received as a new member in the category of International Organization. Formally being a member gives us a seat at the Council Meeting and allows us to vote on resolutions. At the practical level, it allows us to have input into the library developments within UArctic and also allows us to become the collegial "home" for librarians working in UArctic institutions. Membership in UArctic is free. The only cost involved is a fee to attend the Council meeting to cover

some of the costs of the events. My costs of attending were funded by the University of Alberta Canadian Circumpolar Institute.

The meeting was held at the University of Oulu. The pattern of the events was comfortably similar to that of a typical PLC meeting. The Council met to deal with agenda items during the core part of the day. There were social events and excursions in the evenings and side meetings whenever they could be fit in (sometimes early morning breakfasts, sometimes late-night in a pub).

The agenda dealt mainly with reports from various working groups and committees. Because the University of the Arctic is still in its start-up phase, there is much work going on

around course and program development and development of administrative structures. The group working on the development of the Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies was aware of our concerns about the issue of access to site-licensed e-resources for students who are enrolled at one institution, but taking courses at another.

In their report, the BCS group suggested the creation of a repeatable, non-credit northern information course to be offered by one or more of the UArctic institutions with strong northern collections, to be offered as a co-requisite to other courses. This is an idea which will require further discussion among members of the PLC UArctic Subcommittee.

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

*Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen*

### University of the Arctic

In May of this year the Polar Libraries Colloquy became a member of the University of the Arctic. Our application for membership was presented at the UArctic Council meeting in Oulu by steering committee member Sandy Campbell, and the application was accepted.

The University of the Arctic (UArctic) is a cooperative network of universities, colleges, and other organizations committed to higher education and research in the North. The PLC and UArctic share an interest in promoting the information infrastructure which will be required to support UArctic's programs.

In exactly which UArctic group the PLC will be invited to join is yet to be decided, but naturally our interest will be in the prospects of building a virtual Arctic research library.

It is hoped that at the 21st PLC meeting in Rome next year we will be able to welcome librarians from the UArctic group, and create an opportunity for discussion of subjects of mutual interest.

### Polar Web

To promote the PLC in the best way, we need to make an effort to get the Polar Web site updated. We all know how irritating it is to access a web-site with outdated information, and it does give a poor impression of the organization behind the site. So let's all check our information on the Polar Web and send corrections and additions to the webmaster Arto Vitikka of the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland e-mail: arto.vitikka@ulapland.fi ❖



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Much of the agenda was given over to admitting new members. When the PLC was admitted, I was able to give a brief presentation about our organization and some of the library related issues that we see within UArctic. I was also able to distribute a PLC brochure and membership form to all Council members, asking them to take them back to their librarians.

The social events and excursions included a Cultural Evening with remarkable per-

formances by the students of Oulu Polytechnic, an afternoon seminar on Sami Issues, tours to Kierkki Stone Age Centre or the Liminka Bay Nature Center, an International Beer Tasting, a reception at the Governor's residence and banquet to which we rowed ourselves in church boats. Never having rowed before, I, like many others, ended up flat on my back in the boat on several occasions and had blisters on my palms for a week. That was fun!

Attending the Council Meeting allowed me to learn a lot about

how the University of the Arctic operates and what the information challenges within it will be.

I look forward to using that knowledge to work with the PLC UArctic Subcommittee and librarians from UArctic sites to meet the information challenges within the University of the Arctic.

The next UArctic Council meeting will be held June, 2006 in Bodo, Norway. ❖

*Sandy Campbell  
University of Alberta*



## UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC MEMBERSHIP

The Polar Libraries Colloquy Steering Committee is pleased to announce that the University of the Arctic Council (<http://www.ulapland.fi/home/uarctic/>) has accepted PLC's application for membership.

As decided at the 20th PLC in Ottawa in June 2004 an application to become an institutional member of the University of the Arctic was submitted in November 2004.

Member of the Steering Committee Sandy Campbell of the

Science and Technology Library, University of Alberta participated in the University of the Arctic Council meeting which took place in Oulu, Finland, May 17-21 2005. On behalf of the PLC she presented the membership application, which was accepted by the meeting.

In the application it was stated that PLC hopes to supply to UArctic libraries and library staff with a forum through which they can work collaboratively and internationally

to build the information infrastructure which will be required to support UArctic's programs.

It is not yet decided which UArctic group the PLC will join. This will be resolved with the UArctic Directorate later.

It is hoped that the 21st PLC to be held in Rome in May 2006 will host a session for UArctic librarians. ❖

*Vibeke Sloth Jakobsen, Chair  
Danish Polar Center Library*

## TASMANIAN TRAVELS: IAMSLIC 2004 IN HOBART

Last September 5-9, 2004, I attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual IAMSLIC Conference in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Eighty-one delegates from a record 22 countries attended the meeting—the very first IAMSLIC to be held in the southern hemisphere. The geographic diversity of the attendees also reflected the range of topics presented. A sample of the variety included: reviewing historical voyages of European explorers in Australia; cataloging marine science theses from Mexican universities; dealing with digital information in African libraries; developing a database on Indian mangroves; highlighting marine science libraries in Australia; discussing services for fishery libraries in Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam; relating the memoirs of Victorian British women

voyaging in the Pacific; annotating video from deep sea remotely-operated vehicles in California; and planning digital repositories in Oregon and Massachusetts.

At this meeting, IAMSLIC also sponsored a joint half-day session with PLC. Moderated by Andie Smithies, Librarian at the Australian Antarctic Division, the presenters included PLC members from the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Alaska Anchorage, and the Australian Antarctic Data Centre.

Besides the gracious hospitality of our Hobart hosts, particularly Denis Abbott, Director of the Library at CSIRO Marine Research and Past President of IAMSLIC, there were extracurricular activities to enjoy as well. A reception marking the

IAMSLIC conference was held at the Governor's House one evening, along with an afternoon site visit to the Australian Antarctic Division and its library, hosted by Andie Smithies. The conference closed with an afternoon cruise down the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Tasmanian cuisine at the world-class restaurant at Peppermint Bay.

For a list of the program abstracts, attendees, and much more, see: <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsclibrary/2004iamslic/2004home.html>

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**(PHOTOS—CONT. ON PG 6)**

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## POLAR LIBRARIES COLLOQUY

**ROME 2006  
MAY 8 - 12**

**Theme: Building Polar Networks:  
a strategy for the future**

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**

Information on program, registration, housing, etc. will be available in the next few months.



*(Tasmania--Cont. from pg. 5)*



**Andie Smithies**  
hosts a tour of the  
library at the Aus-  
tralian Antarctic  
Division for  
IAMS LIC attend-  
ees.



Photos courtesy of Marcel  
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**Meredith Inglis,**  
Map & Aerial  
Photos Curator at  
the Australian  
Antarctic Division,  
displays one of  
the many maps of  
Antarctica.





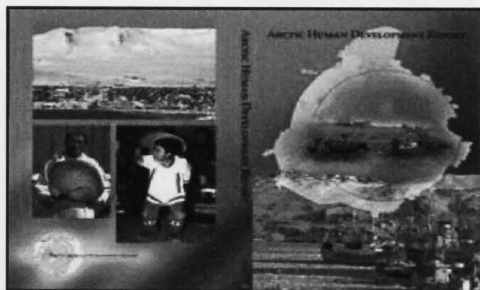
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Cathie Innes-Taylor and Nancy Lesh, the current editors, will be unable to continue this job after the 2006 Colloquy in Rome. We look forward to discussing what the role entails for a PLC member who might be interested in taking on the position! Please contact us at [afnll@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afnll@uaa.alaska.edu) or [ancei@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ancei@uaa.alaska.edu) v

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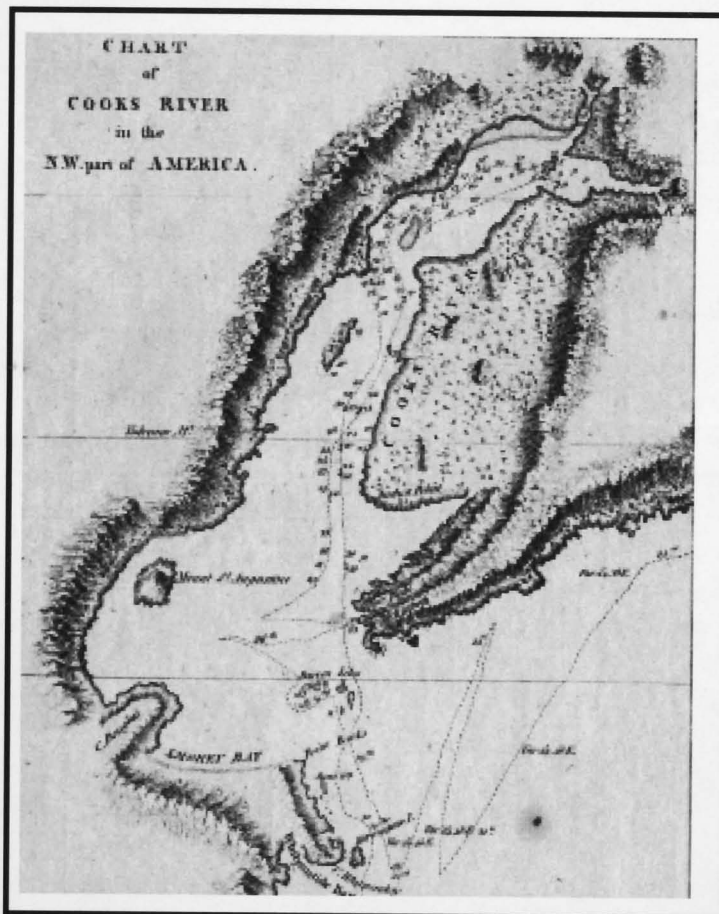
The Anchorage Museum of History & Art's Library and Archives is pleased to announce the completion of a grant to organize, re-house and catalog its collection of maps and architectural plans. Over the course of the grant, 889 maps and 101 sets of architectural plans were processed and cataloged. The map collection provides a visual history of Alaska and the circumpolar North, from early explorers' cartographic records, such as an early view of Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound circa 1778, to more current topographic and street maps.

The collection also includes subject-specific maps on topics such as layouts of historic towns and military sites, native language delineations, steamer cruise routes and mining op-

erations. There is an especially strong group of maps documenting the development of the city of Anchorage. The collection offers a unique perspective on some of Alaska's buildings

included. The cataloging was done by Mary Spengler and all the records used for the project appear in both OCLC's WorldCat database and in the Library and Archives' catalog

which is shared with the Anchorage Municipal Libraries, the University of Alaska Anchorage Consortium Library and ARLIS. (The Library and Archives does not yet have online catalog access from its web site but you can access it by visiting any one of our partners' sites.) The Library and Archives would like to thank the Rasmuson Foundation for making this project possible. If you have any questions about the project or the collections, please contact Jude Baldwin at 343-6191 or [BaldwinJO@muni.org](mailto:BaldwinJO@muni.org) ❖



**Chart of Cook's River in the N.W. Part of  
America (detail), by Alexander Hogg (ca. 1785)**

such as Anchorage's historic 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theater, Fort Egbert and several Alaska Engineering Commission facilities. Kayak and vessel plans are also in-

*Jude Baldwin  
Anchorage Museum HALA*

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## A ROYAL CONNECTION TO THE ARCTIC

Crown Princess Mary of Denmark has another connection to the Arctic. In April of this year, she christened the first ship to be named after her, the Mary Arctica.

Mary Arctica is a Royal Arctic container ship and will sail between Greenland and Denmark.

May she sail well.

