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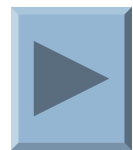
Outline of presentation

- **Development of the journal 2001-6**
 - ▣ Major outcomes
 - ▣ Future development needs
- **Journal indexing and Impact Factor**
- **IJCH and the International Polar Year**
- **Other activities**




Development project 2001-6

- Establishment of the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers (**IACHP**) in 2004
- Reorganizing the editorial process; at present corresponds with the practices of high-quality peer-review journals
- Administrative changes, cost reductions
- Development of contents, new structure
- Improvement of visual appearance



Current members of the IACHP (in alphabetic order)



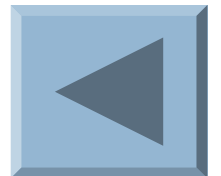
□ Publishers

- International Network for Circumpolar Health Research (INCHR)
- International Union of Circumpolar Health (IUCH)
- Nordic Society for Arctic Medicine
- University of Alaska, Anchorage
- University of Manitoba
- University of Oulu
- University of Tromsø

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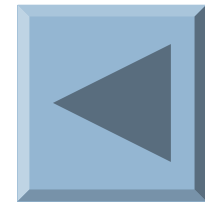
□ Contributing members

- Centre for Health Research in Greenland/National Institute of Public Health
- Health Research Board in Greenland
- Northern State Medical University, Arkhangelsk
- The Komi Branch of the Kirov State Medical Academy



Development project 2001-6

- **New elements in content:**
 - ▣ Special editorial
 - ▣ Letter to Editor
 - ▣ Book Reviews
 - ▣ Circumpolar Voices
 - ▣ Indigenous Health Info
 - ▣ Circumpolar Dissertation



Supplements and special issues

2003-6



- ▣ A population survey of life style and disease in Greenland and among Inuit living in Denmark. General description of the study (Supplement) 2003; 62 (suppl 1)
- ▣ Cardiovascular diseases and diabetes in the North (Special issue) 2003; 62(4)
- ▣ Social Transition in the North (Supplement) 2004; 63 Suppl 1
- ▣ Circumpolar Health 2003, Proceedings of the 12th International Congress on Circumpolar Health, September 10-14, 2003, Nuuk, Greenland (Supplement) 2004; 63 Suppl 2

Supplements and special issues

2003-6

- ▣ Populations in transition (part I): The circumpolar health symposium, Toronto, (Special issue) 2004; 63(3)
- ▣ eHealth in Circumpolar Areas (Special issue) 2004; 63(4)
- ▣ Climate change and human health (Special issue) 2005; 64(5)
- ▣ Populations in transition (part II) (Special issue) 2005; 64(3)
- ▣ The Center for Alaska Native Health Research Study: A Community- Based Participatory Research study of obesity and chronic disease-related protective and risk factors (Special issue) 2007; 66(1)

Future development needs



- ❑ Strengthen economy [new publishers, contributing members, circumpolar health foundation, marketing, other solutions]
- ❑ Enhancing the quality and impact of the articles
- ❑ Marketing, increasing the amount of subscriptions
- ❑ Improving the journal website

Indexing: Thomson Scientific

- IJCH was selected for coverage in Thomson Scientific products and services (Jan 2007)
- Selection process:
 - ▣ Approximately 2,000 new journals apply annually, 10-12% are selected, existing are constantly reviewed
 - ▣ IJCH was evaluated in



Indexing: Thomson Scienti



- **IJCH will be indexed and abstracted in:**
 - ▣ Science Citation Index Expanded (SciSearch®)
 - ▣ Social Science Citation Index®
 - ▣ Social Scisearch®
 - ▣ Journal Citation Reports/Social Sciences Edition
 - ▣ Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition

What does this mean for the journal?

- Inclusion to the Thomson Scientific Master Journal List (14 097 journals)
- Wider coverage in different indexes, increasing awareness, better availability to customers
- **Impact factor** (IF), based on the annual journal citation reports (JCR) of Thomson (in 2008)
 - ▣ Measure of frequency with which the journal has been cited to in a particular year
- Increased appeal towards authors
- More high quality articles



IJCH contract with EBSCO publishing

- Worldwide leader in providing information access and management solutions through print and electronic journal subscription services, research database development and production
- Online access to more than 100 databases and thousands of e-journals
- Serves the library and business communities
- IJCH formed customership with EBSCO=wider exposure, increased awareness



IJCH in IPY

- **IPY Theme Issues**, supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers
 - ▣ Sámi Health special issue, vol 67 no 1 (2008)
 - ▣ Health of Russian Indigenous Populations (also supported by INCHR), supplement (2007)

IJCH in IPY

- **...IPY Theme Issues, supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers**
 - ▣ Suicides in Circumpolar Regions (2008)
 - ▣ Elderly Health Care in Circumpolar Areas (2008)



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IPY-SUPPLEMENTS AND SPECIAL ISSUES (8-10)

special issues supplements

□ 2007 *	1-2	1
□ 2008**	2-4	0-2
□ 2009 ***	1-2	1-2

*Special issue: CANHR 2007:1 Supplement: Health of Russian northern indigenous populations

**Special issues: Sami Health, Arctic Suicides, AMAP, Cancer in arctic populations, Supplement:Health care of elderly in circumpolar areas, Sustainable living conditions of Circumpolar Arctic Populations

***Special issues: Climate change and health in Circumpolar Regions,

A contribution to the International Polar Year

IJCH in IPY

- Dissemination of information, outreach
- IJCH follows and reports on activities and strategic outlines of the Arctic Council
- Participation in developing information distribution practices together with IUCH
- Report of the progress and research obtained from the Arctic Human Health Initiative (AHHI)-cluster
- Other: Arctic Monitoring Assessment Program (AMAP), Survey of the Living

Other activities

- Active role in dissemination of information concerning with the **14th International Congress of Circumpolar Health, 2009** Yellowknife, Canada



Aims of the IJCH



Our targets are fulfilled when:

- ▣ the published information are of significance to the circumpolar society
- ▣ we are able by our activity to stimulate participants of the circumpolar network of scientists and health professionals
- ▣ we are initiators and our activities are oriented to the future
- ▣ **Your contribution to the journal's success is crucial!**



THANK YOU!

