

United States Arctic Research Commission's 97th Meeting Agenda

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

April 27-28, 2012

Summary

The USARC 97th meeting will be a 1.5-day event beginning at 1:00 pm on April 27th, in the Palais des Congres, after the closing ceremonies of the IPY 2012 Conference "[From Knowledge to Action](#)," April 22-27.

April 27—USARC Commissioners will meet jointly with the [Canadian Polar Commission](#), from 1:00-6:00 pm. Dinner at L'Auberge Saint-Gabriel, hosted by the Canadian Polar Commission, will follow, starting at 7:30 pm.

April 28—USARC will meet in the Notre Dame room of [Le Place d'Armes Hotel](#), where we will also lodge.

Details

Sunday, April 22-Friday, April 27th

Throughout the week, Commissioners and staff will arrive in Montreal to participate in the IPY conference and the Commission meeting. Info on the IPY conference can be found [here](#). We will be staying at Le Place d'Armes Hotel, 55 Saint-Jacques West, Vieux-Montreal (Quebec), H2Y 3X2, 514-842-1887, www.hotelplacedarmes.com/en/.

Friday, April 27th, 1 pm to 6 pm—Palais des Congres, 159 Rue Saint Antoine Ouest, Room 512C, 5th Floor

12:00-1 P.M.	IPY Meeting Closing Ceremony	
1:00-1:15	Commissioners from both the Canadian Polar Commission and the USARC convene in Room 512C (5 th floor) for a joint meeting preceded by lunch and presentations.	
1:15	Joint meeting of CPC and USARC convenes	
1:15 – 1:25	Welcome and Introduction	Bernie Funston, CPC, Fran Ulmer, USARC
1:25 – 1:30	Alaskan Viewpoint	Mead Treadwell, Lt. Governor, Alaska and former USARC chair
1:30 – 2:00	“Assessing Arctic Change”	Robert Corell, Principal, Global Environment and Technology Foundation
2:00-2:15	“Ocean Networks Canada”	Kate Moran, Director, NEPTUNE Canada
2:15 – 2:30	“Pacific Northwest Economic Region”	Matt Morrison, CEO, PNWER
2:30 – 6:00	Discussion of CPC and USARC “Common Research Agenda”	

1. Governance/overarching framework

- Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy and Northern Strategy. Bernie Funston
- US National Arctic Region Policy, and need for a strategy. Fran Ulmer
- "[Scaling](#)" of Arctic Research. Charles Vorosmarty.

2. Human Dimension

- Arctic human health research
 - ArcticNet. Martin Fortier

- Water and sanitation. Warren Zapol & Cheryl Rosa
- Arctic Indigenous Languages, assessing, monitoring, and promoting
 - ICC Canada proposal to Arctic Council's SDWG. TBD
- Melding Traditional Knowledge with science. B. Ford, M. Pete, M. Fortier

3. Terrestrial Issues

- Terrestrial Ecosystems
 - Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna's Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program's (CBMP) Terrestrial Expert Monitoring Group. Cheryl Rosa.
 - “Landscape Conservation [Cooperatives](#).” Cheryl Rosa
 - Nunavut General Monitoring [Plan](#). TBD
 - Northwest Territories Cumulative Impact Monitoring [Program](#). TBD

4. Marine Issues

- US National Ocean [Policy](#) (Arctic focus). John Farrell
- Marine research infrastructure
 - Nunavut research [vessel](#). TBD
 - [Sikuliaq](#) (UAF's global class, ice capable research vessel). TBD
 - Polar-class, heavy icebreakers. TBD
- Beaufort/Chukchi Ecosystem
 - Synthesis of Arctic Research ([SOAR](#)). Cheryl Rosa
 - Distributed Biological [Observatory](#). John Farrell
 - North Pacific Research Board's "[Arctic Synthesis](#)." Cheryl Rosa
 - Beaufort Regional Environmental [Assessment](#). TBD

5. Natural Resource Development Issues

- Oil spill prevention and response, current status & research goals. Fran Ulmer

6. Future Cooperation

- Joint statement on IPY & on joint meeting of CPC-USARC. Ulmer & Funston
- Discussion on Canada-US back-to-back chairing of the Arctic Council. Ulmer.
- Follow-up meetings or activities from this joint meeting

6:00

Adjourn

**Saturday, April 28th – Le Place D’Armes Hotel, Notre Dame Room
55 Saint-Jacques West, Vieux-Montreal**

9:00 A.M.	USARC Commissioners and staff reconvene
	Commission Business: Welcome and announcements Approval of 96 th meeting minutes Review of action items Chair and Commissioner reports
10:30	Break
10:45-Noon	Business continues: Staff Reports Other business (see discussion topics below)
Noon	Lunch
1:30-3:30 P.M.	Business continues
3:30 – 4:00	Break
4:00 – 5:00	Business continues
5:00 P.M.	97th Meeting Adjourns

Discussion topics

1. Plans for 2013 Goals Report
2. NPRB board meeting (Rosa)
3. White paper on “US scientific access to the Russian Arctic”: update (Rosa)
4. Water and Sanitation issues: Update on recent efforts
5. Oil spill white paper discussion (Farrell)
6. Northwest Arctic Borough workshop (Rosa)
7. Future meetings, calendar
8. Any other business